

50th Anniversary Open House, Zumba Gold party, and More!



SAVE THE DATE

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YEAR

50TH ANNIVERSARY
OPEN HOUSE 4-6PM

STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND
RSVP INFORMATION

As we continue to honor 50 Years of Unwavering Commitment to Justice, Joy, and Liberation, we are pleased to announce several upcoming events.

Please save the date and join us in person on October 23rd from 4 pm to 6 pm EST for an the 50th Anniversary Open House. We are also excited to showcase our the newly remodeled space, honor your support of OAR, and share more about the journey. Additional details and RSVP information will be provided soon.

Additionally, we are hosting a virtual Zumba Gold party with our very own Elizabeth. Join us and give what you can to support our the OAR programs. See below for details and registration.

We also invite you to meet Alicia, and read about how your support has allowed OAR to be on the journey with her as well as the positive impact Charlie, our Ambassador of Happiness, has made on her life.

-The OAR Collective



Virtual ZUMBA GOLD PARTY

Treat yourself to a joyful workout while supporting OAR!

Friday,
September 20
8:00PM EST



Hosted by Elizabeth, OAR's Executive Director and
Certified Zumba Instructor

We are thrilled to invite you to a vibrant and energizing virtual Zumba Gold class hosted by Elizabeth, OAR's Executive Director and certified Zumba Instructor.

This low-impact, low-intensity class is perfect for all ages and abilities, featuring verbal and hand cues to guide you through the fun. Whether you're an experienced dancer or just looking for a way to move your body and have fun, this event is for you!

We can't wait to see you there! After you register, you will be redirected to the fundraising page where you can give what you can to support OAR.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR VIRTUAL ZUMBA PARTY](#)



Alicia* was referred to OAR through the Diversion Program, which we do in partnership with the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church.

The very first day she came into the OAR office for her appointment, she met Charlie, OAR's Ambassador of Happiness. Alicia was so happy to see a dog and immediately started to play with him.

She told one of OAR's Peer Recovery Specialist that she was initially nervous to come in for her first appointment. However, after how she was welcomed by the OAR Collective members and Charlie, she felt so much more at ease and now looks forward to returning to the office for her appointments.

Alicia stated she was glad that the office is such a safe and welcoming space for her and that Charlie took away all of her stress and anxious feelings at least for a little while.

We are thrilled to be able to be a safe and welcoming space along with having Charlie join us to bring Alicia and many more participants joy, happiness and love!

please note that the name was changed in accordance with our ethical storytelling policy and to ensure the privacy of OAR participants and their families

A Look Back Over 50 Years of OAR

- 1978 OAR hires two individuals returning to the community from experiencing incarceration to join the OAR team
- 1979 Launched Project Christmas Angel which is now known as OAR Children and Family Projects (Backpack, Connection, Winter Cheer)
- 1981 OAR received funding from Arlington County for the first time.

