AARI NACTION!



2023 Highlights!

We have a lot to celebrate thanks to all of our

AMAZING AARI Volunteers

Community Connections continues to grow

with 6 new partners adding emergency naloxone to their buildings:

- Arlington Parks and Recreation (all buildings)
- Animal Welfare League of Arlington
- Arlington Free Clinic
- Bridges to Independence
- Army Reviews Board (Crystal City)
- Arlington's Department of Human Services added emergency kits to all of their county cars.

We hosted the 2nd Annual International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil and saw a 57% increase in attendance.

We increased our adolescent education in the community by presenting to:

- Second-chance participants
- Arlington Mill Teen Center
- Student-athletes at Yorktown High School
- APS High Schools during Red Ribbon Week
- PTSA meetings
- In the homes of concerned parents and students
- Teens at Arlington Public Libraries

We strengthened our adolescent collaboration by co-creating three PSAs using student and community voices.

The Virginia Association of Counties (VaCo) awarded us an Achievement Award in August! We were honored with the County Managers' Excellence Award in February!



2023 By The Numbers:

- 26 Community Presentations with a total of 742 people in attendance
- 46 Xylazine test strips distributed (started in November)
- 70 Medication Lock Boxes Distributed
- 79 Revive 1 hour Narcan trainings provided with a total of 1, 631 participants
- 989 Medication Deactivation Bags Distributed
- 5,203 Boxes of Narcan distributed
- 7,196 Fentanyl test strips distributed



We couldn't do this important work without all of **you!**

To receive updates for upcoming volunteer opportunities send an email to: aari@arlingtonva.us & type

Volunteer in subject line!

AARI Partner HIGHLIGHT: Heather Williams RN, PHN



- Public Health Nurse at Wakefield High School
- George Washington Nursing School Grad
- Was a Pediatric Nurse before becoming a School Nurse
- Loves hiking with her family and playing soccer
- Fluent in Spanish
- A valuable asset at our outreach events. Heather is incredibly gifted at communicating with compassion and care.

THANK YOU HEATHER!

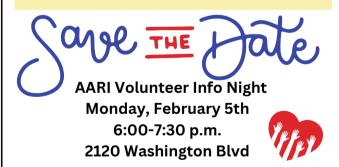






- 1/17 DHS Monthly Tabling Event 4-6
- 2/5 Volunteer Orientation 6-7:30 see below for more information
- **2/21** DHS Monthly Tabling Event 4-6
- **2/24** Feel the Heritage Festival 12-5
- **3/20** Marymount University Student Health Fair 1-4
- **4/12 to 4/22** 2nd Annual Narcan Campaign at AFAC

Please go to <u>Sign-Up Genius</u> to sign up and for more information!



Help us recruit volunteers to be a part of this rewarding work.
Bring a friend for an evening of food and hear about how we are impacting the community and the many ways volunteers can provide support.

