

CHEC continues its salute to Hatteras Island volunteer organizations

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This is the last in a series of articles highlighting volunteer organizations that keep the Hatteras Island community functioning, explaining how they serve the villages and how you can give back to the Hatteras Island community with your time and resources through one of these organizations.

Locomotion

Locomotion was started after a small group of Cape Hatteras Secondary School (CHSS) students in 1994 asked Kiwanis Club members to help provide a place for them to hang out and have fun.

Locomotion's mission is to enhance the lives of Hatteras Island's youth. Programs vary from year to year depending on the needs of the children. Locomotion serves all Hatteras Island students in grades 6-12 (including home-schooled students).

The organization works with CHSS to plan events needed for and wanted by the teens. Locomotion has hosted the After Prom Party for 12 years. Other popular activities include Family Issues Nights, dances, Fun & Games Nights, Room Re-Do's, and the "Angel Tree" at Christmas. Locomotion also has a year-round emergency assistance fund to help cover the cost of student needs such as shoes, doctor visits, SAT costs and other student expenses. The group hosts fundraisers that have become community events such as Food Festivals, Seal Swims, FAMILY Bingo, dinners and much more.

Locomotion receives a portion of its funding from Dare County. Until 2009 the group received \$18,000 annually, but due to county budget con-

straints, Locomotion only received \$15,300 this year. Expenses (which vary from year to year depending on the activities and events sponsored) are also funded from community donations and from profits of Locomotion's Changing Tide Thrift Store, located at 47661 Hwy 12 in Buxton, N.C.

Donations made to the organization are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Tax receipts are offered for monetary donations or for donations of "gently used" items to the Changing Tide Thrift Store. The profits from the store help to fund the organization.

The organization employs one full-time and two part-time employees.

Locomotion, the Cape Hatteras Teen Association, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. Cid Causey is board chairperson; Susan Flythe, vice-chair and Katie Mackall serves as secretary/treasurer.

Locomotion has many dedicated volunteers for most of the activities and services provided, but can always use more.

To make donations or to volunteer, contact the organization at: Locomotion, The Cape Hatteras Teen Association, Inc., Post Office Box 1152, Buxton, NC 27920. You may also call (252) 995-6010 or e-mail klocomotion@embarqmail.com

Chicamacomico Lifesaving Station

The Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station Historic Site is a seven-acre, eight-building museum complex, extending from NC Highway 12 to the Atlantic Ocean. It is located in the vil-

lage of Rodanthe. The site is considered the most complete remaining U.S. Life-Saving Service complex in the nation.

The U.S. Life-Saving Service was a national organization dotting America's coastlines with the sole purpose of "rescuing those whose lives were in peril from the sea." These men were the original "storm warriors" and "rescue heroes." In 1915 the U.S. Life-Saving Service merged with the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service to form today's U.S. Coast Guard.

Chicamacomico was an active USLSS station from 1874 to 1915, and then continued as an active USCG station from 1915 to 1954, when it was decommissioned.

It was abandoned property until acquired by a private citizen. In 1974, this private citizen turned the property over to the residents of Rodanthe/Waves/Salvo, N.C. They then created the nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, the Chicamacomico Historical Association to own and operate the complex. CHA raises all of its own operating funds. Limited restoration was done to the buildings up to 1994, when vigorous work began. From 1994 to present, the 1911 Chicamacomico Station is 97% restored and the 1874 Station is 75% restored. The buildings on the site are now back in their correct historical location.

Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station Historic Site, Museum Complex, 23645 NC Highway 12, Rodanthe, NC 27968. You may e-mail clss@embarqmail.com or call (252) 987-1552 for more information, or visit the web site at www.chicamacomico.net

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Little Grove Annual School Supply Drive

The Little Grove Annual School Supply Drive started eight years ago with one small sign and an abundance of enthusiasm. The congregation of Little Grove Church wanted all students starting the school year to have the same supplies available to them that other students had. The ministry recognized that many families would find it difficult to outfit their children at the beginning of the school year. The first year, 12 bookbags were filled to meet the needs of 12 students, last year 55 students were supplied.

Each new bookbag is filled with all the supplies needed for the child's grade and each bookbag also gets a gift certificate from Rack Room Shoes and one from the Gap.

The drive depends not only on the full participation of the entire congregation of the church, but the generosity of the Hatteras Island Community as well. Over the years that the ministry has been providing its services, it has been able to meet other student needs in the form of additional clothing and even a "hands-on scholarship" for some students who do not go to college. This allows one student each year to gain experience in such skills as fishing or carpentry.

All donations are appreciated. One hundred percent of all donations to the school drive go to directly help students on Hatteras Island. To make donations, or provide information on a family in need contact: Pam Stoffel, Church Lay Leader, PO Box 328, Frisco, NC 27936. You may also call (252) 216-8009.

Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation

The Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation (HICF), an all-volunteer group, provides support for cancer patients and their families who live on Hatteras Island. The Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation was founded in December 2000 by Laney Howell, who had been helped by the generosity of Hatteras Islanders during her fight with cancer.

The group's primary goal is to raise funds to offer financial support for patients to help them pay for medical

costs not reimbursed by insurance and to pay for travel expenses for themselves and their care givers to medical centers for cancer treatment. To date, the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation has assisted more than 80 islanders with cancer and their families with grants in excess of \$400,000.

In addition to financial assistance, HICF also provides community outreach through monthly support group meetings with educational and informational guest speakers. These meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Our Lady of the Seas Recreational Hall in Buxton.

HICF volunteers are available to help patients and their families with such chores as yard work, light house-keeping and shopping. HICF also works in conjunction with other cancer resource organizations on the Outer Banks to provide additional services that may be needed.

The Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation would not exist without the love and support of our community. Many different activities and events are held each year to raise funds for this cause. Please check local newspapers and the Foundation web site www.hicf.org for more information. Some of the fundraisers include:

- Spring Dance, March at the Hatteras Civic Center
- Hatteras Village Offshore Open
- Raffles
- Big Rock Cook Off, June - Village Marina
- Kids Fishing Tournament, September - Avon Fishing Pier
- Coins For Cancer, October & November - Cape Hatteras Schools
- Fun Run, October - Alternating villages
- Alumni Basketball Games, November - Cape Hatteras Secondary School of Coastal Studies
- "Green" Grocery Bags In local stores year-round
- HICF Seasonings Cookbooks in local stores year-round

To receive a grant, an application must be completed and submitted to

the Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation. All applications are held in the strictest confidence. Applications may be downloaded at www.hicf.org or obtained from HealthEast Family Care center in Avon and Hatteras or by calling (252) 986-2395.

To make donations contact HICF, P.O. Box 442, Hatteras, NC 27943. You may also call (252) 986-2170 or visit www.hicf.org for more information.

The above information on HICF was taken from the Foundation's informational brochure and is used by permission.

Individuals

No mention of Island volunteers is complete without mentioning the time and resources provided by individuals among us. Everyone knows of individuals who see a family or person in need and in some way fill the need. Some are evident; many others prefer to remain anonymous. These individuals are critical to our society. Some share from their abundance, others share from what they have because they recognize the blessings God has provided. All have come to know the joy that comes from sharing unselfishly.

CHEC Speakers Available

CHEC welcomes the opportunity to provide speakers for Hatteras Island organizations. Programs can be presented on a variety of subjects including:

- The Electric Cooperative Business Model
- High Voltage Electrical Safety for Fire Departments
- Green Energy and the Electric Utility
- Saving Energy at Your Home and Business
- How Electricity Gets to You
- Emergency Generators
- Your Questions – Cooperative Answers
- Cooperative Community Services

For programs on these or other topics, contact CHEC at 995-5616 or jimk@chec.coop.

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Financing

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- ✓ 12-month only for active qualifying members; financing available for replacement purchase only (not new construction); purchased from existing inventory only

***Marathon water heaters purchased through CHEC can be shipped anywhere in the contiguous USA with minimal shipping costs.*

Call (252) 995-5616 or 1-800-454-5616, or visit www.chec.coop for more information.



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The CHEC office will be closed November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Remember the N.C. Tax Exemption on ENERGY STAR Appliances November 6-8

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