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Reaching out to the community!

**Combined Life Insurance and *The Daily News* announce
the Make it Happen grant recipients**

CHICAGO – (June 1) Combined Life Insurance Company of America, a unit of Aon Corporation (NYSE: AOC), and *The Daily News* of Jacksonville, NC, announced that nine community organizations would receive from \$1000 to \$1500 each through the Make it Happen program, which supports non-profit organizations and individuals, that are making a difference at local level.

“With the Make it Happen program we are able to support organizations and individuals that are making a difference in the Jacksonville community,” said Des Bosnic, a senior vice president and national sales manager of Accident for Combined Insurance Company of America. “We were very pleased to co-sponsor the program with *The Observer-Dispatch*, which provided critical support in making this program a success.”

Approximately 40 organizations submitted applications during the submission period that ended May 15. Local community-based non-profits, organizations, and individuals applied for up to \$1,500 through the Make it Happen program to fund ongoing programs, close a shortfall or expand their services. “These are all worthwhile organizations and it was very difficult for us to narrow the list of recipients,” said Bobby Jann, vice president of corporate services. Combined and *The Daily News* welcomed entries from organizations and individuals that perform community services, sponsor programs, or events that benefit the residents of Onslow County.

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The award recipients are:

Disabled American Veterans provides support services, medical equipment and daily rides for veterans to any of the three of the state's Veteran Administration Hospitals. The group will use its \$1500 award to help pay for gas for the chapter van and utilities, in addition to the meals provided at the facility.

Construction of wheelchair ramps is one of the most frequent requests submitted to the Kellum Baptist Church Handyman Ministry Team. With its \$1200 Make it Happen grant the group will construct a wheelchair ramp for a member of the Onslow County community in need of such assistance. The Handyman Ministry Team, formed nine years ago, also provides disaster relief services as far away as Mississippi.

Lifeline Canines will receive a \$1000 grant to train up to two services dogs for individuals with physical disabilities. Lifeline Canines is the only service dog organization located in Onslow County and one of only two in eastern North Carolina that provides these highly skilled dogs.

Onslow County Chapter of the North Carolina Social Services Association will use its \$1000 to provide Christmas gifts for underprivileged teens between the ages of 13 and 17, a group that is often overlooked during the holiday season. Since starting the Christmas Cheer for Teens program in 2004, the list of teens facing hardships has continued to grow.

Onslow County Ministries, which provides shelter for the homeless, will use the \$1200 grant to help extend the shelter hours on Saturday and Sunday to 24 hours each day. Currently, the shelter is open from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., including weekends. The 16-year-old organization provides three meals a day, laundry facilities, hygiene products and showers for its clients.

Onslow County Partnership for Children (OCPC) will receive \$1000 to develop and implement outreach programs so that low-income families with young children in

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outlying areas have greater access to childcare, health-related and human services. Because of the size of Onslow Country, 757-square-mile, it is difficult for many of these families with limited access to transportation to attain adequate health care and human services.

Onslow Women's Center, Inc., the only domestic violence center in Onslow and Jones Counties will use the \$1500 to help continue to fund its Sexual Assault Rape Prevention Program. This program provides trained advocates to respond to the Onslow Memorial Hospital and Naval Hospital whenever a rape victim comes to one the emergency rooms. In addition, the program provides a Healthy Relations curriculum for the Onslow County schools.

The Salvation Army will receive \$1000 for the Shirley Strickland Cancer Fund assistance program for area cancer patients. These funds are used to pay for medications, transportation costs, utility bills and rent for cancer patients and their families. The fund was started more than 16 years ago by the late Judge James Strickland in memory of his late wife, Shirley.

The award winners have been invited to attend a special ceremony at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14 at the Jacksonville Country Club to recognize their work in Onslow Country and receive their grant checks.

About Combined Life Insurance Company of America

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