



BUDDY MCKEEL SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF FIRST RESPONDERS

BMS Newsletter

January 2025

Happy New Year from the BMS Board of Directors! We wish you and your loved ones a year full of blessings, love, and all the best that life has to offer.

There's much to share since our last update, and we appreciate you taking the time to read and support our efforts on behalf of first responders.

It's scholarship season! If you know any graduating seniors who are children of first responders in Carteret County, please direct them to our website at www.buddymckeelscholarship.org for more details.

I support BMS because our First Responders are the backbone of our community and give selflessly of their time, not just to their jobs but to the community as a whole. Being able to give scholarships to their children is an awesome way to thank them and their families for their sacrifices. Over and above the fact that we are honoring the memory of Buddy McKeel and his love of family and community.

*Wendy McKeel-Chandler
BMS Board Treasurer*



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Fins and Feathers

The 3rd Annual Fins and Feathers Fundraiser was an amazing day and a huge success. We are thrilled to announce, due to your continued prayers and support, this year's event total is close to \$27,000!! Words could never express our gratitude and appreciation.

There are so many people to thank. First and foremost we thank our Heavenly Father for His guidance and blessings. Special thanks to [The Friendly Market](#) and their staff for providing the beautiful venue and amazing food. We could never do this without your love and support.

Thanks to our entertainers, Geoffrey Edwards with Biscuits and Gravy and Carsyn Gray. You guys really added that special touch to the event. To our MC, Mark Mansfield, thanks for keeping the show on schedule and keeping things rolling. Thanks to scholarship recipient Gracie Fulcher for sharing her story with us. And to Gary McKeel, thank you for opening up your heart and sharing the vision of BMS and how it all came about as well as all of the wonderful stories of Buddy and how he was The Ultimate Buddy System.



My Buddy's Farm Dove Hunt

The 3rd Annual My Buddy's Farm Dove Hunt was a great time of fellowship and laughter.. Despite the rain, hunters came out for one of the best days of hunting we have had to date.

A huge thank you to everyone for your support. A special thank you to Lester McKeel for his help in preparing the farm for the event, our great friend and supporter Chuck Lindner for cooking the pig, all the fixings and more. To all of our family and friends thank you. The list is long. We couldn't do this without you.

We will be forever grateful to each

and every one of you for your support to



BMS Merch

Please feel free to stop by Boardwalk Screen Printing & Embroidery at 109-A Riggs Road in Morehead City to see what's available.

You may also contact Sandra Silman at 252-240-1095 with any questions.



APPAREL AND SWAG PRICING			
SHORT SLEEVE TSHIRTS	\$10.00	KEY CHAINS	\$10.00
LONGSLEEVE TSHIRTS	\$15.00	22 OZ SKINNY TUMBLER	\$25.00
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2024 Fins and Feathers Sponsors

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Dairy Queen, Emerald Isle, NC www.dairyqueen.com/en-us/locations/nc/emerald-isle

In Memory of Darius Parker Ballou

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Rough Point Boutique, Morehead City, NC roughpointllc.com

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2024 Fins and Feathers Donors (Silent Auction/Raffles/Misc)

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Robert and Tracey Espenship

Thank you to our 2024 Fins and Feathers Sponsors and Donors!

We appreciate their support of BMS and Carteret County First Responders.

Please support these businesses if they meet any of your future wants and needs.

2024 Fins and Feathers Donors Continued

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Marsh's Surf Shop, Atlantic Beach, NC marshsurf.com

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Sarah James Redfish Tournament, sarahjamesfulcher.org

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