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*"Rebuilding Lives and Breaking the Cycle of Crime"*

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### "Holiday Gifts for Children" a Success

More than 20 children, who are struggling to cope with the effects of parental incarceration during the holidays, were provided gifts to make their season a little brighter.

In partnership with Weichert Realtors, OAR's annual "Holiday Gifts for Children" project to provide presents to the children of current or former inmates at the Fairfax County jail was an unqualified success this year.

Upon seeing the box of Christmas gifts for his three children, one father expressed sincere gratitude and surprise saying, "Wow, thank you. I didn't expect this much. This is great. I'm very thankful."

Another recently released dad told staff that if not for OAR's efforts, he would not have been able to afford holiday gifts for his four children this year. He said he was grateful that he would now be able to provide his children with holiday gifts.

As has been the case for the past several years, the project was spearheaded by Joyce Taylor, a Weichert Realtor with their Vienna office. In 2008, Ms. Taylor and Weichert were the recipients of OAR's Marjorie Ginsburg Award for their outstanding efforts in support of OAR's families and in particular for their dedication in bringing joy to children who might not otherwise have a present to open during the holidays.

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