



PRESS RELEASE

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By Jane Blosser

“CALABASH ELKS LODGE DONATES SOCKS TO LOCAL SHELTERS”

~ “Making a Difference” by Helping Our Homeless and Needy ~

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 held a “Sock Hop” Dinner Dance Social Event. Each attendee was asked to bring a pair of socks which would be donated to charity, as socks are the most requested/needed items at shelters. The lodge collected over 350 pairs of socks which were donated to 2 two local charities - the “Hope Harbor Home” for Domestic Violence in Shallotte, NC, and - the “Good Shepherd Center” Homeless Shelter in Wilmington, NC.

Since 1988, Hope Harbor Home has operated Brunswick County’s only program offering **around-the-clock response to victims of domestic violence and their children**. Their shelter is open and staffed 24 hours a day, every day of every year, during which up to 15 women and children at a time are provided refuge from the imminent threat of further family violence. They provide advocacy services to more than 1,000 victims and prevention/education to more than 5,000. Visit their Web Site for more information, or to see how you can help <https://hopeharborhome.org/>

The Good Shepherd Center has many complete, multi-faceted programs for assisting our homeless population, including; Sheltering the Homeless, - Helping the homeless make a transition to permanent housing, - Short-term housing for Veterans at their Sgt. Eugene Ashley Memorial Center, - Feeding the homeless at their “Soup Kitchen,” – Proving Basic Needs such as medical care, and – much more. They are truly a full-service organization serving the Cape Fear region’s homeless population. Visit their Web Site for more information, or to see how you can help.

<https://www.goodshepherdwilmington.org/>

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 \$700,000 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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