Volunteer Organizations in Brunswick County

**The American Red Cross** shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. To join us, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) today to learn more about volunteer opportunities and how to submit a volunteer application.

**The Richard H. Stewart American Legion Post 543** recognizes that veterans exhibit an unfailing love of country; a special loyalty to its institutions and ideals; an eagerness to defend it against all enemies; an unwavering allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. We are located in the extreme Southeastern corner of North Carolina and serve veterans from the following towns, Bolivia, Boiling Springs Lakes, sections of Shallotte, Southport, St. James, Supply and Winnabow. We assemble on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the St. James Community Center 7pm, located at 4136 Southport-Supply Rd. St. James NC 28461.

**Southport - Oak Island Kiwanis**
Serving the Children of Brunswick County, N.C. "One Child at a Time."

**Brunswick County Volunteer Center** Its mission is to foster volunteerism, creating an environment that engages more people effectively to help solve serious social problems and improve the quality of people's lives; the lives of the volunteers and the lives of those they assist benefit from their services.

**Boys and Girls Home Lake Waccamaw**
Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina provide a comprehensive array of residential and community based services to meet the needs of vulnerable children by addressing their physical, emotional, social, educational, and spiritual development.
**Brunswick County Family Assistance**
BFA is dedicated to improving the lives of families and individuals in crisis in Brunswick County who are willing to help themselves. Emergency assistance is available through partnerships and programs with government, community, and faith-based organizations and through the work of dedicated volunteers and the generosity of donors.

**Brunswick County 4H**
The Brunswick County 4-H Youth Development Program is an educational program of the Cooperative Extension Service for boys and girls ages 5-19. In addition to providing excellent opportunities for young people, the 4-H program is also structured to allow adults an opportunity to share leadership skills and to learn and develop additional skills.

**Brunswick County Literacy Council**
The Brunswick County Literacy Council provides free, confidential tutoring for residents who need to develop or improve their basic reading, writing, math, and English-speaking skills, as well as job skills, and life skills. They also offer GED tutoring.

**Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity**
Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. They work in partnership with the community and people in need, to build and renovate decent, affordable housing and positively impact the lives of deserving people.

**Communities in Schools of Brunswick County**
Communities In Schools (CIS), founded in the 1970s on the belief that "programs don't save children, relationships do," has become the nation's most effective and widely respected community-based organization helping kids succeed in school and prepare for life. CIS of Brunswick County is part of a National Network.

**Dosher Hospital**
The goal of the Dosher Hospital Volunteers is to make the hospital experience as pleasant as possible for patients and their families and to provide hospital staff with support whenever and wherever possible. Gifts purchased through their fundraising efforts have bought much needed equipment and furnishings and funded special hospital projects.
**First in Families**
The goal of First In Families of North Carolina is to support people with developmental disabilities and their families to create the lives they want now and in the future.

**Friends of the NC Maritime Museum of Southport**
The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport tells the story of the Cape Fear region's people and their relationship to the water... a tale of tides, wind, and ocean. Share your love of history, culture, and North Carolina's well-loved coast.

**Hope Harbor**
Since 1986 Hope Harbor Home has provided services to domestic violence victims/survivors and their children in Brunswick County. There are numerous ways volunteers are helping to end domestic and sexual violence.

**Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center**
Since 1980, The Lower Cape Fear Hospice & Life Care Center has provided free volunteer service that coordinates nursing care and volunteer support for people with life-limiting illness and their families. Volunteers provide respite for caregivers and much-needed emotional support for patients and their families and also assist hospice families with errands as needed. Volunteers act as objective, caring friends to people in need. They also provide administrative support, help with special events, and give assistance with community outreach.

**Master Gardeners Program**
The Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteer Association supplements the educational opportunities provided to Master Gardeners, thus enhancing their knowledge and expertise. Their mission is to also promote friendships and a spirit of good fellowship among its members, and to ensure that there is a knowledgeable and experienced source of volunteers who can complete projects under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Agents.

**Matthew’s Ministry**
Matthew’s Ministry provides Food to children in schools who do not have food at home. Currently, they feed children at eleven different schools in Brunswick County and hope to reach every school in the county.
**New Hope Clinic**
New Hope Clinic’s mission is to provide basic medical and dental care, diagnostic services, and prescription drugs at no cost to low income, uninsured residents of Brunswick County. Their staff of dedicated volunteer professionals is committed to enhancing the quality of life, while preserving the privacy and dignity of every patient.

**PAWS Place Animal Rescue**
Paws Place was founded in 1999 and received their 501(c) the same year. They care for approximately 40-50 dogs at their facility. They offer refuge to the abused, neglected, and abandoned dogs in our community. They are also a retirement facility for those that for one reason or another do not find that "special" home. Since 1999 Paws Place has rescued and found homes for over 1000 dogs. They are open every day from 9 a.m - noon. Volunteers are the heart of Paw’s Place and help with everything from assisting with the daily care of the animals to grant writing, marketing, and fundraising. They look for volunteers that have the needs of the animals as their central focus. Visit [www.pawsplace.org](http://www.pawsplace.org) for more information.

**Providence Home**
Providence Home is now in its seventeenth year of operation as the Emergency Shelter for youth in Brunswick County. Since opening its doors on November 19, 1997, they have provided shelter, food and clothing and attended to the medical, educational, recreational, and spiritual needs of several hundred Brunswick County youth.

**Rape Crisis Center - Brunswick of Coastal Horizons Center**
The Rape Crisis Center of Coastal Horizons Center, Inc. is the only stand-alone sexual assault crisis response center in Southeastern North Carolina. The RCC staff provide free and confidential crisis intervention services for rape and sexually assaulted/abuse victims on an individual, community and multi-disciplinary basis. This is provided through a twenty-four hour crisis intervention and hospital response and five population-specific support groups (offered in both Brunswick and New Hanover County), counseling, court/law enforcement advocacy and accompaniment, information and community referrals.
**Seabiscuit Wildlife Shelter**  
The Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter, on Oak Island, NC, gives sick and injured birds from all of the area islands the chance to both heal to fly and find food again. The Shelter cares for injured or orphaned birds providing safety from predators, minimum medical care, food, and shelter from the elements.

**SMART Start**  
Smart Start was founded in 1993 as an innovative solution to a problem: Children were coming to school unprepared to learn. The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. was created to lead Smart Start. Today, 77 partnerships use public and private funds to serve all 100 North Carolina counties.

**SOAR**  
Southport/Oak Island Animal Rescue is a no kill, non-profit animal shelter located between Southport and Oak Island, NC. Jeannine Friday Bicknell started SOAR in 1992. With her care, support, and love, SOAR has grown in the years and has placed hundreds of animals in loving homes. SOAR provides a safe shelter, medical treatment, healthy food, love and daily care to lost and abandoned dogs and cats.

**Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship Food Pantry**  
The Fellowship sponsors projects that foster "united witness of Jesus Christ in this community, and to build bridges among the denominations and peoples, and to meet human needs with special holiday worship services, co-sponsoring the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, sponsoring the annual CROP WALK, operating a food pantry in Boiling Springs Lake, and providing a forum for sharing the Christian Faith on an ecumenical basis.

**WAVES4K.I.D.S.**  
WAVES 4 K.I.D.S. provides financial support and creates services that satisfy unmet needs of children associated with Foster Care & Child Protective Services in Brunswick County. Time and resources are used to acquire funds from individuals and organizations to support our charitable and training activities.

The Wounded Warrior "Golf Balls as Gifts" program is an ongoing program in St. James. Used or found golf balls are donated to the program by individuals in the community, cleaned and organized by
brand, and then offered back at a significant discount via donation to the Wounded Warriors. Premium golf balls are available for a donation of $10 a dozen, and non-premium balls for $5 per dozen. If you would like to participate in any way, please contact us. You can be added to our direct email list if you like and get updates on the inventory available. Program is managed by Dave & Holly Williams in St James. Contact Holly at 856-261-1146 or email williams001@mac.com