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FRIENDS ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 2025

The purpose of this annual meeting is to review our past year and elect officers.

The Friends of the Orleans Council on Aging is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to assist and support the Orleans Senior Center with its mission to enhance the quality of life for older adults and caregivers in our community. We know that the dedicated Senior Center staff members are actively reaching out to help those in need of help during these trying times. To assist them in these efforts, the Friends rely on donations from the community.

The Friends are very pleased to have received a donation/grant from an anonymous donor to begin a program to support a Caregivers Support Initiative for the Senior Center.

Some of the things your contributions have helped fund are as follows:

1. Continued support for "Friends Fish Fridays"
2. Fund *We Care*, a program to help Orleans seniors by purchasing critical items for essential needs as recommended by the Senior Center outreach staff
3. Purchase supermarket food gift cards for distribution by the Senior Center staff to seniors in need
4. Support lunch concerts in June, July and August
5. Support "home delivery meals" for housebound seniors
6. Support annual Pride Barbecue
7. Help with transportation costs and some van maintenance
8. Support Caregivers Connection programs
9. Pay the postage costs of *Tidings*, the bimonthly Orleans Senior Center newsletter
10. Paid for second day of art program for Respite program

The Board affirmed their officers and directors for 2025-26

Our community is fortunate to have a vibrant and active Senior Center with a dedicated and caring staff. Since seniors constitute over 59% of Orleans' total population, the *Friends* are fully committed to supporting the healthy lifestyle and recreational/educational opportunities at the Orleans Senior Center for this growing population. The *Friends of the Orleans Council on Aging* and those whose lives have been impacted wish to express our appreciation for your ongoing support and generous financial contributions.

Current Friends Officers:

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| Carol Hackett, <i>President</i> | Arlene Barrett |
| Donna Withrow, <i>Treasurer</i> | Bonnie Engelhardt |
| Barbara O'Connor, <i>Secretary</i> | Claire Gradone |
| Charlotte McCully, <i>COA Board Liaison</i> | |

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