

**International Overdose Awareness Day-Milwaukee**  
**Meeting You Where You Are**  
**August 31, 2023**  
**Event Details**

**Samad's House**  
**2875 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. | 10 a.m.-12 noon**

Samad's House event will include the reading of a poem, speeches, and an open forum for guests. Staff will train on how to administer Narcan and fentanyl testing strips. They will also host a table for the recovery puzzle that is being completed statewide with Wisconsin Voices for Recovery. Samad's House will host an association game with a wheel of emotions. Participants will spin the wheel and the emotion it lands on will prompt them to paint the first thought that comes to mind on a canvas provided by Samad's House. After painting the emotion, they will then unpack their thoughts so they process through grief with a licensed counselor. Samad's House is providing personalized totes for participants.

Organizations providing resources on site: Aurora Health Care, Community Medical Services, Gilead Sciences, Grief Counseling, Healing Waters, Legal Action of Wisconsin, The Phoenix Milwaukee, Vivent Health, WCS Peer Support Services, Wisconsin Voices for Recovery.

**UMOS Inc.**  
**3701 S. Chase Ave. | 1-3 p.m.**

UMOS will host a variety of activities and organizations, beginning with an opening prayer from Pastor Marty Calderon and a moment of silence. Afterwards, there will be an open mic for visitors to share their experiences with overdose and substance misuse; Narcan and fentanyl test strip training to prevent overdose, and a rock painting and coloring activity to help those impacted by overdose to communicate their feelings through artwork.

Organizations providing resources on site: Addiction Services and Pharmacotherapy, Anthem, iCare, CleanSlate, Community Medical Services, Gilead, Milwaukee Fire Department MORI - Milwaukee Overdose Response Initiative, Nar-Anon, Onepillkills, RISE Drug Free MKE, Safe & Sound, Street Angels, Team HAVOC, Team Unified, UMOS Health Promotions, Vivent Health, WHLTPN (Wisconsin Hispanic/Latinx Tobacco Prevention Network), UMOS W2, UMOS Latina Resource Center, UMOS Energy Assistance.

**Mitchell Park Pavilion**  
**524 S. Layton Blvd. | 4 to 7:30 p.m.**

Organized by Team HAVOC and the RISE Drug Free MKE coalition, this event will feature a moment of silence for lost loved ones, then speakers including Milwaukee Common Council President Jose Perez, State Rep. Silvia Ortiz-Velez, and Milwaukee County Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez. Guests are invited to write a name of a loved one on a purple ribbon as a



memorial to be placed on the City of Milwaukee’s Memorial Tree, which will be on display in City Hall. Other activities include Narcan and fentanyl test strip training, grief resources, face painting and a bouncy house for kids, and much more. At 7 p.m., guests are invited to release a memorial lantern in the lagoon area to honor a loved one. At about 7:30 p.m., a march beginning at Mitchell Park Pavilion northward to Wisconsin Avenue and south on 16<sup>th</sup> Street will show residents’ unity in addressing the opioid crisis.

Organizations providing resources on site: Community Medical Services, Grief Recovery After Substance Passing (GRASP), Nar-Anon, Milwaukee Women’s Center, Onepillkills, RISE Drug Free MKE, Samad’s House, Team HAVOC, UMOS, Vivent Health, West Allis Comprehensive Treatment Center, Wisconsin Voices of Recovery, and many more.

