



PRESS RELEASE
Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKs ~ Lodge 2679
937 Carter Drive, Calabash, NC 28467

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By Michael Trescak

“CALABASH ELKS DONATE TO BRUNSWICK FAMILY ASSISTANCE’S PERISHABLE 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 ~ 2679 donated \$1000.00 to the Brunswick Family Assistance’s (BFA) Food Pantry to help them purchase Perishable Foods such as meats and vegetables for local food insecure residents.

The project was funded by a \$1,000.00 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 35 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 new 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 is a transformative, forward-looking and collaborative organization that 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. BFA continues to be a leader in partnering with other organizations to help solve community problems. 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. Since 1984, the Calabash Elks have generously contributed over \$750,000 to local charities and Community projects. 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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The Elks Lodge located in Calabash, NC recently donated \$1,000.00 to the Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA), Headquartered in Shallotte, NC, to allow them to purchase Perishable Food Supplies for their Food Pantry operation. Pictured above, making the presentation are (Left to Right): Robert “Shorty” Dennany, Current Exalted Ruler (President) of the Elks Lodge; - Elle Thomas, Outreach Program Administrator, BFA, and; - Mark Kerr , Chairman of the Board, Calabash Elks Lodge and Elks North Carolina State Charitable Trust Board Member.

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