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"REBUILDING LIVES AND BREAKING THE CYCLE OF CRIME "

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e-News from OAR of Fairfax County, Inc.

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Pennies Add Up to Dollars

Using "GoodSearch.com" pays off for OAR

Dear Friends of OAR of Fairfax County,

What if OAR earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it's possible and it's easy!

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo search engine that donates about a penny per search to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine and you can actually see the donations add up on the site!

On the Good Search site you will also find GoodShop.com--a new online shopping mall which donates a percentage of each purchase to us. Stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, Macy's, Barnes and Noble plus many more have teamed up with GoodShop. Every time you place an order you'll be supporting OAR of Fairfax County.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter OAR Fairfax County as the charity you want to support. And please spread the word!

Thank you,

Derwin Overton
Executive Director

shop for a cause pix

Volunteer Maryanne Yergovich at Macy's "Shop for a Cause"

VOLUNTEERS RAISE FUNDS AT "SHOP FOR A CAUSE"

OAR volunteers and staff recently raised $860 during the Macy's Shop for a Cause event. Funds will help pay for direct services to clients such as food, clothing, transportation, work tools or utility assistance.

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Raising Awareness About Sexual Assault

"Impact of Crime" class project to benefit advocacy group

The Impact of Crime Class is selling t-shirts designed by particpants as their community project to raise awareness about sexual assault and the need for increased supportive services for victims.

All of the proceeds above the cost of the t-shirt will be donated to RAINN (Rape, Abuse, Incest and Neglect Network).

For information and to order a t-shirt, click here or contact Angie Harris at aharris@oarfairfax.org

To learn more about RAINN please visit: www.rainn.org.

The BEACON

Thank you everyone!

Interested in becoming an OAR Volunteer?
Click here Volunteer with OAR

New Program Announcement:

VIP Group for Women Begins

A new women's group in the Violence Intervention Program (VIP) has been formed. Currently there are openings for additional participants.

The goal is to help women who have used violent or abusive behaviors in their personal relationships and are interested in developing better coping skills.

The women's group meets each Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. at OAR of Fairfax County's main office in Fairfax City.

Contact Michele Leith at 703-246-3080 or mleith@oarfairfax.org for more information.

FY 2008 Services at a Glance

- Total number of clients served: 4,283
- Skills classes participants: 1,020
- Employment services clients: 792
- Mentoring clients: 68
- Community service clients: 787
- Family outreach (jail lobby): 2,761
- VIP participants: 167
- Impact of Crime class participants: 127
- Volunteers: 129 (6,300 hours; valued at $116,800)

Needs Gas Cards

Transportation critical to employment success

Transportation to and from work sites has provided a vital link to jobs for Beacon participants. Without it, they can't maintain employment.

Currently, the Beacon van is averaging 3,000 miles per month with gasoline running over $600 each month.

Gas card are urgently needed to help offset these costs.

Donated cards may be mailed or dropped off at the office. Indicate that the cards are for the Beacon program with your name and address so we can provide a donation verification form for you.

Community support and involvement has been a key factor in the Beacon's success. Thank you for your continued generous support!

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