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November 2013



SmarTrip Card Tree Ornaments!

Dear Elizabeth,

"I need to find a gift, but I have no idea what to get him/her!"

Does that sound familiar? We have the perfect gift, and it fits into a Holiday card and can be hung as a tree ornament. Especially good for out-of-town friends!

How about giving a Metro SmarTrip card - well, sort of. We have laminated cards with the SmarTrip image (on one side) and facts about OAR (on the other side) available for a \$10 donation (more if you like). The money will go to help pay for transportation for clients who need to get to job interviews and educational classes.

Buy one or more cards and give them to those special friends to tell them that you are remembering them this Season by giving to help those in need. If you like, ask us for a handful of cards that you can "sell" at your office and other parties! Contact Adam at ahand@oaronline.org.

Make room for joy in your life!

Gail

Gail C. Arnall,
OAR Executive Director

NOVA Interfaith Reentry Collaborative

I wish you could have been with us last week at the Northern Virginia Interfaith Reentry Collaborative meeting at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Alexandria. You would have heard Jean and Meg from Falls Church Episcopal Church tell about their 4-week study of *The New Jim Crow* book, in partnership with The Rock Christian Center, another church that meets in their building. You would have met four members of the Knights of Columbus who came to learn about the issues of reentry to see how they can help. You would have learned how one faith community has organized its benevolent fund to work directly with OAR and other nonprofits to ensure that people are appropriately vetted before giving them financial aid. And, you would have enjoyed getting to know others in the community that care about issues facing those coming home from incarceration.

Join us next time: Tuesday, January 21st at 7:30 in Arlington. The focus will be on helping former offenders find employment. Email me at garnall@oaronline.org for details about location.

Gail



Members of the Northern Virginia Interfaith Reentry Collaborative at the November meeting. Thanks to Phyllis L. Johnson for taking pictures at the meeting!

Project Christmas Angel

Each year, volunteers wrap and deliver gifts for children whose parents are incarcerated or recently released from jail. OAR has hosted this event for over 20 years. We get information about the children from their parent inside the Arlington County Detention Facility, Community Corrections in Arlington, Probation and Parole in Arlington and Alexandria, and Guest House in Alexandria. Volunteers then pick out and wrap gifts at the Wrapping Party that meet the children's interests, and volunteers then deliver the gifts to the children.

We are **especially** in need of \$25 gift cards to Target this year. We have lots of toys for younger children, but teens prefer gift cards to buy what they really want.

The Wrapping Party will be held this year on Thursday, December 12 from 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Arlington. Space is limited, so please [click here](#) to RSVP for the party. You can also RSVP on the same page to deliver gifts to children. If you are interested in making a donation, or for more information, please contact Adam at ahand@oaronline.org or 703-228-7031.

Shop Local Week

Want an excuse to do a little holiday shopping? As part of Shop Local Week, business owners across the DC Metro Area are giving a portion of purchases to any charity customers choose, from Small Business Saturday (11/30) through Giving Tuesday (12/3). OAR can receive up to 100% of your in-store or online purchases at more than 50 independent businesses (and counting!).

Please [click here](#) to print OAR's flyer, make a purchase at a participating business from 11/30-12/3, and give the cashier the flyer. You **must** give the cashier OAR's flyer for us to receive credit! You'll also receive a thank you message confirming your purchase counted if you give the cashier the flyer with your email address filled in on it. Find a list of participating businesses and additional details at www.shoplocalfirstweek.com.

Are you 70 1/2 or older?

Consider The Charitable IRA Rollover - [before December 31, 2013](#).

When Congress passed the American Taxpayer Relief Act (ATRA) on New Year's Day, a special benefit was included. The **Charitable IRA Rollover** was extended for charitable distributions made for 2013.

Making your gift can be a simple process, without tax complications, and your gift may also count toward your mandatory annual withdrawal! Many people like the option of designating charitable beneficiaries for retirement benefits as part of their estate planning. This legislation brings back similar tax benefits for gifts made now - while you are able to enjoy the benefits of your generosity.

You may contribute funds from your IRA to OAR if:

- You are age 70 1/2 or older;
- You give no more than a total of \$100,000 per year (\$200,000 for couples);
- You complete the gift on or before December 31, 2013 and you direct the transfer of funds directly from an IRA (you cannot withdraw the funds yourself).

Please note that a Charitable IRA Rollover Gift must be completed by December 31, 2013.

How to make a gift to support the work of OAR:

Direct your IRA trustee or custodian to transfer your desired gift amount to Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington County, Inc. We will be happy to work with them to facilitate the gift. We urge you to also consult your tax adviser before completing a gift under this law.



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OAR is participating in #GivingTuesday on December 31! [Click here](#) to visit OAR's donation page, and click the image above for more information about this one-day special event!

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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.



OAR Clients Michelle and David with Arlington County Board Chair Walter Tejada at the Arlington Inter-Service Club Council annual luncheon.

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!](#)



OAR client Antoine creating a collage at an Art Workshop.

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.

[Donate Now](#)

Thank you!

Connect With Us!

Help increase our visibility by liking us, following us, viewing our videos, connecting with us, and telling others about us through the links below:



[Click here to sign up for a one-hour OAR Tour and bring a friend](#)



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