



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 FOOD PANTRY”

~ “Making a Difference” by Helping Local Residents During the Holiday Season ~

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 thanks to the generosity of the Members & Friends of the Calabash Elks Lodge ~ 2679, AND the members of their Ladies Auxiliary, together, they donated 1,344 pounds of non-perishable food to the Brunswick Family Assistance’s (BFA) Food Pantry to help local food insecure residents during the upcoming holiday season.

All the non-perishable food was collected during the lodge’s recent “Holiday Food Drive Contest,” which was a competition between the lodge members and their Ladies Auxiliary to see which group could collect the most food. A “Friendly Wager” was involved, with the Ladies proclaimed as the contest’s winner, but – the real winner was the BFA and our local residents.

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 36 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 \$500,000 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://calabashelks.org/index.html>

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Pictured above, donned in their PPE Face Masks standing in front of the Brunswick Family Assistance’s (BFA) Headquarters in Shallotte, NC, after unloading a donation of 1,344 pounds of non-perishable food for BFA’s Food Pantry Program are (Left to Right): Joseph “Joe” Nazzario, Calabash Elks Lodge Member, - Lucille Nazzario, President, Calabash Elks Ladies Auxiliary, - Charles “G” Jackson, Program Manager at BFA, - Stephanie Bowen, Executive Director, BFA, - Thomas “Tom” Friewald, Exalted Ruler (Current President) Calabash Elks Lodge, - Kathleen “Kathy” Kelly, Corresponding Secretary, Calabash Elks Ladies Auxiliary, and – Christopher “Chris” Kelly, Calabash Elks Lodge Member. Not in the photo (Taking the Photo) is Michael “Mike” Trescak, Calabash Elks Lodge Trustee and Communications and Marketing Director.

Photo by Michael Trescak

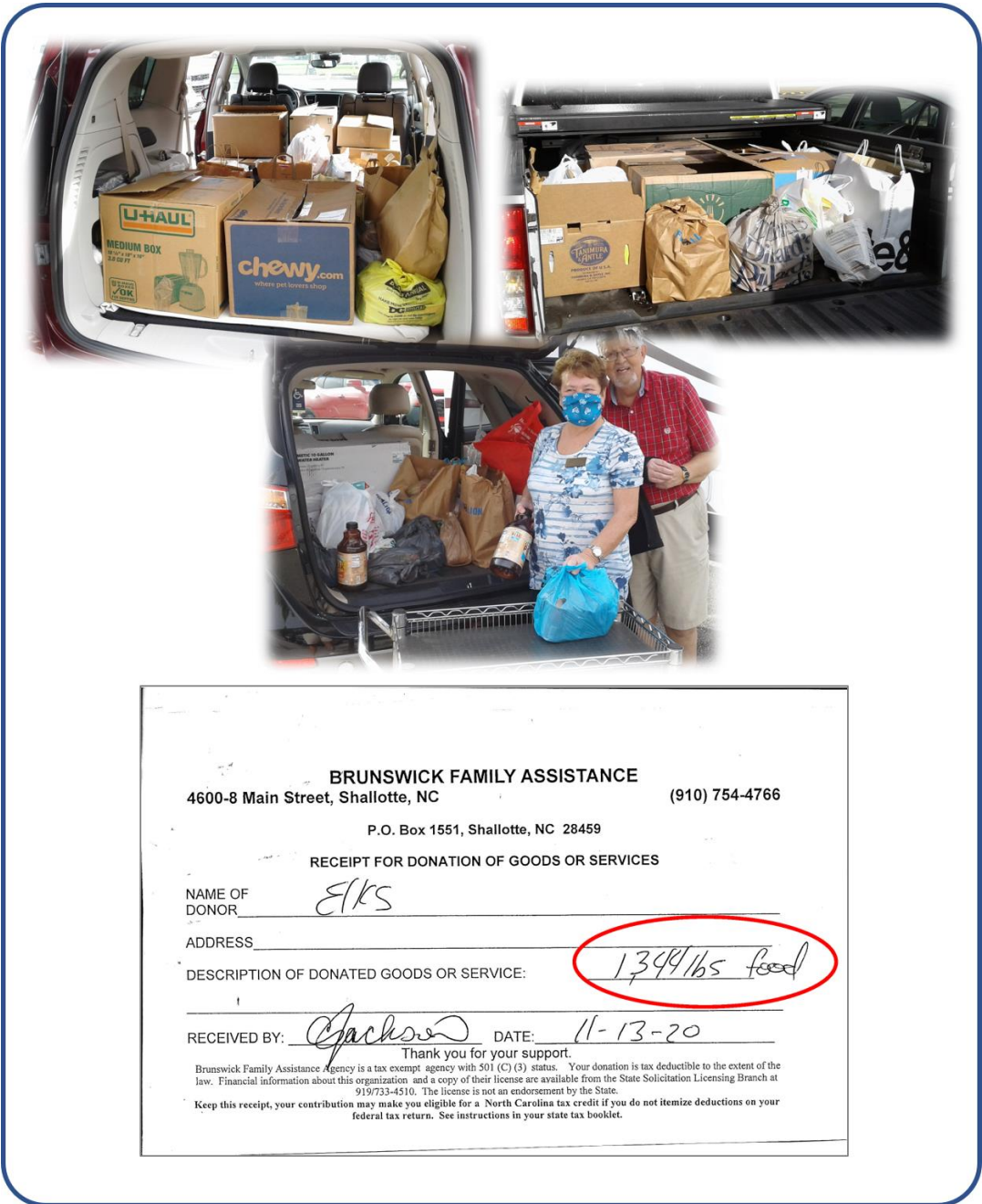


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BRUNSWICK FAMILY ASSISTANCE
4600-8 Main Street, Shallotte, NC (910) 754-4766
P.O. Box 1551, Shallotte, NC 28459

RECEIPT FOR DONATION OF GOODS OR SERVICES

NAME OF DONOR: ELKS

ADDRESS: _____

DESCRIPTION OF DONATED GOODS OR SERVICE: 1,344 lbs food

RECEIVED BY: Jackie DATE: 11-13-20

Thank you for your support.
Brunswick Family Assistance Agency is a tax exempt agency with 501 (C) (3) status. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent of the law. Financial information about this organization and a copy of their license are available from the State Solicitation Licensing Branch at 919/733-4510. The license is not an endorsement by the State.
Keep this receipt, your contribution may make you eligible for a North Carolina tax credit if you do not itemize deductions on your federal tax return. See instructions in your state tax booklet.

Pictured above is a collection of photos of the non-perishable food donation from the Calabash Elks Lodge packed up, and ready for delivery to the Brunswick Family Assistance’s (BFA) Food Pantry located in Shallotte, NC. Also pictured is the receipt from BFA acknowledging the donation of 1,344 pounds of food to their program.