



**Publix of Surf City** donated a \$200 gift card to help us with filling the backpacks in support of our hurricane relief efforts!

To an **Anonymous donation** from a Topsail Beach resident of \$5,000 to our Hurricane Relief efforts! You Rock!

Sandra Brown of **Mercy Abounds** asked our credible organization to locate those in need in our community to help distribute \$600 worth of gift cards. The cards are for food, gas and to Lowe's Home Improvement. We've contacted our SLP Faculty Advisors and school counselor/social workers for recommendations.

**AWT Pancake Breakfast Chair Larry Bartholomew** wasn't forgotten – but his name was left off our newsletter from last week. Not sure how many years Larry has coordinated such a worthwhile "fun" raising – Hear is your **SHOUT OUT!**



**Nov. 7** – David Deitz is excited to let you know that we have our initial **Homework Helpers** meeting this Wednesday 11/7/2018 at 7:30 am at Surf City Middle School. This initial meeting is with Dr. AnnaMaria Romero-Lehrer, the principal of Surf City Middle. This will be an opportunity to hear directly from her how we can be of most help, expectations, and logistics. The school guidance counselor may also say a few words and give advice on how to handle various situations. This is a great opportunity to have your questions answered as well.

If it is at all possible to be present for this important meeting, please make every effort to attend. To be respectful of Dr. Romero-Lehrer's valuable time, plan to meet at the Surf City Middle School office at 7:20 a.m. Please be aware that with student drop-off in the morning there will be a longer line than expected to get into the parking lot, please plan accordingly!

The address to the school is: 12345 Literacy Ln, Hampstead, NC (The physical location is in Surf City off of Shepherds Rd. Continue all the way to the end of the road and park in the lot in front of the main entrances. The middle school entrance is the one on the far right as you face the front of the school).

**Nov 9 - Annual Kiwanis Awards and Induction Dinner** will be held at the Topsail Island Assembly Building on Friday, November 9 beginning at 6pm. Please pay Mac for the dinner if you plan to attend (\$5 members, \$15 guests) as soon as possible. Also let Steve know if you and your guest prefer steak or chicken as an entrée.

**Nov. 10** - Plan on attending a country concert with artist Lee Gantt in Burgaw to benefit our Partner, **Pender County Education Partnership**. For just a \$25 donation, a buffet Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings will be available from 2 – 4 pm. Contact David Stipe if you'd like more information.

**Nov. 10** – At the One Pender Strong Concert in Burgaw, our Club President – Bill Horstmann, will be on stage with our large publicity check – and presenting the following to the local community –

From our Flood Relief Fundraising, the Board approved the following donations:

- \$2,500 donation to the **Pender County Education Partnership** ([One Pender Hurricane Relief Concert](#)) to assist in helping over 65 displaced Pender County teachers and their families.
- \$2,500 donation to the [Pender County Christian Services](#) that will be directly shared with Burgaw Elementary and Burgaw Middle School students to meet the needs after Hurricane Florence. This organization has worked tirelessly to meet the needs of the Pender County Department of Social Services and the county Social Workers for over 20 years. The focus is strictly helping children in the community.

Nov. 13 - **New Member Induction Ceremony!** New members are always welcome and next week we will be inducting Daniel Blevins to our club formally. We've been claiming him since we met him 5 weeks ago but now it will be official. Please try to attend.

Nov. 13 – **Surf City Builders Club** will have their first meeting from 2:45pm until 3:30pm at Surf City Middle School. Teacher recommendations were reviewed, invitations were distributed along with those that signed up during Parent's Open House Night. If you'd like to attend to show your support, you are welcome!

Nov. 16 – **FREE Superball Golf Tournament** at Jacksonville Country Club sponsored by our member Shawn Crandall's company Jacksonville Building Supply. There is NO Entry fee but there are cash prizes and free shirts and lunch. What's not to like about that?

Nov. 27 – **Surf City Builders Club Meeting** from 2:45pm to 3:30pm @ Surf City Middle School.

Dec. 4 – **Board Meeting** directly after the regular meeting. Important discussions of how to distribute the hurricane relief funds. If you have an idea or know of someone/child/family in need, please let us know as we move forward.



## Here's a list of current local volunteer opportunities where YOU can make a difference!

Want to create a mentor relationship with an elementary school student? Contact **Les King** to participate in the **Reading Program**.

Want to help local students get up to speed with their studies after the hurricane? Contact **David Deitz** to participate in the **Homework Helpers Program** at Surf City Middle School.

Want to be part of a **Signature Leadership Program** (Builders Club or Key Club), contact SLP Chair **Katie Paisie** who can help find you a place in one of the programs that will fit your schedule.

Want to use your muscle and brawn? Contact **Daniel Blevins** who is helping coordinate **outreach efforts** to the Western part of Pender County. (PS – there is also a need for materials to literally rebuild.)

Savvy yourself as a thrifty shopper? **Disaster Relief Chair Cathi Litcher** would welcome your research and input on the purchase of various items requested by our local school Faculty Advisors and counselors. Just think, surf the net to get the biggest bang for our buck - you earn volunteer hours but don't leave your couch.

Don't have the time but have financial resources? Contact **Bill Horstmann** who can help you determine where your donation could have the most impact based on your preferences.

If you have a personal **Facebook** page, PLEASE "like" our Kiwanis Club of Topsail Island page. Also consider adding a "Donation Button" to a personal post to your connections that allows your friends to help our community in rebuilding and recovery through Kiwanis of Topsail Island Area Foundation. It's tax deductible. Need help with this? Contact **Cathi Litcher**.



Our Builders Clubs and school counselors mentioned the immediate need for hoodies for the school Clothes Closets last week. After researching pricing and taking into consideration the quality of items, **Disaster Chair Cathi Litcher** reached out to Kohl's requesting assistance with meeting this clothing need in our community. Here's the response: (A gal can try, right?)

Dear Cathi,

Your email has reached Lynn Puls, Specialist here at Kohl's. Please know that our thoughts are with all those who have been affected by this terrible storm and whose lives have been disrupted by the rain, wind and floods. While we truly appreciate you presenting this opportunity to us, and do understand the need for sponsors/donations, due to the overwhelming number of requests like these we receive we are passing on this opportunity at this time. However, I would like to take a moment to update you on the ways Kohl's is helping to support the affected communities during their road to recovery and possibly a way that your organization could partner with Kohl's through our Kohl's Volunteer program.

Kohl's made a \$500,000 donation to the American Red Cross, which is delivering vital emergency supplies and services to the communities affected by Hurricane Florence in North Carolina and South Carolina. For those associates and customers who feel inclined to donate to the American Red Cross in support of relief efforts, we are providing three easy ways to give – on [Kohls.com](http://Kohls.com), at check out in Kohl's stores nationwide and through our Kohl's Cares [portal](#).

In addition, associates in affected communities can lend a helping hand through the Kohl's Volunteer Program. Kohl's will donate grants of \$1,000 to nonprofit organizations benefiting from a volunteer event that is attended by a group of five or more associates.

To aid Kohl's associates and customers in impacted communities as they work to recover and rebuild together, Kohl's will offer a variety of benefits and programming which includes:

- An associate relief fund that offers short-term financial assistance to Kohl's associates who have experienced unexpected financial hardship.
- Emergency compensation for those working at Kohl's stores that have closed as a result of the hurricane.

- Employee Assistance Programs, Critical Incident Support and counseling for Kohl's associates.
- A limited-time discount, available in store only, for Kohl's associates affected by Hurricane Florence.
- A limited-time discount, available in store only, for Kohl's customers affected by Hurricane Florence.
- Affected Kohl's Charge customers are encouraged to contact Customer Service for payment assistance.

Sincerely,

**Lynn Puls | Senior Representative | Kohl's Department Stores, Inc.**

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We've also requested grants from Lowe's Home Improvement to meet the immediate clothing need. They responded but couldn't help at this time.

When we requested a grant from Publix for \$2,000, we were awarded a \$200 gift card. 😊

Surf City Food Lion and Surf City & Sneads Ferry Tsunami Stores are not owned locally but we will reach out to their corporate offices as well in the coming weeks.

If you have a connection with a larger organization that might consider donating to our organization, please reach out independently or contact Cathi Litcher for assistance.

If you have additions, changes, updates or feedback regarding this information, please contact Cathi Litcher at [cathi@thelitchergroup.com](mailto:cathi@thelitchergroup.com).