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Mark your Calendars! On Thursday June 19th, we are participating in [DoMore24](#), a one-day-only online fundraiser that will provide thousands of dollars of support for local nonprofit organizations like OAR.

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. You can now register online. Click on the link [OAR Tours](#) and let us know when you can attend.

Life Sentences- did you know?

Despite a substantial, long-term drop in serious crime and modest declines in prison populations in the U.S., The Sentencing Project's research determined that the number of prisoners with life sentences has continued to rise, reaching nearly 160,000 nationally; one in 9 people in prison is serving a life sentence.

Of these, 49,000 people are serving life without parole, a 22% rise since 2008 and a nearly 300% rise since 1984. In comparison, in the UK, there are about 25 people who receive what they call "whole life tariffs" and die in prison.

The Sentencing Project's report, *Life Goes on: the Historic Rise of Life Sentencing in America*, also found that nearly half of all lifers are African American and one-sixth Latino; About 10,000 lifers have been convicted of nonviolent offenses.

Approximately 2,500 juveniles are serving a sentence of life without the possibility of parole. The United States is the only country in the world that imposes this sentence on youth.

Gail

Gail C. Arnall,
OAR Executive Director

Toy Drive Moved to October

The Toy Drive Volunteer Task Force has set October as the date for our Toy Drive when we will collect gifts to be given out in December to children with incarcerated parents. We will be celebrating our 35th year of Project Christmas Angel, and want to make sure we have enough toys for every child. Please consider making this Toy Drive a focus for your organization or congregation in October. Contact Gail Arnall for more information at garnall@oaronline.org and she will connect you to the Toy Drive Task Force.

Arlington Jail

A BIG Thank you to Ray's the Steaks

Michael Landrum, owner of Ray's the Steaks, made it possible for OAR to host the Board of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce for their April meeting. Michael has been a long-time supporter of OAR, speaking often to clients in and out of the jail. Thanks, Michael.

Second Chance Breakfast was a Major Success

Almost 300 people attended the sixth annual Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast in April, when we celebrated OAR's 40th Year Anniversary. We are having special events throughout the year to celebrate this milestone, so look for more events to come. Eleven individuals and couples have joined The 1974 Society, contributing at least \$2,500 for the year. We are still looking for the 12th member of this Society so we can finish the plaque!! How about you?

OAR also honored Congressman Jim Moran and Chief Judge William Newman with the Courageous Service Award for their exemplary commitment to second chances.



This note is really for YOU and all Supporters

Gail, just informing you of my academic status, Dean's List! 3 A's and a B: 3.75 GPA. May 17th was my 1 year anniversary from prison. I couldn't have written a book this Awesome! ! THANKS for giving me the opportunity to challenge myself for Success through OAR! ! May I continue to carry forth and persevere as I have learned through the teaching of the OAR Family! !

Once again, Thank You.

Dave

Save the Date- September 18th

In partnership with the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), OAR and George Mason's Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence will hold a public forum to discuss NACDL's recently

Orientation and ID Renewal

The Arlington Jail will be offering an orientation and badge renewal on Saturday, June 21st and Saturday, August 30th from 9:30am-2:30pm. To RSVP, contact Elizabeth by calling 703-228-7441 or email at ejones@oaronline.org.

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!

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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](#)

Do More 24

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released report:

Collateral Damage: America's Failure to Forgive or Forget in the War on Crime
A Roadmap to Restore Rights and Status After Arrest or Conviction

The report is the result of a two year study by the NACDL's Task Force on the Restoration of Rights and the Status after Conviction, focusing on the relief mechanisms that exist (or do not exist) for individuals with a conviction. A forum for practitioners will be held from 3 to 5 p.m., and a public forum will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. More information will be forthcoming. The report can be found at [NACDL website](#).

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