

Dear Friend of OAR,

We hope you have been well and experiencing moments of joy each day. In honor of Women's History Month, we lift up all the women in our lives who have shaped the world and our communities to be a better place for all.

Throughout this month, OAR celebrated the remarkable journeys of women from all walks of life, from activists and leaders to artists and entrepreneurs and, of course, all of the incredible women who are part of the OAR community—the women and their families we are on the journey with, OAR Collective and Board members, and our supporters.

In the spirit of celebration, we're excited to share some of our events that empower community, love, and liberation. We hope to see you at one of these events. Please find more information about what's upcoming at OAR below.

Let's continue to uplift, empower, and inspire one another as we journey together to make our community a place where all can live and thrive. Stay tuned for more updates and details on what's happening at OAR. Thank you for your support of this incredible mission.

- OAR Collective

OAR's 16th Annual Liberation Celebration Virtual Event
Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 8-9am



RSVP is now live for OAR's 16th Annual Liberation Celebration virtual event! Join us and invite your loved ones to join the festivities on the morning of Wednesday, April 24th for an uplifting event filled with music, joy, love, and liberation. This year is particularly special as OAR commemorates its 50th anniversary. Come celebrate the community's support and the achievements of OAR participants and their families. Help us spread the word and extend the invitation to others to be a part of this celebratory occasion!

For more event details and to RSVP click here or the button below.



# Inthrive Film Festival Sunday, April 14, 2024, 12-5pm

Inthrive Film Festival is coming to the Northern Virginia area on Sunday, April 14th, from 12 to 5 p.m. at Mason Square (GMU Arlington Campus), and OAR will be there as a community partner for this event. Come celebrate an afternoon of films, artwork, poetry, and more created by and featuring individuals impacted by incarceration along with some other amazing community organizations that will be there to share more about their work.

For more information and to get your free tickets visit the <u>Inthrive Film Festival</u> website or click the button below.

**Get Your Tickets Today** 

# Spring2ACTion 2024 Wednesday, April 24, 2024, All Day



OAR is celebrating 14 years of <u>Spring2ACTion</u> with ACT for Alexandria! Spring2ACTion is a community giving day that highlights nonprofits like OAR that make Alexandria a thriving community for all. that We are inviting you to support OAR's Spring2ACTion campaign this year. **Our goal is to raise \$6,000 for OAR's direct services fund** which supports individuals we are on the journey with who are returning home to the community from experiencing incarceration alongside their families.

For more information and to make an early gift to OAR's Spring2ACTion campaign, you can visit our page <a href="here">here</a> or click the button below.

**Visit OAR's Spring2ACTion Campaign Page** 

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS + OPPORTUNITIES AT OAR

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

Register today! We are now taking registrations for our Fall 2024 BILAM (Black, Indigenous, Latine/x/o/a, Asian, and Multicultural) Liberation Cohort session. These virtual cohorts include a learning experience on racial justice and liberation for all. For more info and to apply, or sponsor a participant, <a href="mailto:click here">click here</a> or email <a href="mailto:racialjustice@oaronline.org">racialjustice@oaronline.org</a>.

**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, <u>click here</u> or contact Stephannie Ku at <u>sku@oaronline.org</u>.

• Friday, April 26, 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 <a href="mailto:sku@oaronline.org">sku@oaronline.org</a>.

• Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 3:00PM (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. <u>Click here</u> to support OAR's Children and Families programs.

# SUPPORT OAR

- 1. Make a monetary donation to OAR by clicking <a href="here">here</a>
- 2. Donate <u>Target</u> and/or <u>Amazon</u> 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)
- 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: <a href="http://oaronline.org/oar-tours-upcoming-events/">http://oaronline.org/oar-tours-upcoming-events/</a>

### **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.

#### **Our Contact Information**

- \*{{Organization Name}}\*
- \*{{Organization Address}}\*
- \*{{Organization Phone}}\*
- \*{{Organization Website}}\*

\*{{Unsubscribe}}\*

## Follow OAR on Social Media!



### **OAR Walk-In Hours**

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