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OAR Advocacy and Leadership Group members stand with State Senator Adam Ebbin at the recent VA CURE annual meeting.

Dear Elizabeth,

We mailed our FY13 Annual Report out to everyone two weeks ago. Did you find your name on the donor recognition page? Hopefully, you got your copy. If not, please read it online at www.oaronline.org/history-overview, or send me an email and I will send you one.

We are so grateful to have so many of you making a financial gift to OAR year after year. Your support means that we can help so many more get their lives back on track. I wish I could call and talk with each of you personally about the difference you are making.

We are very grateful to Grant Thornton for printing the Annual Report this year. We may have gone overboard printing an eight-page annual report, but we wanted to convey to each of you how many people you are helping with your financial assistance and working partnerships.

We did miss a few donors, so we have fixed the list that is now in the Annual Report on the website. But I want to thank these donors publicly in this newsletter so that all of you will know of their support. That includes individuals, organizations, faith communities, and government agencies. Please join me in thanking the following:

Individuals

David & Marilyn Falksen
Neal Johnson
Michal Kanovsky
Colleen Morgan
David Remick
Pat Seiler Matthew Shepard

Organizations/Faith Communities

Arlington Presbyterian Church
Arlington County Bar Foundation
Catholic Diocese of Arlington
Community Foundation of Northern Virginia
Eighth Day Faith Community
Faith Lutheran Church
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Kiwanis Club of Arlington
Little Falls Presbyterian Church
Men's Wearhouse
Mount Olivet United Methodist Church
Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church
St. Agnes Catholic Church
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
St. Phillip's Catholic Church
Starbucks
Toys For Tots

Government Agencies

Arlington Community Development Fund
Arlington County Government
Arlington County Sheriff's Office
City of Falls Church
Commonwealth of Virginia

Thank you all so much!

Gail

Gail C. Arnall,
OAR Executive Director

What's coming up next?

- Northern Virginia Interfaith Reentry Collaborative Meeting-- November 19, 7:30-9:00 pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church (711 N Columbus St., Alexandria, VA). Please RSVP to garnall@oaronline.org. All are welcome.
- One-hour tours in November and December at OAR; a great way to introduce some of your friends to OAR. See the schedule at www.oaronline.org/tours.
- Opportunities for faith communities, nonprofits, and government agencies to have Community Service clients volunteer to help with events, cleaning, mailings -- almost anything. We especially need sites for teens to work at. Contact Heather at hpritchett@oaronline.org.
- Project Christmas Angel wrapping party will be December 12th, once again at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Arlington. The website to RSVP will launch the first week in November, and can be accessed at www.oaronline.org/projectchristmasangel.

What do we need?

- Collection of Holiday presents for children of parents who are incarcerated. We especially need gift cards so we can use them for gifts for teens and other expenses for families throughout the year. If you can donate presents by December 12th, please contact Adam at ahand@oaronline.org.
- One or two volunteers who are willing to correspond with men and women who are currently in prison throughout the state, but will be coming back to our area upon release and have written asking for information and assistance in planning for their return. If you want to learn more about how you can help, please contact Katy at ksteinbruck@oaronline.org.
- One or two volunteers willing to go to court once a week or even twice monthly to represent OAR in the courtroom. We would train you in what, if anything, you might have to do if the judge asks for information. This could really help free up our staff to stay in the office to work with clients. Please contact Adam if you want to explore this at ahand@oaronline.org.
- Metro cards. Last year, we spent \$18,500 just in transportation costs for clients coming out of jail who need to get home and then get back to us for services and programs, and, help getting to and from job interviews. If possible, put the value on a paper fare card and send to us. We can then convert the value of the paper card to a SmarTrip card as the clients need the funds. This might be something you could collect from your friends, faith communities, civic and service groups, work groups, etc. It would be a huge help. Send them to us at OAR, 1400 N Uhle St #704, Arlington, VA 22201.



One of four Virginia Theological Seminary students presents his PowerPoint for faith communities to use in discussions about mass incarceration and barriers to reentry at Wilson Blvd. Christian Church in Arlington.



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OAR Tours

We want you to swing by the OAR office and see how far your support goes in assisting ex-offenders in finding jobs. To schedule a tour, please contact Adam Hand by calling 703-228-7031 or email at ahand@oaronline.org.

Renew Your ACDF ID

The Arlington Jail will be offering a badge renewal on **Saturday, December 21** from 9:30am-1:30pm. The next one will be in February 2014. Check your ACDF badge, and if it expires before February 2014, try to attend the December 21st session. To RSVP, contact Adam Hand by calling 703-228-7031 or email at ahand@oaronline.org



Client David H. met with Michelle Alexander recently to talk about her book, *The New Jim Crow*

OAR In Your Community

Here are some of the events that OAR Community Service Clients will be supporting this month:

- Arlington Civitans Flea Market
- American Heart Association-Greater Washington Heart Walk
- AFAC Boy Scout Food Drive
- Adopt-A-Highway
- YMCA Turkey Chase

Would you put an OAR bumper sticker on your car?

Please click the link below and let us know! If we get enough positive responses, we will have bumper stickers printed that read, "I Believe In Second Chances," along with the OAR logo and website address. Thank you!

[Click here to take the survey!](#)



Adam talking to an attendee at the Community Partnership Job Fair in Alexandria.

Support OAR

If you would like to make a monetary donation to OAR, please click the orange box below to donate through our Network4Good donation page.

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Thank you!

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