



OCCA  
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“Our Mission is to create and support relationships between community volunteers and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities so that all are heard, empowered and fully included in the community. We strive to engage all members in opportunities that enhance quality of life.”

December 30, 2020

Dear Charleston Voters,

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA) was founded in 1988 to promote friendships between individuals with developmental disabilities and community volunteers. Through one to one matches, OCCA helps our members build relationships where each person is respected, included, heard and empowered. We support enduring, positive connections that have enhanced our Orleans County communities for over thirty years.

2020 was a year like no other. Covid has severely limited our in-person interactions and has increased the isolation and loneliness of many of our members. We are also getting more people with disabilities joining who are seeking our help and companionship, but less people are volunteering. We therefore have changed our approach in response to Covid. Our goal is to safely bring people together, reduce isolation and increase meaningful connections. This means more outside, small group and online activities for our members. We hope to secure funding to assess technology needs and provide equipment and instruction when needed. We plan to conduct online workshops, support groups, and instruction in a variety of life skills. We are also providing healthy outdoor activities and will resume small group indoor activities when it becomes safe to do so. We encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer to contact us.

Since its inception, OCCA has initiated and supported over 100 matches without any federal or state funding. We have a small budget and low overhead. Our activities are funded through town appropriations, donations and small grants. All appropriations stay in Orleans County and directly impact and benefit our neighbors. We thank Charleston voters for your past support, and once again ask for your help.

Best Wishes,

Rich Ossias     Ann Stannard  
Co-Chairs, OCCA Board of Directors

Town of Charleston

We ask that the following article be placed in your Town Warning for the upcoming Town Meeting:

“Article \_\_\_\_:

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL APPROPRIATE \$500 TO ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZENS ADVOCACY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AND SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SO THAT ALL ARE HEARD, EMPOWERED AND FULLY INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNITY, AND TO ENGAGE MEMBERS IN ACTIVITIES THAT ENHANCE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE.

Please render payment by December 31st, 2021

Orleans County Citizens Advocacy Board of Directors

**Orleans County Citizen Advocacy  
Profit & Loss Statement  
October 2019-Sept 2020**

**INCOME**

<b>Direct Public Support:</b>	
Corporate Contributions	950.00
Individual Contributions	14,020.41
Town Appropriations	<u>13,950.00</u>
<b>Total Direct Public Support</b>	<b>28,920.41</b>
Indirect Public Support	9.41
<b>Other Types of Income:</b>	
Interest Income	<u>25.30</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>28,955.41</u></b>

**EXPENSE**

<b>Board Expenses:</b>	
Direct BOD Expenses	81.75
<b>Contract Services</b>	<b>18,459.00</b>
<b>Operations:</b>	
Advertising Expenses	858.46
Insurance	2,370.00
Postage	365.58
Supplies	49.88
Telephone	<u>323.40</u>
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>3,967.32</b>
<b>Other Types of Expenses:</b>	
Events Expense	1,052.97
<b>Travel and Meetings:</b>	
Conferences	120.00
Mileage	<u>124.60</u>
<b>Total Travel and Meetings</b>	<b><u>244.60</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b><u>23,805.64</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>5,149.48</b>

