



"REBUILDING LIVES AND BREAKING THE CYCLE OF CRIME "

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## Season's Greetings and Thank You!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our volunteers, and staff we wish you and yours all the best this holiday season. May the New Year be a healthy and happy one, too.

We are especially grateful for the very generous responses to our request for help last year. To cite just a few examples of the positive outcomes:

- ❖ Individual holiday giving more than doubled compared to the total donated at the same time the previous year
- ❖ In-kind contributions rose 50% from the prior fiscal year
- ❖ New grants totaling \$30,000 were received from the *Neighbors in Need Fund of the Community Foundation of National Capital Region, Ameriprise Financial's Community Fund, and the Gannett Foundation's Community Grants*

This kind of support made it possible for us to ease the burdens of our clients and to serve those in need. In FY 2009 more than 87% of our budget was used for client services, thanks to the contributions of individuals, businesses, churches, and foundations who believe in our mission.

While this year was difficult, and the year ahead is expected to be as challenging or more so, we are very optimistic we will overcome any financial or program barriers because we can count on a very caring community to help us through it all.

Thank you for standing with us and those we serve through these tough times!

Sincerely,

Derwin Overton  
Executive Director

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## Key Accomplishments in FY 2009

- The Beacon program added three new participants; recidivism was

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#### DEPT. OF JUSTICE AWARDS OAR SECOND CHANCE ACT GRANT

A two-year grant totaling \$300,000 has been awarded to OAR of Fairfax County under the Second Chance Act for mentoring and transitional services. This was a national competition and only 36 organizations of the 507 applicants were awarded funding. OAR of Fairfax County was one of two in Virginia to be selected.

For more information about Second Chance Act Grants: [Click here](#)

#### The Philip Graham Fund...

has awarded OAR \$20,000 to support housing for Beacon program

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- 3,293 total clients served; 214 clients were homeless
- 128 volunteers contributed 8,684 hours, a 38% increase from FY 2008
- Skills classes: 1,344 participants
- Employment services: 537 clients
- Mentoring: 56 clients
- Impact of Crime Class: 127 participants
- Family outreach (jail lobby): 1,342 service units
- Violence Intervention Classes: 139 participants; 83% success rate
- Community service: 743 placements; value: \$540,495 in deferred jail costs

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## SHOP ON-LINE AND HELP OAR

Use [GoodShop](#) to find coupons and discounts at more than 1,000 stores. A percentage of every purchase will also go to OAR as your favorite charity.

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participants.

**For more about the Philip Graham Fund:**  
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