## **Annette Buttery**

"I truly believe that God has given each of us a special gift to use to bring others into His kingdom. When we use these gifts, we honor God and in a very small way show Him our love and appreciation. We must just take the first step and let God do the rest."

Annette is the former Director of Operations and Provider & Member services for a large behavioral health company that served military families throughout the US and abroad. Upon retirement, Annette, along with her husband, used her gifts of compassion and organization to lead the establishment of a ministry in her local church that served the homeless and less fortunate. What started out as a small ministry turned into a large outreach that, over the next 10 years, helped more than 5000 people with food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities of life. Now, as a part-time resident of the OBX, it is her hope that these same gifts can be used to help Cross Roads bring the love of Jesus to those hurting in the local community.