



Hello Friend of OAR,

We hope the month of July and this summer season has brought you lots of warmth and joy! We are excited to introduce you to Jaxon this month, a participant in OAR's Community Service program. Please see below for Jaxon's journey with us and more about our work Downstream with OAR's Alternative Sentencing + Diversion program.

Please also see below for more upcoming events and opportunities at OAR. We have some great programs, like [Project Backpack](#), going on right now to support, along with important events like [Give 8/28](#) coming up. Make sure you check out all of the information below to stay up to date with all things OAR!

Thank you so much for being on this journey with us and supporting this critical mission. We hope that next month continues to bring about an abundance of radical joy, love, and community to you.

- OAR Collective

Program Spotlight: Alternative Sentencing + Diversion Introducing you to Jaxon

Jaxon* participated in OAR's Alternative Sentencing program, completing 50 hours of community service. During his initial phone intake with an OAR Collective member, Jaxon expressed his concerns about in-person volunteering due to his health conditions. OAR understood his concerns and supported Jaxon in finding virtual community service sites and opportunities that would not require him to travel or put his health at risk. Jaxon connected with a local nonprofit library centered around digitizing and archiving cultural works and completed all his assigned hours there. Jaxon thanked OAR for helping him find a virtual site that was so accommodating to his health conditions and for helping him successfully close out his case.

Thanks to your support, OAR is on a journey with many individuals like Jaxon each year to provide alternative sentencing and diversion programs in partnership with our local courts. OAR's community

service program allows individuals to volunteer in the community instead of jail time and fines, to work off their accrued court costs, and to pay court costs. OAR is also implementing a Diversion program in partnership with the Vera Institute and Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney - Arlington County and the City of Falls Church to reduce recidivism and racial disparities amongst individuals sentenced to diversion programs.

Please note all names are changed and pictures of OAR participants and their families are stock photos in compliance with OAR's Ethical Storytelling Philosophy to protect the privacy of OAR participants and their families.

[Click here to learn more about OAR's Programs](#)

In Case You Missed It!

Please see below for all things OAR in case you missed any of our recent events, videos, announcements, and more.

[OAR Celebrates Freedom and Liberation for Juneteenth 2023](#)

[OAR's Annual Liberation Breakfast 2023 \(Full Recording\)](#)

[OAR Liberation Participant Video](#)

[OAR Upstream Downstream Animation](#)

[OAR Presents: Javon Rustin's "Juke Joint"](#)

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

[Project Backpack \(July-August 2023\)](#)

OAR's Project Backpack annual back-to-school children and families program supports children and families with a parent experiencing incarceration or has been recently released from incarceration for the upcoming 2023-2024 academic school year. [Click here](#) to learn more about how to support OAR for Project Backpack 2023.

Give 8/28 Giving Day (August 28, 2023)

2023 marks the sixth year for **Give 8/28** presented by the Young, Black & Giving Back Institute (YBGB)! This special giving day is dedicated to financial giving for Black-led and Black-benefiting nonprofits on August 28th starting at 8am ET! Join OAR in the ONLY giving event dedicated to giving back to Black nonprofits! This year we aim to raise \$6,000 for our direct services fund to support participants returning to the community from experiencing incarceration. [Click here](#) to visit OAR's official campaign page for more details.

OAR's 3-Month Racial Justice + Liberation Virtual Cohorts | Sept/Oct-Dec 2023

Register today! We still accepting applications for our upcoming fall sessions (**Sept/Oct-Dec 2023**). These virtual cohorts include a learning experience on racial justice and liberation for all. Cohorts are separated between BILAM (Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, and Multicultural) and WP (White People). For more information on the cohorts, to apply, or sponsor a participant, [click here](#) or email racialjustice@oaronline.org.

Virtual Tour of OAR's Mission

Want to learn more about us or volunteer for 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.

- Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 12:00PM (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 17 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.

- Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 12:00-12:30pm (EST)

Project Connection | ALL YEAR

OAR's **Project Connection** supports children and families impacted by incarceration year-round. Each family participating in this program receives \$50 per child and a handwritten note from their parent every month to remind them that even though they cannot physically be together at the moment, they are always keeping them in mind. [Click here](#) to support Project Connection, and for more info.

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/>

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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OAR Office Hours
Monday - Friday 10:00am-4:30pm