



*Strengthening Community Through Second Chances*

Greetings!



Can you believe we are less than a month away from our 10th Annual Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast? It's not too late to RSVP to this event or to become a Table Captain, so if you are interested please read on for more information! We hope you will be able to join us!

We are excited to introduce to you a new change we are implementing regarding the sharing of participant stories. In an effort to protect and respect the privacy of participants in OAR's programs, we are making a shift in the way we share their stories and experiences. Read below to learn more about the reasoning behind this shift and the new ideas we have in store!

Next month is recognized as "Second Chance Month," so please stay tuned on our website and social media for more information about Second Chance Month, the initiative behind it, and more related events!

I remain grateful to you for your support of the OAR mission. Your support truly impacts the lives of individuals like "Derek," who you can read more about below, who are returning to the community from incarceration. Thank you.

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

Elizabeth Jones Valderrama, MA, CVA  
Executive Director



## OAR Ethical Storytelling

Below is a video message sharing some thoughts with you about our shift on how we share the personal stories of individuals in OAR programs. In the past, you might have heard directly from participants sharing personal stories about their lives and about their experiences with OAR. However, we now see a need to be more protective of the participants' confidentiality, privacy, and well-being. In this video, you will hear why OAR is making this shift and ideas about new creative storytelling you can look forward to. OAR takes the privacy and well-being of the

individuals who participate in the programs very seriously. If you have any feedback on this, or would like to share any thoughts or ideas of storytelling, please reach out to us at [info@oaroline.org](mailto:info@oaroline.org)!



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## 10th Annual Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast



OAR's 10th Annual Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast will take place on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. Guests are invited to enjoy a free, hot breakfast, hear from community leaders, and get inspired by the stories of lives impacted. This is a fundraising event to support OAR's programs, but there is no minimum and no maximum donation expected. As much as anything, we want guests to learn about the critical work being done in the community and to inspire individuals to support OAR's work.

We are still seeking additional Table Captains for this event. Table Captains are in charge of inviting other guests to join them for the event. If you are interested in being a Table Captain or would like more information, please contact Heather Pritchett at [hpritchett@oaroline.org](mailto:hpritchett@oaroline.org) or 703-228-7435. We are also still looking for sponsors for this event. [Visit our website](#) for more details on how to become a sponsor.

For more information about this event [click here](#) .



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## Volunteer Spotlight



Janet Burk has been an active member of the Arlington community for over 35 years. She has two children, one who resides in Arlington as well, and the other in Charlottesville, VA. Janet has also volunteered with Arlington County Public Schools and with the Arlington Central Library in the past, served as a legal guardian to the elderly in Arlington, and is an active member of VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement), which is actually how she stumbled across OAR and attended one of our tours. Shortly thereafter, she reached out to OAR to express her interest in volunteering and we found a project for Janet that seemed like a perfect match!

A quick learner and self-starter, Janet has taken on an archival project for OAR. As a part of this project, Janet is putting together an archive of historical OAR documents as well adding to our existing timeline of OAR's history. This is a project that will be so useful to preserve and celebrate our history and we are so lucky to have Janet spearheading this project! Thank you Janet for taking on this huge project for OAR and we are so glad you are now a part of the OAR family!



## A Participant Story: Meet "Derek"\*



Derek, now in his late 30s, has been in and out of incarceration ever since he was an adolescent. He came across OAR during his last period of incarceration and decided it was time to make a change in his life, especially because he was determined to be reunited with his daughter who had been put into foster care. Derek started working with a Reentry

Coach prior to his release as a part of OAR's Intensive Reentry Program (IRP), a program which works with individuals who are medium to high of re-incarceration before their release in a number of different capacities such as coaching, employment services and family reunification. During those few months prior to his release, Derek worked extremely hard with his Reentry Coach to prepare for his release. Post-release, Derek was able to find full-time employment and put all of his time and energy outside of his job on getting reunited with his daughter who was still living in foster care halfway across the country. After a long period of working with the courts, Derek was finally able to be reunited with his daughter! Derek graduated successfully from OAR's Intensive Reentry Program. Recently, he has even visited OAR with his daughter to surprise the Reentry Team and to thank them for helping him through this whole process and for providing him with the second chance he needed.

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



## Upcoming Events

### **Second Chance Month**

**April, 2018**

The United States Congress established April as "Second Chance Month" to honor the work of communities, governmental entities, nonprofit organizations,

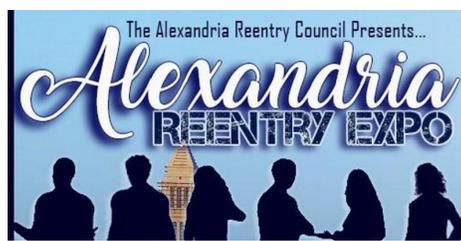
employers, and individuals to remove unnecessary legal and societal barriers that prevent an individual with a criminal history from thriving in the community. OAR believes in second and fair chances and we hope that you can join us in spreading awareness about this wonderful month of second chances.



### **Alexandria Reentry Expo**

### **Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

Join us at the Alexandria Reentry Expo, presented by the Alexandria Reentry Council, to kick off "Second Chance Month!" The event will take place from 10AM to 12PM at the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center located at 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, VA 22314. There will be refreshments, door prizes, raffles, and more! To RSVP to this event click [here](#) or call 703-228-7051.



### **Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

Save the date for the 10th Annual Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast! We anticipate 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 and [here](#) to RSVP to the event.



### **Spring2ACTION**

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

Spring2ACTION is the City of Alexandria's Giving Day and OAR is once again participating in this great event! It is a 24-hour online giving event presented by ACT for Alexandria, celebrating the commitment of local nonprofits to make Alexandria a better place to live, work, play, and serve. We will be posting more about Spring2ACTION on our website and social media as the event approaches, so make sure to follow us to find out more information!



### **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](mailto:hpritchett@oaronline.org).

### Upcoming Tour Dates

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

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](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](mailto: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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