

AARI IN ACTION!

1st Quarter 2024 - A Season of Firsts

January

We hosted the **1st** "Just in case" Narcan training at O'Sullivan's Pub and we look forward to hosting more of these events in the warmer months!

February

We held the **1st** AARI Volunteer Information Night with a packed room of 32 amazing and eager-to-get-started volunteers which inspired us to keep doing all we can to keep sharing the importance of this issue in our community.

We also released our **1st** [AARI Impact Report!](#)

We partnered with our **1st** place of worship (Our Lady Queen of Peace) to be a medication deactivation bag access point.

March

AARI volunteers were busy in the community during National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week, leading 2 presentations and tabling 6 events. Part of our outreach that week included our **1st** Mega Mart outreach.

We wrapped up the quarter with our **1st** Rosslyn Narcan Pop-Up event.



AARI 1st Quarter Stats

- Narcan boxes dispensed: 807
- Fentanyl test strips: 1,272
- Xylazine test strips (began in November): 17
- Medication deactivation bags: 156
- Community tabling events: 15
 - 4 of the events were aimed at teens.
 - Interacted with approx. 662 people.
- Community presentations: 14
 - 9 presentations aimed at teens.
 - Approx. 267 total attendees.
- 1-hour Narcan trainings: 8 with 70 attendees.
- Total number of volunteer hours: 77.5



AARI Partner HIGHLIGHT AFAC

Thanks to the collaboration of Debbie Staren-Doby, Client Services Coordinator, and Lily Duran, Director of Client Services at AFAC we will be hosting our **2nd annual AFAC outreach week (April 15-20th)**. This partnership allows us to reach a broader audience with the important message of AARI.

AFAC is devoted to providing Arlington residents dignified access to nutritious, supplemental groceries—free of charge and they are also one of our community access points for medication deactivation bags!

THANK YOU AFAC!

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 7 NATIONAL FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY

The New Drug Talk

Film screening & facilitated discussion

Tuesday, May 7th
7:00-8:30 p.m.
2100 Washington Blvd
Auditorium 1

Let us know you're coming! Register [here](#)

**we love our
volunteers!**



**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION WEEK
APRIL 21-27**

**WE NEED
BILINGUAL
VOLUNTEERS**

**IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH TO
HELP
AT OUR
UPCOMING EVENTS!**

If you want to schedule an outreach event please email Marti mmefford@arlingtonva.us



Please follow, like & share AARI's Socials!



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

- **4/9-12 Food Drive for AFAC**
Leave food in donation box located next to security desk at 2120 Washington Blvd
- **4/15-22 AFAC Outreach Week**
- **4/20 VHC Health Fair**
- **5/3 Tabling at Ethiopian Health Fair**
- **5/6 Monthly Service Project**
6- 7:30, 2120 Washington Blvd
- **5/7 National Fentanyl Awareness Day**
- **6/29 Arlington Pride Fest**

**WE COULD NOT DO THIS WORK
WITHOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

Visit our [Signup Genius page](#) to volunteer!