



PRESS RELEASE
Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKs ~ Lodge 2679
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“CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO BRUNSWICK FAMILY ASSISTANCE’S FOOD PANTRY”

~ “Making a Difference” by Helping Local Food Insecure Residents ~

The motto of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.) is . . . “Elks Care ~ Elks Share,” and – this motto was exemplified recently when the Calabash Elks Lodge donated 650 pounds of non-perishable food products, and an additional \$1,500.00 in cash to the Brunswick Family Assistance’s (BFA) Food Pantry to support local food insecure residents, especially during this year’s holiday season.

The non-perishable food was collected during the lodge’s now annual “Holiday Food Drive Contest” between the lodge’s members, and those of their Ladies Auxiliary, to see which group could collect the most food. The \$1,500.00 cash donation to help BFA purchase Perishable Foods such as meats and vegetables was funded by a grant awarded to the Calabash Elks Lodge by the North Carolina State Elks Association’s Charitable Trust, Inc. (NCSEACT), a North Carolina 501(c) (3) charity.

The NCSEACT was founded in 1993 to ensure that the Charitable and Benevolent Works of the 32 Elks Lodges in North Carolina will remain financially viable into the future. To learn more about the NC Elks Charitable Trust, you can visit their web site at <https://ncelks.org/charitable-trust/>

Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA), Headquartered in Shallotte, NC, with a location in Leland, NC, is dedicated to improving the lives of families, Veterans, and individuals in crisis in Brunswick County, who are willing to help themselves, by providing emergency assistance and educational and skills development programs. BFA helps Veterans and low-income people in Brunswick County to live a high quality of life, by providing access to an adequate and nutritious supply of food, and sufficient resources to sustain themselves. To learn more about BFA, or to find way in which you can help, visit their website at www.BrunswickFamily.Org , or call them at 910-754-4766.

The Calabash Elks Lodge has been a local landmark of the area since 1984. With over 700 members, the lodge has become a cornerstone of the local community for the past 38 years. The emphasis of the Elks Lodge is on conducting Youth Programs, - Serving our Veterans, and - doing Charitable Work in the community in which they live and work. To learn more about the Calabash Elks Lodge, or to find out how to become an Elk, visit their web page at <https://www.calabashelks.org/>

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