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A Heartfelt Thank You!

Dear Friends of OAR of Fairfax County,

February, already? Yes, and what better time to offer our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your warm wishes and support during 2008.

Our appreciation is boundless for the generous outpouring of support to help those in need--the men, women and children we serve throughout the year. Thank you!

The contributions of volunteer time and the many financial and in-kind donations mean so much to those who need a helping hand, especially during this time of economic upheaval.

We are sustained and encouraged in our work by the knowledge that we are part of a community that cares.

Thank you and best wishes,

Derwin Overton
Executive Director

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APEX FOUNDATION AWARDS 2009 GRANT TO OAR

The Apex Foundation of Herndon has notified OAR of Fairfax County that it will donate $10,000 this year for general support of OAR. "We are deeply grateful for the Foundation's generous gift and their trust in us," said Derwin Overton, OAR's Executive Director. For more about the Apex Foundation, click below:
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SUCCESS STORIES

A Better Future for Dan: *"Every time I come to OAR I always breathe easier and feel so good...."*

After being released from jail "Dan" called OAR of Fairfax County to say he was in need of shelter--he had been walking around with no place to go. By the next morning OAR secured a shelter placement for Dan. Later he was helped with hygiene items, identification, transportation, clothing, medical and employment needs.

"I have never even received a hello or even a handshake before" Dan said. At OAR it was different. "Every time I come to OAR I always breathe easier and feel so good," he explained. "Thank you guys so much for everything, I know I'm going to be a success story for you all." Dan continued to keep appointments and follow through with tasks to help him build a better future.

A New Life for Paula: *"She walked in with a smile on her face... proud of her accomplishments...."*

When "Paula" arrived at OAR of Fairfax County, she also had just been released from jail. She had nowhere to stay, no clothes or food, or transportation. Completely overwhelmed, she broke into tears but despite everything she did not want to give up hope. OAR offered her a helping hand by first meeting her most critical needs, then after gaining employment she began renting a room. When she came back to OAR, she walked in with a smile on her face, proud of her accomplishments thus far. Three months later, Paula still had her job, was living at the same place, saving money, and starting her life again.

Sam Stays Straight and Helps Others: *"...he expressed his appreciation for OAR's help and the inspiration to stay straight."*

"Sam" had a long history of substance abuse. After his release, he came to OAR for help. Sam had gotten a full-time job but needed two pairs of painter's pants. OAR provided Sam with money to buy the clothing. Later, Sam moved on to another construction job as a lead carpenter and was promoted to site foreman on a salary. When Sam returned to OAR, he expressed his appreciation for OAR's help and the inspiration to stay straight. Now, he wanted to "return the favor." His promotion meant he could hire employees and he offered to help OAR clients needing work.

You can help more people like Dan, Paula, and Sam!

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Interested in becoming a Volunteer?

Click here: Volunteer at OAR

to send an e-mail to our Volunteer Coordinator

Available

OAR's FY 2008 Annual Report is now on-line at: Annual Report

The report includes an update about the Beacon re-entry program, recognizes our valued volunteers and donors, and includes a financial statement.

For a printed copy, e-mail your mailing address to: info@oarfairfax.org

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and enter OAR Fairfax County as the charity you support.

At GoodSearch you will also find GoodShop.com--a new online shopping mall which donates a percentage of each purchase to us. Well-known stores have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order you'll be supporting OAR of Fairfax County.

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