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**ADAP Advocacy Association Awards
"2009 ADAP Champion" Award to William Arnold**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 3, 2009) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**, today announced that William "Bill" Arnold is the recipient of its "2009 ADAP Champion" award. The annual award recognizes a leader in the HIV/AIDS community who has demonstrated his/her commitment to improving access to care for people living with HIV/AIDS by promoting and enhancing the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

“Bill has been fighting the good fight against HIV/AIDS for nearly 30 years, and there is no better leader within our community who deserves this award today,” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “With ADAPs in a state of emergency nationwide, Bill's steadfast leadership and commitment to improving the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs is unmatched and his leadership deserves the recognition bestowed by receiving the 2009 ADAP Champion award.”

Arnold currently serves as the Board Co-Chair of the ADAP Advocacy Association, also helped to form the organization in 2007. He is a longtime HIV/AIDS activist and consumer organizer and has been active in developing HIV/AIDS organizations and HIV/AIDS policy at the local, state and national level since the mid 1980s. Arnold is a founding director (1996) of The Title II Community AIDS National Network (TIICANN) and is currently its CEO - now referred to as the Community Access National Network (CANN). He is also a founder (1995) of The National ADAP Working Group, a Washington, DC based advocacy coalition of HIV/AIDS organizations. His involvement with grassroots AIDS work has included roles from Board Chair and Board Member, to ‘Buddy’ to AIDS Educator, Community Outreach Director, & pre & post test HIV Counselor. Arnold has testified on HIV/AIDS issues before several county legislatures, the New York State Assembly and the United States Congress on numerous occasions. In addition, Arnold has been active in global AIDS activities as Secretary/Treasurer of AIDSETI (AIDS Empowerment and Treatment International).

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