

ORCA ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



ORCA THE YEAR IN REVIEW

BY: KATHY SANCHEZ

Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) is thankful for the support of so many in 2023.

We appreciate your participation in any/all of our fund raising events. This year, they ran the gambit:

- Sale of Resident Directories, Patriotic Bows, Luminaries, Dining Club Cards
- Art Work and Holiday Quilt Raffles
- Ice Cream Socials at 'Tunes at the Pool'
- Weekend Food Backpack collection for Matthew's Ministry
- Hospice Dolls
- Change 4 Charities
- Memorial Fund Donations
- Knife Sharpening Events
- Annual Appeal
- Computer Equipment Collection for Brunswick County Computers for Kids
- Annual Arts & Crafts Fair
- Holiday Marketplace Raffle
- Holiday Homes Tour

ORCA is also privileged to have the support of seventy-eight (78) small, local businesses who purchase a Corporate Sponsorship (levels range from \$100-\$500), thus adding to funds available to support our charities. We encourage you to support these businesses. A list is available on our website: www.orcharities.org.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, ORCA provided \$56,200 to 24 different charities in 2023.

And finally – a **BIG** shout out to our service club volunteers who help setup, run and breakdown many of these events. We couldn't do it without you!

Photos from these events are posted in the Changing Tides Photo Album.

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RESULTS OF THE 2023 OCEAN RIDGE CHARITIES ASSOCIATION (ORCA) ANNUAL APPEAL

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Ocean Ridge residents responded generously to the annual appeal mailed this past fall. This year end undertaking is historically our largest fundraiser – and 2023 did not disappoint!

Under the banner of “Serving Basic Human Needs in Brunswick County”, ORCA sought to support four local charities with pressing needs.

Thanks to the generosity of the Ocean Ridge community, \$13,400 was raised to help:

Brunswick County Homeless Coalition: rental assistance preventing homelessness

South Brunswick Interchurch Council-The Lords Food Pantry: 2023 Christmas Dinner Box program

WARM—Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry: safety grab bars for 2014 builds

Waves4Kids: safety & comfort items for their Kidz Kloset

Together, we have had a large impact in Brunswick County. Thank you for your support!

OCEAN RIDGE RESIDENTS DONATE COMPUTERS FOR STUDENTS

Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) recently held a collection in support of **Brunswick County Computers for Kids (BCC4K)** - a federally-recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. BCC4K refurbishes used computers for use by county students in need of a home computer. **Since its inception in 2006, BCC4K has refurbished and donated over 4,000 systems. Thanks to our residents, 26 more items have been added to that inventory.**

Let's do it again! Did Santa bring you a new computer? Looking to get rid of your old one? Watch for details in March on the next opportunity to support BCC4K.