



Strengthening Community Through Second Chances

Greetings!



Second Chance Month is coming to an end and we are so glad to have wrapped it up with our 10th Annual Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast. Thank you to all who came out to this event in support of second and fair chances, and if you were not able to join us, you can read below to learn more about the event and see pictures as well!

Spring2ACTion Day, Alexandria's day of giving, was also held during Second Chance Month. Contributions given at these events help keep our programs running and support individuals returning home from incarceration as well as providing alternative sentencing options. Read below about the changes "Mila" has been able to make because of your support of OAR.

Although Second Chance Month is coming to an end, our mission never stops! OAR is always supporting and celebrating second and fair chances and we thank you for allowing us to continue welcoming men and women home on your behalf!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth".

Elizabeth Jones Valderrama, MA, CVA
Executive Director



10th Annual Second Chance Fundraising
Breakfast



OAR's 10th Annual Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast took place on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Crystal City with over 570 individuals in attendance to support second and fair chances. Senator Barbara Favola and Senator Adam Ebbin served as Honorary Co-Chairs for the event, and Harold Clarke, Director of the Virginia Department of Corrections, gave the keynote speech.

Guests heard the story of "Gwen"- a story about her journey in finding herself after returning home from incarceration with the help of OAR. In her story, Gwen stated, "If it were not for OAR, I would probably be either incarcerated again or would have gone back to an unhealthy relationship. OAR has helped me to live independently, and this has meant the world to me. OAR has been so supportive. I am really happy that I found OAR and really proud that I put in the work to get where I am today. I am finally beginning to feel promise and hope for the future, and that is truly a gift."

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating second and fair chances as well as our amazing sponsors, Table Captains, and volunteers who made this event possible. If you weren't able to join us and would like to make your contribution online, please click [here](#). Stay tuned on our social media for more pictures of the event!



Spring2ACTion 2018



Spring2ACTion, Alexandria's 24-hour online giving day hosted by ACT for Alexandria, took place on Wednesday, April 25 to Thursday, April 26. Thank you to all who made contributions to OAR to help us raise \$466.52 for our Reentry Program and support those returning to the community from incarceration! Your gifts truly make a difference in the lives of OAR participants.



Volunteer Spotlight



This month's Volunteer Spotlight is dedicated to all of our wonderful Table Captains and Hosts from our 10th Annual Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast! All these individuals volunteered their time and support and

played a big role in making this event possible!

Big thanks to:

Michael Brouri, Alex Chacaltana, Margaret Clark, Sally Cole, Brett Covington, Mary Ellen Curtin, Mara D'Amico, Emmy Lu Daly, Steven Early, Shelly Edenhart, Marilyn Falksen, Hamed Farmand, Bill Fogarty, Elizabeth Fogarty, Betsy Frantz, Anne Hermann, Gladys Jones, Meade Jones Hanna, Nancy Joyner, Joey Katona, Florence King, Mondre Kornegay, Cheri Lejeun, Katie Leonard, James and Sheila Mack, Viola Miller, Kate Miner, Alessandra Necamp, Liz Nohra, Beth Offenbacker, Susan Olson, Erica Pyatt, David Remick, Mark Riley, Kimberly Ross, Robert Roudik, Alejandra Santaolalla, Christine Searle, Rosalie Smith, Ann Springer, Lisa Stapleton, Amy Stitzel, Cary Umhau, Louise Van Horne, Wendy Webb, Doug White, and Dawn Wilson.

We couldn't have done it without you!



A Participant Story: Meet "Mila"*



Mila had 120 hours of court-ordered community service to complete. She worked with her OAR Community Service Case Manager to figure out a site where Mila could complete her hours. Mila chose to complete her hours at local faith community in Arlington, VA. Mila was able to finish all of her hours here, and she did such an outstanding job that her site

supervisor sent Mila's Case Manager a letter saying how pleased he was with Mila's work at the church. He wrote:

"It is my pleasure to commend Mila for her excellent performance during her community service at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Arlington, VA, where she assisted with facilities maintenance. Over the past two months, Mila has worked under my supervision in the facilities department. She stands out above all the other volunteers I have supervised with her tireless work ethic, cheerfulness, and professionalism. Mila exhibited all the qualities of an ideal volunteer. She habitually arrived early to work. She was thorough in her duties, giving an impression of utmost professionalism. Mila worked in a timely and efficient manner, and her demeanor was always pleasant and courteous. Mila did not shy

away from any task I assigned her. I often asked her to do strenuous outdoor work when the weather was cold or rainy, and she did so eagerly and without complaint. Mila accepted every assignment in this way, always happy to work. Mila is talented and hard working. She set the bar high, and she achieved her goal. I have been exceptionally pleased with Mila's outstanding service to St. Charles Catholic Church."

Your help and support allows individuals like Mila to stay out of incarceration and instead, perform meaningful work in the community that truly makes a difference!

**Name changed to protect privacy of the participant. Photo is a stock photo and not necessarily representative of the participant.*



Upcoming Events

Do More 24

Thursday, May 17, 2018 to Friday, May 18, 2018

Do More 24 is the DMV's largest 24-hour online fundraiser powered by United Way of the National Capital Area, bringing together nonprofit organizations, partners, and donors committed to creating impact in our community. Mark your calendars for this day of giving and stay tuned for more information that will be posted on our website and social media!



Learn More About OAR at a Free Tour!

Want to learn more about us? Join us for a **free one-hour tour** at the OAR office! Guests will hear about OAR's programs and services from the staff who are working in the programs, tour the OAR office, and hear participant success stories. We promise to start and end on time. Below is a list of upcoming dates/times. Please [sign up here](#) or contact Heather Pritchett at hpritchett@oaronline.org.

Upcoming Tour Dates

Thursday, May 10, 6:30PM


Thursday, May 24, 12:00PM

Tuesday, June 12, 8:00AM

Wednesday, June 20, 12:00PM



Support OAR

1. Make a monetary donation to OAR by clicking  <http://oaronline.org/donate-now/>
2. Donate through United Way designation #8078
3. Donate CFC designation #26226
4. Donate Target Gift Cards in increments of \$10 each for participants
5. Shop on our Amazon Wish List: [OAR's Amazon Wish List](http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist?ref_cm_wl_search_rvp_wl&cid=A29JY6MLB94BCD&pldnSite=1) (http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist?ref_cm_wl_search_rvp_wl&cid=A29JY6MLB94BCD&pldnSite=1) Don't forget to let Heather hpritchett@oaronline.org know who you are so we can send you a thank you note.
6. Attend a one-hour OAR Tour or an OAR Event and bring your friends: <http://oaronline.org/oar-tours-upcoming-events/>



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