

COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

IMPACT, UPDATES, AND COMMUNITY WINS



Kheila Jones

Together We Grow: A Message from our Executive Director

As we step into 2026, I'm inspired by the incredible ways our community continues to grow, connect, and lift one another up. This year is already full of momentum, from our new Employment Clinic and expanded Sober Living program to the strength of our RRA cohort, who are completing their department trainings and preparing to make an even bigger impact. Every one of these moments reflect the compassion and commitment you bring to this shared work.

We're also thrilled to unveil the next chapter of our story through the AOG Recovery rebrand, a fresh look that honors our roots while embracing a future full of hope and possibility. We are recipients of a new 2026 grant for our food pantry. New opportunities like this make it clear that 2026 will be a year of connection, care, and continued transformation. Thank you for standing with us and for all the ways you help make our mission real in people's lives every day.



What The Community Says About Us

"Holiday Helping Hands was such a great event! Santa, gifts, crafts, hot chocolate, face painting, and the most talented balloon artist I've ever seen. Everyone was so kind and welcoming. Thank you, AOG, for being a community partner that really knows the meaning of community."

~Courtney Walker

Volunteer Spotlight

Community Changemakers

Recently, The Life Church-RVA held their 5th Weekend Serve Saturday where members volunteered to assemble and donate 500 breakfast kits to AOG. Because of them, our Food Pantry is able to continue serving families facing hardships and difficult times in our community.



It Takes a Village...Volunteer

We could not do the work we do without the support of volunteers. We value all of our volunteers who donate their time and resources to assist us in supporting our community. If you're interested in volunteering with us, please fill out the Volunteer Application [here](#) or email us at VolunteerServices@aog4u.org.

Food Pantry Spotlight

Food Pantry Spotlight: This Is Our 10th Year of Making A Difference!

Since launching in 2016, our goal has been to provide supplemental support to individuals experiencing hardship and food insecurity. Today, we continue to serve an average of 700 individuals each week.

With the help of dedicated community volunteers, we distribute food and hygiene resources through onsite pickups, our weekly Tuesday mobile pantry, and limited home deliveries for elderly or disabled community members.

As we continue building partnerships with corporate partners and local organizations, we look forward to increasing the number of donated food and hygiene kits available to those we serve. We are also excited to expand these partnerships in the coming months to create even more opportunities for volunteers to get involved.

We're helping to bridge the gap with food accessibility and stability because of those dedicated to community volunteering!



Upcoming Events

This year, AOG will be celebrating our *Sweet Sixteen!* Stay tuned for more information as we prepare for a wonderful celebration.



From Idea to Impact: The Journey to Our Pet Pantry

Established in 2022, AOG's Pet Pantry was created in response to a growing community need, providing an additional layer of support for families experiencing food insecurity while helping them care for their beloved pets. Those visiting the AOG Food Pantry are pleasantly surprised to learn that we also offer pet food assistance. For many families, this added support provides real relief and helps ensure their pets remain healthy and cared for. Our goal is to make sure no one has to choose between feeding themselves and feeding their furry companion.

Each week, the Pet Pantry serves between 40-70 families. In addition to our weekly support, we also provide emergency pet food assistance when unexpected needs arise. Every visit reminds us just how special the bond is between people and their pets.

A few of our proudest accomplishments are the recently awarded grants from the Animal Welfare Fund and Furbish Thrift. These grants allow us to continue covering our monthly budget, while also keeping our pantry stocked with pet supplies. We look forward to continue providing support to many families.



In the Workshop

Rebrand On Demand: A.O.G. Recovery

We're excited to introduce A.O.G. Recovery Programs, a new name that reflects the full ecosystem of programs and services we offer to support individuals on their recovery journey. Our community is built for healing, growth, and lasting transformation, meeting people where they are and walking alongside them through every stage of recovery.

Through our 45–120-day residential programs, long-term sober living communities, and alumni support, we are able to support individuals from those in the earliest stages of recovery to those seeking continued stability and connection. Our goal is to remain connected and committed to the journey, creating pathways for lasting recovery, community, and purpose.

At A.O.G. Recovery Programs, individuals receive whole-person care through a wide range of services, including peer recovery support, a full substance use treatment continuum, psychiatric and medical services, and both short- and long-term recovery housing. Together, these services create a comprehensive network of care designed to support lasting recovery and renewed purpose.



Our Philosophy

“When nothing changes, nothing changes”

~Kheila and Shiloh Jones

Our mission is to support individuals on their journey to self-sufficiency by addressing addiction, recovery, and the barriers that often stand in the way of lasting stability. We believe meaningful transformation happens when people are given the tools, support, and opportunities to make new choices and build a different future. When the conditions surrounding someone changes, their possibilities can change, too.



Community Spotlight

New Sober Living Housing

We are thrilled to announce a new level of sober living at A.O.G. Recovery! This exciting new service is designed to provide a stable, high-quality environment for those with at least one year of sobriety. Our expansion reflects A.O.G.'s continued commitment to supporting individuals at every stage of their recovery journey.

By creating housing for those who have moved beyond early recovery, we are helping residents strengthen their independence, while remaining connected to a supportive, recovery-focused community. This new level of sober living is another step forward in A.O.G.'s mission to provide essential services that promote self-sufficiency.



“Recovery is more than just staying sober, it is rebuilding your life. A.O.G. Sober Living provides the structure and accountability to make that possible.”

~Maurice Roy, Program Manager

| What else is New...?

Our Residential Advisors are doing BIG things!

AOG continues to invest in the next generation of recovery professionals through our Recovery Residential Advisor (RRA) Internship Program. This hands-on internship places participants directly within our recovery residences, where they support residents while also gaining valuable, real-world experience in a recovery-focused environment. RRAs play an important role in helping maintain a safe, supportive community for individuals working toward lasting recovery. In addition to their work inside the residences, RRAs receive a range of professional development opportunities and certificate-level trainings designed to strengthen their skills and expand their career pathways.

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Members of this cohort recently completed both APPR (Action Planning for Prevention and Recovery) training and Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) training, key credentials that strengthen their ability to support individuals on their recovery journey. Through programs like the RRA internship, AOG remains committed to building a skilled workforce that advances recovery, strengthens communities, and expands opportunities for those called to serve in this important field.



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*Building and Empowering Lives,
One Connection at a Time.*

Program Highlights

Employment Clinic Launch



"We are changing lives, and that feels good."

~Aaron Blowers, Lead Personal Development Trainer

We are also excited to announce that we have launched the Fresh Start Employment Clinic! This weekly clinic is designed to support our Fresh Start participants with practical tools, individualized guidance, and connection to employment pathways. We believe that this clinic will strengthen participants' readiness for employment, while supporting long-term recovery by increasing stability, confidence, and sufficiency.

FRESH START
RECOVERY PROGRAM



Fresh Start had



61 Graduates this quarter

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Together We Grow: Thank you to our community partners and volunteers!



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What Partners Say About Us!

"We have been providing trainings for the RRA program the past couple of years. I love working with AOG. They understand coming together for a common purpose of supporting the community."
~Nicole Ross

