Ocracoke Community Pool Association PO Box 1371 Ocracoke, NC 27960

Dear Friend,

Last January several women met together to form OCPA. By The end of April we had received our 501(c)(3) status and in May we held our first fund raiser for our future community pool on Ocracoke. We want to have a pool where we can teach children and adults to swim, people can exercise in water with water aerobics or walking, swimmers can lap swim, injured can use the pool for exercise, and students can enjoy swimming for physical education class.

It seems that living on an island with the many miles of gorgeous beach that we have there would be little need for a pool. We have found that this just isn't true. The ocean, though beautiful and relaxing, often is not kind to those entering its expanse. Children need to know how to swim and how to tread water if they are caught in a rip current. Older people need to be extremely careful of being pitched by a mighty surf that a few years earlier was thought to be fun. The winter month can also be a challenge on the island to get proper exercise. For all these reasons and many more, the OCPA board spent much time last year fund raising to make a "pie in the sky" idea become a reality. In our first year we raised over \$30,000.

We feel that we accomplished a great deal in one short year. Now, however, we have found property on which we have made an offer to purchase and are seeking investors/donors to make this purchase a reality. The property is over 28,000 square feet. It contains a house which can be rented and supply the income we would need to pay yearly interest to investors. We will be approaching the tax board for help with expenses and principle payments. We will also continue fund raising with different events and applying for grants.

Before any real planning can take place, however, we must secure the land. Therefore we are asking that you consider investing in our project. We are looking for \$750, 000 from a variety of individuals for a term of 10 years at a rate of 5%. Your loan would be secured by a note on the property and interest would be paid annually. We would like to accept loans of \$25,000 or more. At this time we have \$250,000 committed. We can work with self directed IRA's or cash. We need to have commitment letters by March 1 so we can close on the property by March 29.

We feel this is a great opportunity and hope you will participate with us by investing.

Sincerely.

Deborah Ralston, treasurer OCPA 812-580-8049

and the board Ruth Toth, Pres; Melissa Dimarsico, VP; Grace West, Sec; Robin Metcalf, Ruth Fordon, Robin Turner, Kirsten Zapotok.

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would like to invest \$ with OCPA to purchase land for the ool. Please contact me at the above address.
would like to donate \$ toward the purchase of land.
I need more information to make my decision to invest. Please contact ne.
For more information, you may contact our treasurer, Deborah Ralston, at 312-580-8049.

Thank you for considering OCPA in your financial planning. We are a 501(c)(3) and on the approved Charity List with the Raymond James