



**FRAN FURMAN RETIRES FROM OAR**



Fran Furman

Fran Furman, OAR's Senior Volunteer Coordinator since 1998, retired on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Among Fran's countless contributions to OAR were awards from Volunteer Fairfax on two occasions recognizing OAR's dynamic volunteer program. Under Fran's leadership, the number of volunteers helping OAR and the community jumped from 88 volunteers in FY 2004 to 159 volunteers in FY 2010, a remarkable 81% increase. Beyond the statistics, Fran was known for her ability to engage potential volunteers and find just the right role for each one. She also had a keen knack for building valuable relationships with community organizations, educational institutions, and faith communities as sources of volunteer support.

Upon learning of Fran's retirement, one former volunteer remarked: *"In 2001, I responded to an ad in my Church bulletin asking for volunteers for OAR. The first person I met, of course, was Fran. She was, and is, absolutely the best ambassador for OAR's Volunteer program and was the main reason I decided to come onboard."*

OAR Executive Director, Derwin Overton, said, *"We will have a lasting appreciation of Fran's many accomplishments and her tireless dedication to OAR's mission. She will be missed."*

An appreciation gathering in Fran's honor will be held on March 11 at OAR of Fairfax County at 2:00 p.m. To RSVP, e-mail: [bcosby@oarfairfax.org](mailto:bcosby@oarfairfax.org).

**Immediate Volunteer Opportunity:**

**Mentors Needed**

Mentors urgently needed: Mentors meet weekly with inmates at the Fairfax Adult Detention Center while the inmates prepare for release. Men are particularly in demand as mentors. With support from an OAR case manager, Volunteers will mentor the same person during a 15-month mentoring commitment (3 months in the jail; 12 months in the community). Mentoring pairs will be matched based on age, interests, and need. The mentoring program is designed to guide ex-offenders to a successful return to the community.

Minimum age: 21.

Time Commitment: Approximately 2 hours per week.

Interested? E-mail: [bcosby@oarfairfax.org](mailto:bcosby@oarfairfax.org)

For other volunteer opportunities at OAR, [click here](#)

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**Leadership at the "Front Desk" A Volunteer Profile**

On Thursdays clients and visitors to OAR are greeted and helped by John Enzmann, an OAR volunteer since 2009. John is a Service Coordinator who has helped other volunteers master the skills needed to handle the fast-paced responsibilities at OAR's front desk. These duties include identifying client needs, responding to inquiries, scheduling appointments, providing referrals, and updating data bases.

Last year, John received OAR's Executive Director's Award which recognizes an OAR volunteer who has not only contributed to the mission of OAR of Fairfax County but someone who gives of their time and talent to assist others in need in our community.

"I enjoy the opportunity of assisting our clients with their needs. What is especially helpful is the assistance I have learned to expect from the OAR staff

## Rose Marie Sandweg



(L-R) Rose Marie Sandweg;  
Janeth Welch, former OAR  
Director; William Sandweg

OAR of Fairfax County has lost a great friend and loyal benefactor. Rose Marie Sandweg passed away on January 13, 2011 at the age of 95. Mrs. Sandweg was an accomplished artist and avid gardener as well an OAR volunteer.

OAR's *William Sandweg Award for Advocacy and Financial Support of OAR* is named after her husband who was a founding member of the Board of Directors in 1971. Mr. Sandweg served as Board president for several years and was the first active OAR volunteer.

All of us at OAR express our sincere sympathy to the Sandweg family on their loss.

[Link to Mrs. Sandweg's obituary in The Washington Post](#)

and volunteers," John observed recently.

John is a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC), Northern Virginia Region, which he joined in 2006. Ignatian Volunteers share their skills, talents, and life experiences to help meet the needs of the poor in their community.

"John is a special volunteer. His efforts have improved the lives of formerly incarcerated persons and the lives of others in our community. We can't thank him enough for all he's done," said Derwin Overton, OAR Executive Director.

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