



## UPCOMING EVENTS + OPPORTUNITIES

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We hope this month was filled with lots of love for you and your loved ones. For OAR, this month was filled with lots of celebration and joy in honor of Black History Month.

As we close out this month, we want to remind everyone that celebrating Black History and the Black community does not start and stop just for one month. OAR has a culture of spreading love and joy to all communities daily, and we want to see everyone participate in that. Please continue to carry on the love and respect for Black history and all of the stories, successes, businesses, and contributions of the Black community, and never stop celebrating liberation.

Looking ahead, we have much to share with you all and more opportunities to engage in community with us and celebrate. Please see below for what's upcoming at OAR.

We are always grateful to be on this journey with you. Wishing you even more joy and love as we start a new month tomorrow.

- OAR Collective

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## OAR UPCOMING EVENTS

### [Inthrive Film Festival \(Sunday, April 14th, 2024\)](#)

OAR is a community partner for the Inthrive Film Festival event! Join us on Sunday, April 14th at the GMU Arlington Campus from 12-5pm for a wonderful community event uplifting the films and artwork created by and featuring individuals impacted by incarceration. OAR and many other amazing community organizations will be there to celebrate the lives and talent of individuals who have experienced incarceration. For more information and to get your free tickets visit the [Inthrive Film Festival website](#).

### [OAR's 16th Annual Liberation Celebration \(Wednesday, April 24, 2024 - virtual event\)](#)

Save the date for OAR's 16th Annual Liberation Celebration (formerly known as our "Breakfast" event), held virtually on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 8am. Make sure to mark your calendars to join us in a celebration of community, our mission, the lives and joy of OAR participants and their families, in a liberated space. We will be sending out more communications and RSVP details for this event so stay tuned.

### **Spring2ACTion (Wednesday, April 24, 2024)**

OAR is participating nonprofit for Spring2ACTion - ACT for Alexandria's community giving day! This giving day highlights the amazing nonprofits that work to make Alexandria a thriving community. This year our Spring2ACTion goal is to raise support for OAR's direct services fund as we are on the journey with individuals returning home from experiencing incarceration. Stay tuned for more communication from us about Spring2ACTion and visit our campaign page [here](#).

### **OAR's 3-Month Racial Justice + Liberation Virtual Cohorts | 2024 Sessions**

Register today! We are now accepting applications for our upcoming 2024 sessions (**Oct-Dec 2024**). These virtual cohorts include a learning experience on racial justice and liberation for all. We are now taking registrations for our Fall 2024 BILAM (Black, Indigenous, Latine/x/o/a, Asian, and Multicultural) Liberation Cohort session. For more info and to apply, or sponsor a participant, [click here](#) or email [racialjustice@oaronline.org](mailto:racialjustice@oaronline.org).

### **Virtual Tour of OAR's Mission**

Want to learn more about OAR? The first step is to join us for a free one-hour virtual tour of our mission via Zoom! Guests will hear about OAR's programs and services. To register for one of the tour dates below or to check out additional dates, [click here](#) or contact Stephannie Ku at [sku@oaronline.org](mailto:sku@oaronline.org).

- Friday, March 22, 2024, 4:00PM (EST)

### **Monthly Virtual Chats with Elizabeth Jones Valderrama**

Join OAR for a 30-minute chat with Elizabeth Jones Valderrama who has been with the OAR Collective for over 18 years. Learn more about our organization and chat with us about what is going on in your life! To register for one of the upcoming virtual chats below, [click here](#) or contact Stephannie Ku at [sku@oaronline.org](mailto:sku@oaronline.org).

- Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 3:00PM (EST) (EST)

### **Project Connection (year-round 2024)**

OAR's Project Connection children and families' program is our year-round program that provides support (through monthly stipends) for children and families impacted by incarceration in our communities. [Click here](#) to support OAR's Children and Families programs.

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## SUPPORT OAR

1. Make a monetary donation to OAR by clicking [here](#)
2. Donate [Target](#) and/or [Amazon](#) gift cards in increments of \$10 each for OAR participants
3. Shop on our Amazon Wish List: [OAR's Amazon Wish List](#)
4. Donate through United Way designation #8078 (additional fees by UW are applied and come out of your donation)
5. Donate through CFC designation #26226 (additional fees by CFC are applied)
6. Give from your retirement accounts. Please use our legal name and EIN ID #54-1024562.
7. Add OAR to your will to have your legacy and love for OAR continue.
8. Host a fundraiser: On Facebook, for a special occasion. Reach out and we will walk you through it.
9. Follow us @OARJustice on our social media channels
10. Attend a free 1-hour virtual OAR Tour or an OAR Event and bring your friends: <http://oaronline.org/oar-tours-upcoming-events/>

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## MORE ABOUT OAR

*OAR is a community-based nonprofit organization that envisions a safe & thriving community where those impacted by the legal system enjoy equal civil & human rights. Through our Upstream work, we are confronting & dismantling individual racism & racism in the legal system & across all systems. Our Downstream work allows us to be on the journey with individuals returning from incarceration & their families. We also offer alternative sentencing options (including community service) and diversion programs so people can avoid the trauma of incarceration & instead help the community thrive.*

*OAR is a collective, non-dominant, decolonizing, pro-Black, racially just, radically joyful, deeply loving, come as you are, liberated organization that puts participants first. We center authentic and fully engaged relationships with all members of the OAR community.*

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### Our Contact Information

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[OAR Walk-In Hours](#)

Monday – Friday | 10:30am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-3:00pm