

# ★ AARI *in* ACTION ★



3rd Annual  
International Overdose  
Awareness Vigil

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 3rd annual overdose vigil. We joined together on September 4th to remember those who have lost their lives to overdose and to honor family and friends impacted by overdose.

We appreciate our story tellers Heather, Will, Marianna and Jenette for sharing personal stories to help increase understanding and awareness about overdose. The evening closed with a meaningful time of remembrance led by Rev. Ashley Goff and Ashley Madden from Arlington Presbyterian Church.

Here's to another year of working together to end the stigma of drug use, and drug-related overdose. [Please take a moment to share your feedback for the vigil](#); your suggestions help us with future planning.



## AARI making a difference 3rd Quarter Data:

- 722 Boxes of Narcan Dispensed
- 840 Fentanyl Test Strips Distributed
- 134 Xylazine Test Strips
- 74 Medication Deactivation Bags
- 14 Community Tabling Events
- 1653 Community Member Interactions
- 5 Presentations
- 134 attendees

## AARI was all over Arlington these past few months!

- Arlington County Fair
- 3rd Annual Overdose Vigil
- National Recovery Month Forum
- Green Valley Day
- Tyrol Hill Hispanic Heritage Festival
- AWLA Free Animal Clinic
- NatCap's Recovery Celebration
- [Save a Life Day - Check out pages 3-4 for more details!](#)

Together

we are making a difference!

## Volunteer

## SPOTLIGHT Vespa



Our Amazing AARI volunteers logged over **200 hours** this quarter! Picking one person to highlight is difficult, so this quarter, we're giving a shout out to Vespa, our adorable therapy dog, who has been a source of unconditional love at several AARI events. We also appreciate her human Donovan Holloway for including her in our outreach events.



# Award Season!



**Jim Dooley honored for 5 years of Service with AARI!**

AARI's "Narcain Slinger," Jim Dooley, was recognized twice this summer for his commitment to AARI. First, he was awarded the Distinguished County Service Award by Volunteer Arlington and then recognized at the July County Board Meeting for his years of service with AARI.



AARI was awarded a Community Builder Award at the 27th Annual Celebration of Recovery hosted by National Capital Treatment and Recovery



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## UPCOMING OUTREACH DATES

- 10/16 Rosslyn Farmers Market
  - 3-7 pm
- 10/17 Brief Narcan Training at DHS
  - 3-5 pm
- 10/24 HB Woodlawn Health Fair
  - 9-11 am
- 10/24 Ballston Farmers Market
  - 3-7 pm
- 10/29 Columbia Pike Farmers Market
  - 9 am - 1pm
- 11/09 AHC and APAH Health Fair
  - 10 am-1 pm
- 11/21 Homeless Services Health Fair
  - 9 am - 2 pm
- 11/21 Brief Narcan Training at DHS
  - 3-5 pm

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# CHECK OUT

# NEW OUR IMPROVED WEBSITE!

It's time to update AARI'S Strategic Plan  
[Click here to review](#)

Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey below, your feedback is appreciated!



## QUICK SURVEY



# SAVE A LIFE DAY - EAST -



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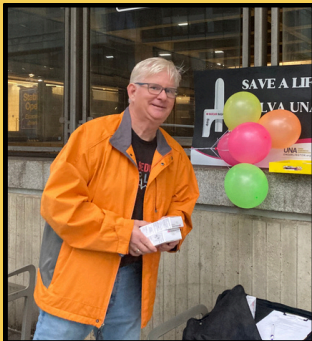


## AARI & APS participated in Save a Life Day on September 26th.

APS Substance Use Counselors provided "drive by trainings" for parents at each high school & brief trainings for APS staff.



AARI volunteers shared lifesaving Narcan all over the county despite the rain!



**Total boxes of Narcan distributed:**  
347

**Total # of people interacted with:**  
453

