

Ocean Ridge Charities Association 2020 Annual Appeal: "Community in Need"

Our 2020 Annual Appeal theme is **"Community in Need."** We have identified four Brunswick County charities to benefit from the proceeds of this year's campaign:

Communities in Schools: Their mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. They are requesting money to purchase warm winter clothing for students, including jackets, gloves, socks and hats.

Habitat for Humanity: Habitat partners with people in the community to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers, and pay an affordable mortgage, achieving strength, stability and the independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. They are in need of funds to build secure sheds, at homes without garages, for safe storage of home owners' possessions.

The Carousel Center: This charity's mission is to meet the physical, emotional and psychological needs of children who have suffered physical or sexual abuse. Assistance is provided through medical and psychological interventions. They also seek to improve our community through child abuse education and prevention. They focus on child survivors ages birth to 17 years, and their non-offending parents/caregivers and siblings. They work with the county Department of Social Services and law enforcement to ensure that no abused child is turned away from services regardless of ability to pay. Their Brunswick County offices need funds for soundproof panels for 2 rooms, used for confidential examinations and recording of details of abuse.

Tri-Beach Cruisers/Toy Run: This is a holiday activity, where volunteers accompany a child shopping with a specific amount of money. Half must be spent on clothing/personal care items (toiletries, school supplies) and half can be spent at the child's discretion. This program works to alleviate the Christmas financial challenges for disadvantaged families with children during the holidays.

In addition to these charities, if our campaign is financially successful enough to exceed their needs, we will be distributing the additional funds to other needy charities in Brunswick County.

Many of our Brunswick county charities have experienced increased needs this year, while having limited volunteer assistance because of Covid-19 restrictions. Most have been unable to have their annual fundraising events, as has Ocean Ridge Charities Association.

During this holiday season of thankfulness and giving, we ask you to help us help those less fortunate in Brunswick County. Your generosity in the past has always made this annual appeal very successful. We are counting on you again. Thank you for your consideration.

You may make your checks out to ORCA and mail to: Ocean Ridge Charities Association, P.O. Box 6879, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469.

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