



Strengthening Community Through Second Chances

Greetings!



Happy 2018! Can you believe that we are a month into the new year already? Thanks to your support, 2017 was a very successful year for OAR's participants. With your help, OAR worked with 2,035 participants during the year, including 695 individuals receiving Reentry support and 1,403 men, women and youth completing Community Service hours.

I am thrilled to introduce you to three new members of OAR's Board of Directors and to invite you to our upcoming "Cycle for Second Chances" event. Below you will also meet OAR participant Joe, and I hope you continue to be inspired by his story and success. His success was made possible because of your generous support.

Thank you once again for giving your time and support to OAR and we are looking forward to making 2018 OAR's best year yet!

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

Elizabeth Jones Valderrama, MA, CVA
Executive Director



**Cycle for Second Chances - Only Two Seats
Left!**



OAR has partnered with [CycleBar Columbia Pike](#) in Arlington, VA for an indoor cycling fundraising event, "Cycle for Second Chances" on Saturday, February 3! We will ride to raise funds and awareness for second chances for men and women returning to our community after incarceration. Starting at 1:30pm, there will be a pre-ride mingling with free drinks and snacks and the class will start promptly at 2:00pm for a duration of 50 minutes. Your admission to this class is a \$25, \$35, or \$45 donation and all proceeds will benefit OAR! You will also be provided with cycling shoes to wear during the class, towel service, and a *free* water bottle to keep!

There are currently only **two seats** left available in the class, so if you want to sign up, **now** is the time! To register for the class click [here](#). Let's have fun and #CycleforSecondChances! Can't wait to see you all there!



India Hicks Fundraiser: Last Chance to Shop for OAR!

OAR is once again collaborating with India Hicks for a fundraising sale! From now until February 1st, when you shop the India Hicks collection, 10% of your sales proceeds will be donated to OAR. India Hicks is an affordable luxury brand with a wonderful collection of exotic fragrances, fine, well-crafted handbags, lovely jewelry, and more! There are so many great items in the collection that would be wonderful for a Valentine's Day gift for a special someone. To start shopping the India Hicks collection and support OAR click [here](#).



To keep up with the latest in the India Hicks collection, follow India Hicks on Social Media!

Facebook: @RobinetteKimberley

Instagram: @RobinetteKimberley



Volunteer Spotlight

Our "Volunteer Spotlight" this month introduces you to OAR's three new Board members: Brett Covington, Mara D'Amico, and Wendy Webb!



Brett Covington joined the OAR Board of Directors in November 2017 after providing pro bono legal services for the organization over a two-year period. He is a Senior Associate with Hollingsworth LLP in Washington D.C., where he manages complex civil litigation for corporate clients. He was an Associate with Saul Ewing LLP from 2011 to April 2017 and worked for two years as a Law Clerk for a U.S. District Court Judge in Tennessee, a position in which he dealt extensively with criminal sentencing issues. He currently lives in Alexandria and has also been a resident of Arlington. Brett serves on the OAR Board's Governance Committee. Read more about Brett Covington [here](#).



Mara D'Amico is a Training Administrator with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Washington, D.C. From 2014-2016, she served as a Communications Fellow at the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security. A resident of Arlington, she is an alumni Board member for the Clinton School and Central Michigan's Volunteer Center and volunteers with Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia and the Crisis Text Line. She joined OAR's Board of Directors in November 2017 and

serves on OAR's Development Committee. Read more about Mara D'Amico [here](#).



Wendy Webb is currently the Human Resource Commander for the Alexandria Police Department. She previously served 30 years with the Alexandria, Virginia, Sheriff's Office, from 1986 through her retirement in December 2016, in positions that included Chief Deputy (2013-2016), Captain (2009-2013), and Division Chief (2007-2009). Her responsibilities ranged from managing administrative and inmate support services to directing the operations of the Alexandria Adult Detention Center

itself. A life-long resident of Northern Virginia, Wendy lives in Alexandria and volunteers at the Alfred Street Baptist Church in programs to help the needy. She joined OAR's Board in November 2017 and serves on OAR's Finance Committee.

Read more about Wendy Webb [here](#).



A Participant Story: Meet "Joe"

"Joe," (*name changed to protect privacy of participant*) age 44, came to OAR with a lot of shame and guilt. He had been in and out of jail four or five times and was ready to make some big changes in his life. After his release from incarceration, Joe had no means of transportation so OAR provided him with Metro fare so that he would be able to get to and from appointments. After about a month of attending OAR sessions and one-on-one appointments with OAR's reentry team, Joe began OAR's Employment Program to find a job. He experienced such positive energy with the OAR team that he was able to think more positively about his future. Through OAR's programs, Joe learned skills to help present himself well to employers and expand on his communication skills. OAR also helped Joe get his birth certificate so that he could get an ID and also provided suits he could wear to job interviews. Within a few weeks of job searching, Joe was hired for a full-time position and OAR provided him with a gift card to purchase some additional clothing he would need for work. When his schedule permits, Joe comes by to participate in the OAR programs and to help others who have just started their reentry journey.



Upcoming Events

"Cycle for Second Chances"

Saturday, Feb 03, 2018

OAR is collaborating with CycleBar, located at 3400 Columbia Pike, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22204, for a fundraising event! CycleBar will be hosting a cycling class and all the proceeds will



go to OAR! There are only two more seats available in the class so if you want to sign up, now is the time! You can register online [here](#). Join us at 1:30pm for a free pre-workout reception. Class begins at 2:00pm. A donation to OAR of \$25/\$35/\$45 will get you in the class.

Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Save the date for our 10th Annual Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast! Last year, we had nearly 600 guests in attendance to support OAR. The event will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Crystal City (1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA). Click [here](#) to learn more.



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, February 8, 8:00AM
- Tuesday, February 27, 12:00PM
- Wednesday, March 7, 6:30PM
- Thursday, March 22, 12:00PM
- Wednesday, April 11, 8:00AM
- Tuesday, April 17, 12:00PM
- Thursday, May 10, 6:30PM
- Thursday, May 24, 12:00PM
- Tuesday, June 12, 8:00AM
- Wednesday, June 20, 12:00PM



Support OAR

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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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