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On our website

To donate: Visit CHOcenters.org/donate

To become a member:
Visit CHOcenters.org/member

Donation Levels

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$2500 ☐ Other \$ _____

Memberships

☐ \$50 Individual ☐ \$75 Family (2 adults + children under 18)

Mail to:
The CHO
PO Box 353
Orleans, MA 02653



VOLUNTEER

Whether you have a couple of days or just a few hours each month to get involved, any time spent on a project of your choosing will be greatly appreciated.

DONATE

Your contribution will help us improve our exhibits, expand our program offerings, and support our advocacy in town for historic preservation and meaningful cultural growth. Talk to us about planned giving as well. Please contact us by phone or email for more details.

JOIN US

Individual and Family memberships at the CHO are available and inexpensive. A membership entitles you to event and merchandise discounts, a monthly online update and other benefits (see our website: chocenters.org).

Want to Do More?

Why Support the CHO?

- We showcase and interpret Orleans' rich history and culture year-round.
- We offer gathering places and learning opportunities for residents and visitors alike.
- Our Meetinghouse and famous CG36500 lifeboat, both listed on the National Register of Historic Places, attract visitors to town from all over the country.
- We make our Meetinghouse and Hurd Chapel available for rent by other community and private entities.
- We have updated our facilities to make them accessible and functional for community use year-round.
- While we preserve the past, we are strong advocates for Orleans' growth that respects its heritage.
- We are a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization that competes for every operating dollar. Our programs depend upon membership dues and private donations, not taxpayer funding.
- If we do not preserve the town's history and bring it to life, who will?

Land Acknowledgment

The CHO and the town of Orleans are situated on Nauset and Wampanoag land. These tribes have always existed on this land and will continue to exist. We honor their role as guardians of this territory.



The Centers for Culture and History in Orleans



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ORLEANS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Where We Are

Who We Are

What We Do



MEETINGHOUSE & MUSEUM

Built in 1834 and formerly the Universalist Church, this building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been our museum and event venue since 1971.



THE CG36500

This lifeboat was made famous in the 1952 rescue of 32 men from the S.S. Pendleton during a fierce winter storm. Fully restored, and operational, it is docked at Rock Harbor in the summer.

HURD CHAPEL

Built in 1938 in Orleans Cemetery, this chapel was moved to the CHO property in 1979. Now restored to its original condition, it is used as a smaller meeting space.



Founded in 1958 as the Orleans Historical Society, our vision is to bring history and culture to life and inspire a shared sense of community and pride in the rich heritage of our town. In 2018, we changed our name to “The Centers for Culture and History in Orleans” (the CHO), to represent our multiple facilities and signal a more inclusive, community-oriented mission.



All of our facilities serve as gathering places for learning and activities. The many residents and guests who have visited these historic sites, attended our programs and become CHO members have seen our commitment to preserving and honoring the past.

Yet this is only part of our story. As Orleans focuses on the future, we seek to be a positive contributor and strong advocate for change and cultural growth that respects the town’s history.

Exhibitions. View artifacts, art, ship models and more from CHO and/or private collections thematically displayed to tell unique stories about people and events in Orleans’ past.

History Talks. Local or visiting historians and subject experts share their knowledge of past and current events.

Concerts. Hear classical, folk, contemporary and other music from regional, national and international performers.

CG36500 ‘Talks & Tours.’ Join us during the summer at Rock Harbor for a tour aboard the famous Coast Guard boat.

We partner with others (organizations and families) who use our spaces for their own events, including:

- **Meetings and conferences**
- **Classes** (art, crafts, cooking, yoga)
- **School activities and field trips**
- **Public and private celebrations** (weddings, rehearsal dinners, memorial services, reunions and more)

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Our website is a free resource with historical information, documents, images, life stories and more. Visit **CHOcenters.org** or check out our YouTube channel at *Formerly the Orleans Historical Society* for more in-depth Orleans history.

Donor/Member Information

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Winter Address and dates _____

Telephone _____

Date _____

Email _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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