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## The Story of Martha's Mission Cupboard

By Phyllis Makuck

*Editor's Note: Sources for this story include three early, undated histories: two without named authors and one by Ethel Van Horn. Also used were records and minutes of Bogue Banks Resort Ministries and of Martha's Mission Cupboard's Board of Directors.*

The history of Martha's Mission Cupboard, a totally volunteer organization distributing food to needy families in Carteret County, is a story of extraordinary compassion and generosity. Since opening at its Bay Street location in 1988, it has served approximately 200,000 individuals.

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## Beach Wheelchairs Available

By Tom Powers

The Carteret County Mayors' Committee for Persons with Disabilities kicked off their awareness effort this past month with a ribbon cutting in Emerald Isle. Shown cutting the ribbon are Carol Lohr, Emerald Isle Mayor Art Schools, Elaine Tempel from Pine Knoll Shores, Kim Hebert and Pat Wesson. The committee was formed 20 years ago and their aim has been to make Carteret County accessible to all persons who have a physical or mental challenges.

A recent goal has been to make the beaches more accessible to the elderly and the disabled and a number of beach wheelchairs have been donated to help with that cause. These wheelchairs cost \$2,500 a piece and their large fat tires and sturdy construction allow persons with disabilities to enjoy the beach. They are available for loan at the local Fire Departments in Atlantic Beach (726-3775), Pine Knoll Shores (247-2268), Indian Beach (247-7994) and Emerald Isle (354-2445) – as well as at Fort Macon Park (726-3775). You should call ahead to reserve a chair as they are popular and it's not unusual to find them checked out by 10 a.m. most mornings. For additional information or if you would like to make a donation contact The Carteret County Mayors' Committee for Persons with Disabilities, P O Box 494, Morehead City, NC 28557 or ccmcpd1@yahoo.com.

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