

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ....cont'd



# OCEAN RIDGE CHARITIES ASSOCIATION, INC. (ORCA)

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Thanks to the generosity of our Ocean Ridge neighbors, **five local charities were the beneficiaries of the 2022 Annual Campaign sponsored by Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA).** Below you can see how the funds distributed did truly meet our goal of **'Giving Hope for Tomorrow'**.

**The Veterans Welcome Home Center** was able to assist multiple veterans who were unable to meet current utility, housing or medical expenses.

**WARM (Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry)** repaired the porch of an elderly widow with chronic back pain, who has had both knee and hip replacement surgeries. Volunteers replaced joists and flooring, and are building her a wheelchair ramp for easier accessibility.

**The Carousel Center** expanded its child sexual abuse recognition and prevention training programs offered to staff at schools, day cares, after-school programs, churches and other organizations serving children. Over 1100 new people were trained in the first quarter of 2023. And the money was doubled due to a matching gift program.

**Hope Harbor Home** has ordered all new kitchen appliances for the domestic abuse safe shelter facility. The new stove will replace one that struggles to get up to temperature. The new refrigerator will close properly and stay cold, unlike the old one. A small freezer will let them store donated food.

**Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity** was able to include storage sheds with some of the Habitat homes constructed. Four families can now safely store their lawn care items, children's bicycles/toys, plant some seedlings, have a workshop space and so much more.

ORCA thanks you for supporting our initiatives.

