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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.

It has been a busy year as the Senior Center has begun to get back to “normal”. Programs are beginning again and the outreach department has been very busy helping in our community. There will be challenges for sure and we know the staff is doing their best.

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

- Continued support for “Friends Fish Fridays”
- Fund ***We Care***, a program to help Orleans seniors by purchasing critical items for essential needs as recommended by the Senior Center outreach staff
- Purchase supermarket food gift cards for distribution by the Senior Center staff to seniors in need
- Pay for a landscape architect to design a new planting plan which includes pollinators, native species, and low maintenance plants for the Senior Center in garden walkway
- Support “home delivery meals” for housebound seniors
- Provide funding for the Thanksgiving and holiday dinners, and items for holiday gift bags for vulnerable seniors
- Help with transportation costs and some van maintenance
- Support the “Caregivers Connection” programs
- Pay the postage costs of *Tidings*, the bimonthly Orleans Senior Center newsletter

The Board affirmed their positions and membership for 2023-24

Carol Hackett - President  
Mary Sullivan - Treasurer  
Barbara O'Connor - Secretary  
Charlotte McCully - Liaison to the COA Board  
Bonnie Engelhardt  
Claire Gradone

Our board will review our by-laws and procedures over the summer of 2023.

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.

**FRIENDS is a private, charitable 501(c)(3) organization and contributions are tax-deductible**