

## Swan Quarter VFD to Host Benefit Community rallies to help family in need

Over the past three months, Hyde County resident Lois Stotesberry has been in and out of hospitals and even near death. In mid-August she had open heart surgery with a heart valve replacement and returned home, hoping to be on the mend. Within a few days she was suffering severe chest pains and was readmitted to Vidant-Greenville with a staph infection and at least four blood clots. During the weeks that followed, her kidneys ceased functioning and she was placed on dialysis. In addition to the round-the-clock care she got at the hospital, her husband, Johnny, and her daughter, Eve, took turns staying by her bedside. She was allowed to come home earlier in October, but was again admitted after Vidant-Pungo diagnosed another staph infection and transferred her back to Greenville. As of this writing, she is still in Greenville and it appears it will be many weeks before she can return to work.

Lois is the Assistant to the Hyde County Manager, and Johnny works for the Hyde County Schools. Both have always been active volunteers for the Swan Quarter and Ponzer Volunteer Fire Departments and other civic organizations in the Hyde community.

Now the community is coming together to help them off-set some of the expenses they have incurred, including their medical deductibles, procedures not covered by insurance, and the cost of her caregivers traveling to/from Greenville.

The Swan Quarter VFD will host a benefit lunch on Saturday, [November 16](#). The menu will consist of fried chicken, homemade potato salad, green beans, bread, dessert and tea. The price is \$9.00 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 with all proceeds donated to the Stotesberry family.

Cards of encouragement may be sent to Lois at her home in the Ponzer community at 702 New Lake Road, Belhaven, NC 27810. If you are unable to attend the benefit lunch but would like to make a donation, you may mail your check (marked for the Stotesberry family) to the Swan Quarter VFD, PO Box 97, Swan Quarter, NC 27885. For more information about how you may help, please call Chief Jeffrey Stotesberry at 252-542-0901.