



Oriental Regional County Ambulance & The Dottie Gray Ambulance Fund

Dear Neighbors,

The Oriental Regional County Ambulance (ORCA) directors who oversee the Dottie Gray Ambulance Fund want to thank those of you who have contributed in the past for your donations. For those we are reaching out to for the first time we hope you show interest in our efforts by contributing generously to the fund at the North Carolina Community Foundation. By creating the Dorothy Gray Ambulance Fund Endowment in 1999, our directors could think of no better way of ensuring that an ambulance service will endure and have continued impact on Southeastern Pamlico County.

With annual grants from the Dorothy Gray Ambulance Fund since 2012 Pamlico Rescue has based an ambulance at Southeast Pamlico Fire Station 19 between the hours of 8am to 5pm weekdays. When not present in Oriental, the ambulance travels from Bayboro, adding response time. We hope you will never need it, but the ambulance when based at Station 19 should be able to reach you or your neighbors in less than ten minutes during weekdays.

In an effort to increase the level of care during the times that are not covered by the local ambulance (weekends and evenings), Station 19 is currently training new First Responders and EMT's. Within months, five more EMT'S will be added bringing the total up to eight. More EMT's will allow for more coverage. In order for the EMT's to be more effective a Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) is needed at Station 19. The vehicle will carry all the necessary equipment to quickly stabilize a patient. By the time the ambulance arrives most patients should be ready for transport instead having to waiting for the Pamlico ambulance and their EMT's to arrive to stabilize and transport.

We have requested and have been awarded a \$40,000 grant from The Dorothy Gray Ambulance Fund to purchase one Quick Response Vehicle with the proviso that we attempt to replace the funds. The vehicle will allow EMT's from Fire Station 19 to quickly reach a patient with the right equipment. This is an immediate need and an investment we can make now to improve critical care. We hope to have this vehicle operational by the end of January.

We have not actively sought donations since 2012 but we are obligated and must now replace this grant with your donations in order to continue to provide the annual support for keeping an ambulance in Oriental. Endowment funds rarely allow withdrawals other than income. Because of the critical need met by our request, we were granted this special withdrawal with the understanding that we quickly replace the funds.

We now more than ever need your generous support. Thank you and please help us by funding this critical community resource.

Sincerely yours, your ORCA directors:


Sally Belangia, President

Secretary Diane Miller (manager@townoforiental.com -252.249.0555), Ian Davis
Jim Gray, Pappy Khouri, Paul Olson

The Endowment Fund is managed by the North Carolina Community Foundation and your tax deductible gift can be sent to:

Dottie Gray Ambulance Fund
North Carolina Community Foundation
3737 Glenwood Ave., Suite 460
Raleigh, North Carolina 27612

Please detach and mail to the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF)

I wish to support the Dorothy Gray ambulance Fund

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of \$_____ payable to the NCCF/ Dottie Gray Ambulance Fund

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