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WAUKESHA COUNTY CITIZENS DISPOSE OF OVER THREE TONS OF MEDICATION AT COUNTYWIDE DRUG COLLECTION

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Waukesha County residents dropped off 6,416 pounds of medication, collectively, at the 8 location sites in 4 hours during the Waukesha County Drug Free Communities Coalition’s Prescription Drug Collection held on Saturday, April 26th. Collection drop-off sites included Brookfield, Menomonee Falls, Mukwonago, Muskego, New Berlin, Oconomowoc, Pewaukee and Waukesha.

The goal of the program is to dispose of unused medications in an effort to reduce prescription drug abuse and accidental poisonings in Waukesha County, help protect local waterways and create awareness of the dangers of prescription drug abuse. Since the program began in 2009, in total, as a result of 6 collections, over 30,000 pounds of medication has been collected and properly disposed.

The program is partially funded due to a partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), ProHealth Care and donations from community organizations, businesses and individuals. If you would like to join us in this effort and make a donation to the program, please contact Julianne Davan at jdavan@waukeshacounty.gov.

The drugs were collected under the supervision of local police and the Waukesha County Metro Drug Enforcement Unit. The drugs will be escorted by law enforcement to an incinerator where they will be properly destroyed.

The group plans to hold drug collections regularly. The collection website www.waukeshacounty.gov/drugcollection will provide information on the next collection as the date approaches.

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