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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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**World AIDS Day**  
*White Water Gallery New Venue for Event*

The **AIDS Committee of North Bay & Area (ACNBA)** will be marking **AIDS Awareness Week (AAW) (November 24, 2016 to December 1, 2016)** with a number of events culminating in a special **World AIDS Day (WAD)** gathering – being held inside this year - at the **White Water Gallery**.

**North Bay Mayor, Al McDonald** will read the official WAD proclamation with area dignitaries, art gallery and tattoo studio guests, ACNBA staff, volunteers, peers and friends of the agency on hand.

Following the vigil and proclamation at the White Water Gallery, donated red scarves, knitted by volunteers and friends of ACNBA for the **Red Scarf Project** will be tied in the downtown area by ACNBA staff, peers, volunteers and anyone who wishes to participate.

The scarves, bearing HIV/AIDS awareness information will be left for anyone to take. Recipients are encouraged to send us a selfie in their red scarf - which will be posted on our social media - or to upload one to **#ACNBaredscarf**.

Everyone is invited to a reception for light refreshments at our Main Street office following the Red Scarf Project.

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| Tuesday, November 29th, 9:30 am   | <b>HIV Testing Drive - True Self (239 Main St. E.)</b>                            |
| Wednesday, November 30th, 5:30 pm | <b>HIV Testing Drive - Open Arms Café - St. John the Divine (301 Main St. E.)</b> |
| Thursday, December 1st, 10:00 am  | <b>World AIDS Day Vigil - White Water Gallery (122 Main St. E.)</b>               |
| Thursday, December 1st, 10:30 am  | <b>Red Scarf Project - downtown</b>   |
| Thursday, December 1st, 11:30 am  | <b>Reception - ACNBA office</b>   |
| Thursday, December 1st, all day   | <b>Day Without Art - participating galleries/studios</b>                          |
| Monday, December 5th, 2:00 pm     | <b>HIV Testing Drive - North Bay Indian Friendship Centre (980 Cassells St.)</b>  |

*For more information on ACNBA's AIDS Awareness Week event go to [www.aidsnorthbay.com](http://www.aidsnorthbay.com) or contact:*

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