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Your generous donations to the Relief Foundation are used to make direct payments of rent or mortgage, utility bills, car loans and insurance premiums to lift up those around us in need due to unexpected tragedies.

Examples from 2022:

- Cancer
- House fire
- Primary earner passed away unexpectedly
- Mental health crisis
- Catastrophic burns
- Fractured neck from a fall
- Amputated toes from an accident
- Cardiac complications from Covid
- Stroke with vision loss and paralysis
- Recovery from sexual assault

## Where did 2022 income for relief funding come from?

An amazing **96%** of OBRF total income in 2022 came from generous community support





470 generous donors









That's relief funding of almost \$2,800

avg. per household



\$800 per family from last year

an increase of

thanks to AMAZING donor support!

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## The Lubosch Family

You might recognize Kenny Lubosch, the beloved local UPS driver pictured here with his children Simone, Aspyn and Bailey. He delivered smiles and cheer around the beach along with his packages.

That was until a September 2021 accident left him with a multitude of injuries including a traumatic brain injury, internal bleeding, "too many facial fractures to count" and so much more.

His wife Elaine said, "While we're all so thankful that he's still with us, he is a completely different person and is now permanently disabled."

A fundraiser shortly after the accident helped Elaine pay bills and expenses for the first year or so while Kenny received treatment. As it became clear that Kenny would be unable to return to work, Elaine was left trying to figure out what to do next.

In addition to parenting their young children, Elaine is now the

caretaker of her husband who has multiple healthcare appointments each week. Trying to figure out where to plug a job into that equation seemed impossible. After encouragement from friends, she reached out to the Outer Banks Relief Foundation.

"The Relief Foundation was able to provide several thousand dollars to pay our mortgage, car payment and utilities, helping us make ends meet while focusing on our family and figuring out where our lives need to go from here," said Elaine. Relief funding gave the Lubosches the gift of time to make critical life changes. Elaine adds, "While I certainly don't have it all figured out, I think we're well on the way to finding our new life path."



## Since 2005, \$2.9 million of relief funding for 1,334 Outer Banks Families

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There is growing need in our community, that's why we'll continue telling real stories of the families around us who are suffering under the weight of tragedies and celebrating donors like you who are there to help.

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