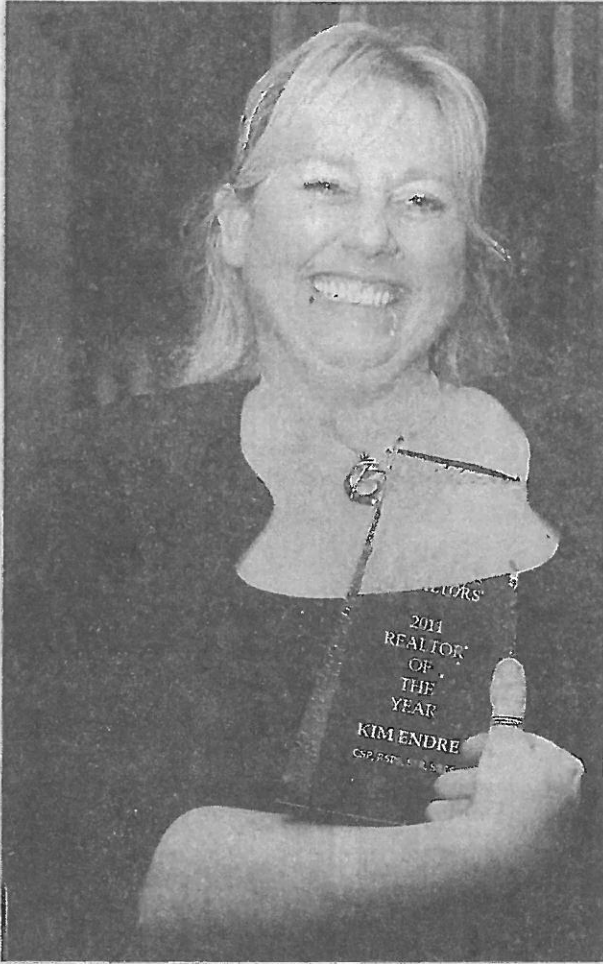




Davenport takes helm of organization

Michael Davenport, right, of Sun Realty in Kill Devil Hills, is shown being installed as The Outer Banks Association of REALTORS® 2012 President by Lou Baldwin of Baldwin Companies in Winston Salem and 2012 North Carolina Association of REALTORS® President. Michael Davenport's installation took place recently at OBAR's REALTOR Ball at Captain George's Restaurant in Kill Devil Hills.



Endre wins award

Kim Endre of Outer Banks Blue Realty Services was named the Outer Banks Association of Realtors' 2011 Realtor of the Year at the organization's recent ball. Realtor of the Year is the highest honor that the association can bestow upon one of its members. The award is presented annually to a realtor nominated by their peers, then selected by the Realtor of the Year Committee, which is an impartial panel made up of past award winners. The committee reviews all nominations, taking into consideration the member's involvement in civic affairs and participation in local, state and national committees. They also consider the member's realtor spirit and business accomplishments.



First Banks donates to Imagination Library

Mike Wiegand of First Bank presents a \$1,000 donation for Imagination Library to Children & Youth Partnership Board Member Dee McManus. Pictured from, from left, are First Bank's employees Mike Wiegand, Nathan Ladd, Wendy Norris, Elizabeth Minton, and Matt Austin; and CYP Board member Dee McManus.

Funds for island pantries



THE REVEREND STEVE SIMMONS (left), pastor of Lifeboat Community Church, accepted a donation check from Melvin Stone, president of Surf or Sound Realty. After Hurricane Irene, many Hatteras Island residents relied on donations from the two local food pantries and, as a result, the shelves were quickly depleted. Lifeboat Community Church Food Pantry in Salvo and Hatteras Island Food Pantry in Buxton are in need of supplies and donations to help residents get through the winter months. Surf or Sound Realty, located on Hatteras Island, recently donated checks for \$1,000 to each of these local food pantries.

"There are still a lot of people on the island in need in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene and we want to do what we can to help our community," said Stone.

In addition, the realty's Avon and Salvo offices serve as year around drop-off locations for both food pantries. Weekly rental guests are encouraged to donate any unopened non-perishable food at the end of their stay, and many are more than happy to help.

Lifeboat Community Church Food Pantry (LCCFP) currently feeds more than 400 families. Rev. Simmons said, "We'll feed everybody. We don't turn anybody away." The church's food pantry goes through about \$2,000 a week in food and relies on monetary donations as well as donations from local grocery stores.

"Our food pantry is having a hard time keeping up with the high demand right now. We sus-

tained a significant amount of damage in the hurricane but still have had our doors open since days after the hurricane," said Melinda Baker, associate pastor for Lifeboat Community Church.

The Hatteras Island Food Pantry is run by the Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men. Walton Fulcher, Hatteras Island Food Pantry Coordinator, asks for continued support and emphasizes that, "100 percent of donations, both food and financial, goes to help the islanders."

Monetary donations for the Hatteras Island Food Pantry can be made payable by check to United Methodist Men and mailed to Hatteras Island Food Pantry, PO Box 1591, Buxton 27920. Monetary donations for Lifeboat Community Church can be dropped off at 27563 Highway 12 in Salvo, or by mailing checks to Lifeboat Community Church, P.O. Box 84 Salvo 27972.