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to lift up **OUTER BANKS FAMILIES**

THE RELIEF FOUNDATION
is people

WHO?

In 2019, *you*, our generous supporters were **419 PEOPLE** and organizations who invested philanthropic dollars in our mission and supported our signature fundraiser Couture by The Shore. Together we paid household expenses for **102 FAMILIES** who received **\$1,689 OF ASSISTANCE** each, on average, lifting up Outer Banks families like the Rices.

THOMAS RICE | NAGS HEAD

Thomas Rice, originally from Columbia, NC, is a long time resident of the Outer Banks. He lives in Nags Head with his 18-year-old son who is a Manteo High School graduate and will soon enter the Army. He also has an older son in Manteo and is the proud grandfather of a young grandson. Thomas has many good memories of coaching his younger son in the parks and recreation league and in JV basketball. A more unpleasant memory, however, is waking up on February 5, 2019, with the feeling that a curtain had been pulled over his eyes. Thomas immediately contacted his eye doctor.

DURING AN EXAMINATION THE NEXT DAY, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THOMAS HAD A MAJOR RETINAL DETACHMENT WITH HALF OF HIS RETINA DETACHED IN THE RIGHT EYE AND SIGNS OF DETACHMENT IN THE LEFT. He was told that if he did not have surgery immediately, he would risk losing his sight. Before the day was over, he was in Virginia Beach having major surgery on one eye and minor surgery on the other. Following the surgery, he was unable to return to work for two months.

Thomas did not have insurance and found it difficult to pay the doctor and hospital bills. The hospital and the anesthesiologist agreed to a payment plan. However, the retina specialist who performed the surgery required full payment before he would schedule Thomas for the necessary follow-up appointments. Although he had never asked for help before, Thomas knew he had to have continuing care and turned to the Relief Foundation for help. The Relief Foundation responded by covering the cost of the surgery performed by the specialist.



2020: CELEBRATING BRINGING
\$2 MILLION OF RELIEF TO 1,000
OUTER BANKS FAMILIES

since 2006

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WHEN ASKED HIS FEELINGS ABOUT THE HELP HE RECEIVED, THOMAS SAID, “WITHOUT THE RELIEF FOUNDATION, I WOULD HAVE BEEN ON MY OWN. I AM *very grateful*. IT GAVE ME TONS OF RELIEF KNOWING I COULD GO TO THE DOCTOR FOR THE FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENTS AND TREATMENTS.”

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Thomas is doing well today. He knows that he may have additional problems in the future and has now included health insurance in his budget. He is thankful to both the Outer Banks Relief Foundation donors and to the retina specialist that the curtain has been removed and he once again has the gift of sight.



WHO?

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Relief Foundation founders John Gillam, Millie Ward and Ervin Bateman hosted a December 2019 Campaign Completion event where Jason Johnson of KDH talked about what Relief Funding meant for his family.

Remember his daughter, Ansley, from last year's impact report? Go to <https://www.facebook.com/Ansleys-Cancer-Journey-143786816333251> to learn how well Ansley is doing.

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Biff Jennings,
Shooters at the Beach



In 2019, we celebrated the 269 PEOPLE and institutions who generously invested \$1,050,000 in the well-being of Outer Banks families during the IMPACT OBX campaign.

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