



*Strengthening Community Through Second Chances*

Greetings!



Autumn is officially here! In this season of change, as the leaves turn color and begin to fall, one thing remains the same - OAR is here, on behalf of you and the entire community, to welcome individuals home after incarceration and provide the support they need during this very vulnerable time.

We have several exciting events and opportunities coming up soon. If you've been wanting to find ways to get more involved with us, now is the perfect time! See a list of our upcoming events and needs posted below. I especially hope you'll read about the "Sing Out for Second Chances" event on October 15th. Mount Zion Baptist Church is bringing together local faith-based choirs and OAR speakers to celebrate the power and importance of second chances. I hope you can join us!

Elizabeth Jones Valderrama, MA, CVA  
Executive Director



## OAR Community Service Volunteers Contribute Time to Local Events

OAR Community Service participants are at many local community events volunteering their time and working toward completion of their court-mandated hours.

Some events that the Community Service participants assist with each year include the Arlington County Fair, Columbia Pike Blues Festival, Nations Triathlon, Charles E. Beatley Library Annual Book Sale, Falls Church Farm Day, Taste of Arlington, and Clarendon Day, to name a few. The participants assist with set



*A Community Service volunteer  
assists at Clarendon Day on  
September 23rd*

up, clean up, trash collection, activities, and more.

For many events where we have a group of participants volunteering together, OAR representatives are also on-site to coordinate the participants and to spend time with them during their volunteer experience.

If you represent a nonprofit organization, government agency, or faith-based community and you are in need of volunteer support for an upcoming event, please reach out to us! You can contact Katie Farrell, Coordinator of Community Service, at [kfarrell@oaronline.org](mailto:kfarrell@oaronline.org) or 703-228-7988.



## Reentry Participants Enjoy America's Favorite Pasttime



Thanks to a grant from the Washington Nationals Community Ticket Program, OAR has been able to take several of our Intensive Reentry Program (IRP) participants to Washington Nationals baseball games! Participants have enjoyed two ball games this year.

Baseball games are one of the many social events we offer to the IRP participants in an effort to provide positive social interaction for them. Participants are invited to bring friends or family with them. OAR team members and volunteers also attend with the participants, which allows additional opportunities for bonding and building professional relationships.

One participant, "Brandon," commented, "I've been a huge fan of the Nats for many years, but I've never had the opportunity to go watch a game in person! This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me!"

We are grateful to the Washington Nationals Community Ticket Program for providing this opportunity!



## Upcoming Events

**Sing Out for Second Chances**  
**Sunday, October 15, 2017**

Join OAR and Mt. Zion Baptist Church for an evening of inspirational music presented by local faith community choirs and guest speakers from OAR to discuss the power and importance of second chances! The event will be hosted by and held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (3500 S 19th St, Arlington, VA



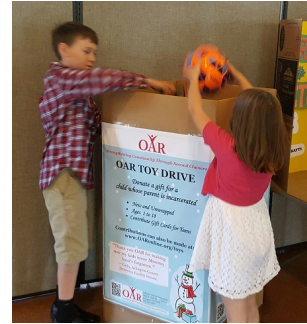
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22204). Admission is free, and guests will be asked to consider making a contribution to OAR of whatever amount you choose. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.oaronline.org/sing-out-for-second-chances-2017/>

### **Toy Drive**

#### **The entire month of October 2017**

Each year in the month of October, OAR hosts a community-wide Toy Drive to collect new, donated toys and holiday gifts for children of incarcerated parents. We are seeking businesses, community centers, faith communities, and other locations to host donation boxes for us where toy collections can be held. For more information, please contact Anne Breville at [abreville@oaronline.org](mailto:abreville@oaronline.org) or 703-228-0587.



### **Arlington Turkey Trot**

#### **Thursday, November 23, 2017 (Thanksgiving Day)**

Register now for the Arlington Turkey Trot! OAR is a beneficiary organization for this year's event, so your registration will help to support OAR, as well as five other local nonprofit organizations. Online registration will close on November 20th, and on-site registration will not be available this year. Register by November 1st to guarantee you receive a Turkey Trot t-shirt! Visit the [Turkey Trot website](#) for additional information and to register.



### **Project Christmas Angel**

#### **Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

Save the date for Project Christmas Angel! This is one of OAR's largest events of the year! OAR collects holiday gifts for children of incarcerated and recently released parents and distributes the gifts to the children. Plan to join us on Wednesday, December 13th for our Wrapping Party, where nearly 200 volunteers will gather to select gifts for the children, wrap them, and prepare them for delivery. RSVP required. The RSVP form will be posted on our website in November. For more information, please contact Anne Breville at [abreville@oaronline.org](mailto:abreville@oaronline.org) or 703-228-0587.



### **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). For more information, please contact Heather Pritchett at [hpritchett@oaronline.org](mailto:hpritchett@oaronline.org) or 703-228-7435. More details coming soon.



## A Participant Story: "Milton"

"I have been working with a participant, 'Milton' and his family members. Milton is currently incarcerated, and has difficulty staying connected to his family while he's been away. Milton's mother wanted to visit him in the correctional facility but did not know what she needed to do to be added to the list of visitors. She is elderly and does not own a computer or have an email account, and the application had to be submitted online. I helped her complete the application and she was approved to visit her son a few weeks later. She was nervous to go to the correctional facility her own. I told her she did not have to worry about that because I would go with her. I picked her up early on Saturday morning and drove two hours to the facility. She visited her son for over four hours, after not seeing him for over 18 months! They were even able to get a photo together. Milton's mother recently informed me that she feels confident going to visit on her own and that she has already visited him another four times!" - *OAR Reentry Coach*



## 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. To sign up, please [sign up here](https://oaronline.org) or contact Heather Pritchett at [hpritchett@oaronline.org](mailto:hpritchett@oaronline.org).

Thursday, October 12 at 8:00am  
Wednesday, October 25 at 12:00pm  
Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30pm  
Tuesday, November 14 at 12:00pm  
Wednesday, December 6 at 8:00am  
Monday, December 18 at 12:00pm



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2. Donate through United Way designation #8078
3. Donate CFC designation #26226
4. Donate Target Gift Cards in increments of \$10 each for clients
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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