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“LOCAL ANGELS RECEIVE GIFTS FROM ELKS LODGE’S MEMBERS”

~ “Making a Difference” by Providing Christmas Gifts for Disadvantaged Local Children ~

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 conducted their annual “Adopt-a-Child” project this year.

The project is an annual event which has been conducted every year for more than 20 years, including last year during the pandemic. The project follows the traditional “Angel Tree” scenario, where Disadvantaged Children (Angels) make a list of items they either need, or want, for Christmas which they otherwise would not have. The Angels’ “Lists” are then hung on a Christmas Tree, and charitable lodge members select a List, and Purchase and Wrap the items on the List for donation. The gifts are then anonymously given to the “Angels.”

The 40 “Angels” for the Elks Lodge’s tree were selected from the population of students at the Waccamaw School in Ash, North Carolina.

“Yes Virginia, . . . There is a Santa Claus!”

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 37 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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Pictured above among the collection of gifts for the Calabash Elks Lodge’s “Adopt-a-Child” project for Christmas 2021 are (Left) Robin Knab, Calabash Elks Lodge’s project chair, and (Right) Robin Beane project coordinator for the Waccamaw School in Ash, North Carolina. The project follows the traditional “Angel Tree” scenario, where Disadvantaged Children (Angels) make a list of items they either need, or want, for Christmas which they otherwise would not have. Forty (40) local “Angels” benefited from the generosity of the lodge’s members.