

Give Greater DC, News Updates and More



As we continue the good fight, we have found hope in some positive news and recent legislative changes. Just across the river in Maryland, Governor Wes Moore signed into law a geriatric and medical parole reform bill that would allow individuals who are older or ill to apply for early release from incarceration after serving many years. As the Attorney General said, those who are ill or older can “live out [the rest] of their lives with dignity.” Maryland also passed a Second Look Act, which would allow courts to review long prison sentences for those convicted of a crime that happened when they were between 18 and 25 years old. DC has had a similar law for years, which has been instrumental in getting people released after serving decades in prison. Further north, Michigan’s Supreme Court ruled that it was unconstitutional to impose an automatic life sentence with no possibility of release for those 20 years old and under.

Please keep reading below for more positive news and ways to continue to join OAR in the good fight.

OAR Collective

HONORING 50 YEARS



A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Open House in person or in spirit! We are truly honored and grateful that so many of you took time out of your busy schedules to join us or donate to the joyful occasion.

You can still make a special gift to honor OAR's 50th Anniversary! Click the link below to continue supporting OAR and our work in the community.

[Donate Today.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Early Voting Has Started!

Make your voice heard in the upcoming June 17, 2025, Primary Election.

Don't miss out on your chance to vote for Lt. Governor and Attorney General.

In-Person Voting Hours: May 2 - June 14 (See full hours in the link)

Vote By Mail: Request a ballot by June 6

Visit vote.elections.virginia.gov to register, check registration status, or update an existing registration.

[Voting Information](#)

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Mental Health Awareness Month

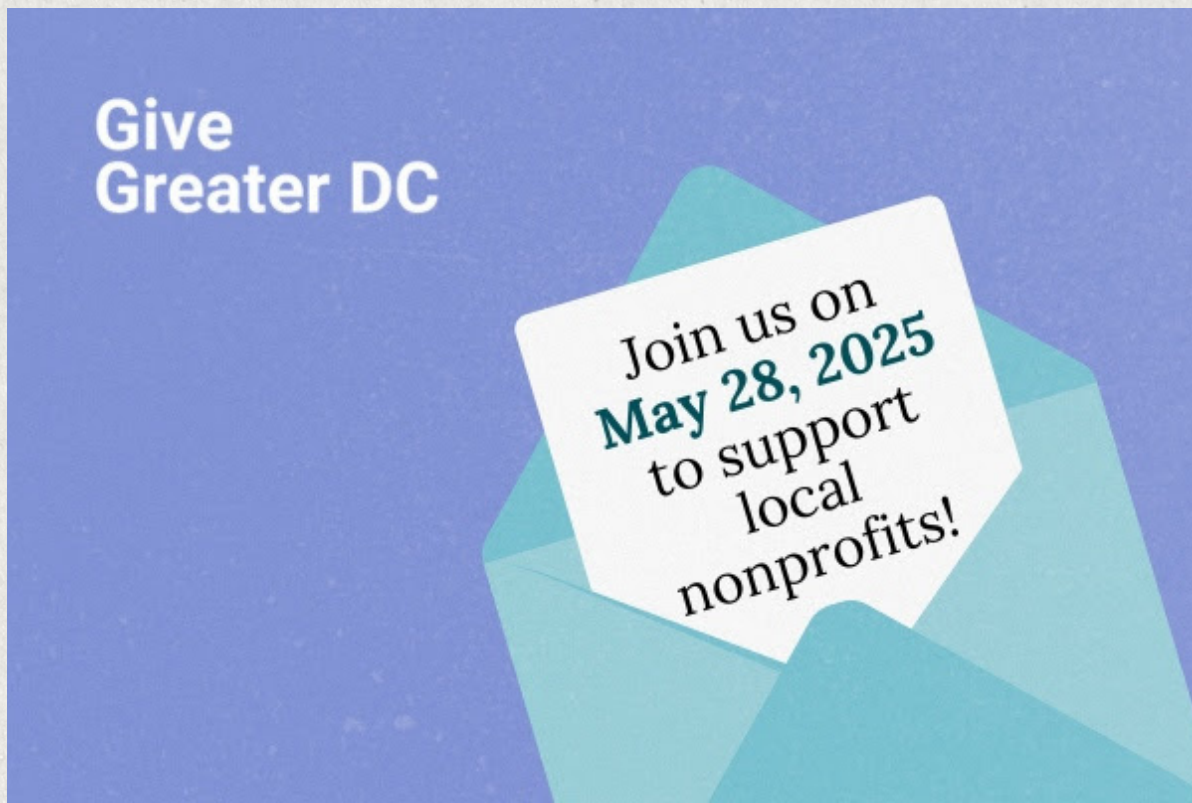


This month, we take time to shine a light on the importance of mental health and the impact it has on our lives. It's a time to check in with ourselves and others, remove the stigma, and offer support to those who need it.

By creating safe spaces for open conversations, promoting self-care, and standing in solidarity with those navigating mental health challenges, we can break barriers and work toward a healthier, more understanding world.

[Click Here for Resources](#)

Give Greater DC



OAR is joining Give Greater DC!

We're excited to be part of Give Greater DC and participate in the Give Greater Gift Day on May 28! This event is a wonderful opportunity for us to engage with our community and raise support for the important work we're doing. Share our Give Greater DC public profile with your friends and loved ones, so they can also learn more about our mission and how contributions help us create a safer and more just community. Early giving has started and you can give through May 28th!

[Donate for our Give Greater DC](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



OAR currently has several volunteer opportunities available for those looking to get more involved in our work. Reentry Support Volunteer Opportunity with OAR! We're looking for in-person Reentry Support volunteers to help at the OAR Welcome Center in Arlington, Virginia. Shifts are flexible with options from Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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CHARLIE'S CORNER



Hi, it's Charlie, OAR's Ambassador of Happiness. Whether it's spending time in the park, a moment on your porch, or soaking in the sunshine through a window, connecting with nature and the outdoors can uplift your mood and refresh your mind.

Take a deep breath, embrace the fresh air, and let nature's beauty brighten your day.

Do you want to see more pictures of Charlie's adventures? Follow us on Instagram

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