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ACNBA Marking World AIDS Day

Events, Displays & Presentations Highlight AIDS Awareness Week in North Bay

The **AIDS Committee of North Bay & Area (ACNBA)** will be marking **World AIDS Day, December 1, 2012**, with a presentation and **Memorial Lanterns Launch** ceremony at the **Ferguson Block Parkette** in downtown **North Bay** as part of its **AIDS Awareness Week (AAW)** activities.

AAW officially runs from November 24th, 2012, leading up to December 1, 2012, **World AIDS Day**. ACNBA kicked off AAW with its **"Paint the Town Red" Gala**, Saturday, November 24th at **The Wall, Nipissing University/Canadore College Student Centre**.

Communities around the world take part in this annual, week-long event to raise AIDS awareness and to commemorate the approximately **34 million** people who have been lost to HIV/AIDS. 2012 marks the 31st year of the AIDS epidemic.

World AIDS Day Ceremony:

WHERE: The **Ferguson Block Parkette**, Fraser & Main Street W., North Bay

WHEN: **Saturday, December 1st, 2012**, 10:00 am

WHO: Mayor **Al McDonald** will read the official city proclamation

AIDS Awareness Week (AAW) events:

- **World AIDS Day** proclamation and **Memorial Lanterns Launch**
- sections from the **Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt** will be on display at various locations around the city
- **ACNBA's** information booth will be on hand at **Nipissing University/Canadore College**
- **HIV/AIDS** presentations will take place throughout the week at various locations
- **North Bay art galleries** and **tattoo studios** will pay tribute to **Day Without Art** (December 1, 2012) with displays at their locations

See **AAW 2012 Itinerary** for all event details.

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