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NEWSLETTER



Rooted in Community. Driven by Connections.

Welcome to the second edition of the Orleans Community Connects, Inc. newsletter! Many of you may have known us as the United Way of Orleans County. While our commitment to supporting essential local services remains the same, our new name reflects our growth into a broader community development organization focused on strengthening connections across Orleans County.

Community Spotlight

Over the past seven months, we've been hard at work expanding services, building partnerships, and supporting our community in new and meaningful ways.

We've secured a County grant to expand broadband internet access across Orleans County, including free Digital Skills Education for community members.

Read more about these services on the next page →

We had our first Community Connects Day on May 8th and our Annual Charity Golf Tournament on June 5th.

Read more about these events on the back page →

These efforts are just the beginning of how we're working to build a stronger, more connected Orleans County.



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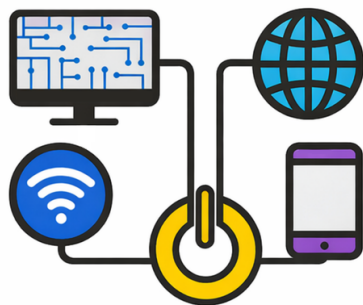
- *No Contracts
- *Plans starting at \$25
- *Gaming Speeds
- *Unlimited Data
- *Streaming Speeds
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Digital Skills Education teaches people how to confidently use technology in everyday life.



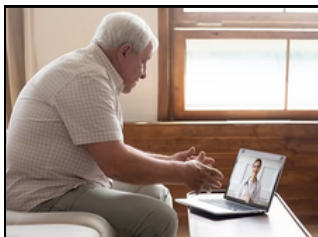
Digital Skills Education

Connecting People to Digital Confidence

Learn about:

- *Technology Basics*
Using smartphones, tablets, and computers
Understanding apps, email, and internet browsing
 - *Online Safety & Essential Services*
Internet safety and security
Accessing government and essential services
 - *Everyday & Career Tools*
Job search and employment tools
Paying bills and managing banking online
 - *Staying Connected*
Video calls and messaging
Using social media safely
- Available in group or one-on-one sessions***

All services are FREE to community members



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Visit our website for more information on these services

OrleansCommunityConnects.org/Programs

Why Your Donation Matters

At Orleans Community Connects, we believe strong communities are built on strong connections. When people and organizations come together, we can take on challenges none of us could solve alone.

It's these relationships—rooted in trust, compassion, and shared purpose—that create lasting solutions for the needs our community faces.

No gift is too small—every dollar sends out ripples of good. Every contribution strengthens connections, helps solve real challenges, and moves our community forward.

Donate today and make a real difference.
100% of donations stay local.

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We are deeply grateful to the volunteers who donated their time and energy to support nonprofits across Orleans County.

This year we had 47 volunteers help 6 nonprofits in Orleans County. Projects included painting, gardening, and indoor cleaning and organizing—helping nonprofits improve their spaces and focus more fully on their missions.



We would like to thank North Shore Networks for sponsoring our event. This sponsorship covered the cost of the kickoff breakfast, insulated lunch bags and the goodies inside.



Fore a Great Cause!
Our Charity Golf Tournament is absolutely essential to the success of our 2026 fundraising campaign.

We would like to thank the golfers and our sponsors that participated in our Charity Golf Tournament at Shelridge Country Club on June 5th.



With your support we raise over \$17,000 to help nonprofits in Orleans County.

There were 96 golfers at this year's event. Baxter and Velociti sent 13 volunteers to help make this event run smoothly.



We hope you'll join us next year to make an even bigger impact for nonprofits in Orleans County



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