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As November comes to an end, our hearts are with the individuals and families we journey with every day. We are grateful for neighbors who are returning to the community, for loved ones who are navigating the impact of the criminal legal system, and for community members who continue to show strength and determination through difficult moments. Their resilience and their trust in OAR inspire us every day.

We are also deeply grateful for YOU. Your compassion and support ensure that people have access to food, clothing, transportation, housing assistance, family reunification support, workforce development, and the encouragement they need as they rebuild and move forward. Your support also strengthens OAR's alternative sentencing, community service, and diversion programs, which provide restorative pathways that keep individuals connected to their families and communities. With rising basic needs costs and ongoing racial injustices, your care continues to make a meaningful difference.

As we reflect on this season of gratitude, we hope you will help sustain OAR's work so that every participant we accompany can move forward with greater stability and hope. Together, we can build a community grounded in justice, joy, and liberation. Your generosity, in any amount and in any form, strengthens our community and helps ensure that no one has to walk their journey alone.

Thank you for being on this journey with us,

The OAR Collective

20th Annual Turkey Trot



20TH ANNUAL ARLINGTON TURKEY TROT

5K WALK & RUN



Proceeds benefit OAR
and 9 other nonprofits
in Arlington County



THANKSGIVING DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

**REGISTER
TODAY!**

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WWW.ARLINGTONVATURKEYTROT.ORG

Arlington's 20th Annual Turkey Trot is officially sold out!! We're honored to participate and grateful for the community spirit that uplifts local organizations, including OAR.

Thank you to everyone who registered and to the volunteers who make this tradition possible. See you there

Help NOT Handcuffs Event



OAR WILL BE A SPEAKER AT THE
COMMUNITY FORUM ON DIVERSION



Help NOT Handcuffs

**Diversion First
Community Forum**



NAACP
Arlington Branch

HYBRID EVENT
IN PERSON:
LUBBER RUN COMMUNITY CENTER
300 N PARK DR ARLINGTON, VA 22203

VIRTUAL/ZOOM REGISTRATION REQUIRED
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/43P1XZQ](https://bit.ly/43P1XZQ)

OAR will be speaking at Help NOT Handcuffs: A Community Forum on Diversion, hosted by Arlington for Justice and the NAACP Arlington Branch.

The conversation centers on ending the criminalization of poverty and building community-based responses that divert people from the criminal legal system and jail across intercepts from initial detention to court, reentry, and community support.

Hybrid event, free and open to the public.

In person: Lubber Run Community Center,

300 N Park Dr, Arlington, VA 22203 Virtual:

Zoom Register below.

Moderator: Rachel Collins. Participants include representatives from the Commonwealth's Attorney, Public Defender's, and Sheriff's offices, OAR, DHS, and the judiciary.

Make your year-end gift today



A year-end gift strengthens OAR's mission of walking alongside neighbors returning to the community, ensuring they have support, connection, and real opportunities to rebuild. Your generosity helps sustain restorative programs that transform lives and uplift our shared vision of justice, joy, and liberation.

CHARLIE'S CORNER



Hi friends, Charlie here.

Today, after visiting with some new friends, I found a quiet moment to stretch and wag my tail. Sometimes, the smallest things, like new friends and rest, can bring the most joy.

– Charlie

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