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WAUKESHA COUNTY DRUG COLLECTION COLLECTS OVER 4,500 POUNDS OF MEDICATION

WAUKESHA, Wis. – More than 2,000 vehicles dropped off 4,688 pounds of medication, collectively, at the 6 location sites during the Waukesha County Drug Free Communities Coalition’s Prescription Drug Collection held on Saturday, May 8th. At the collection, with drop-off sites in Brookfield, Menomonee Falls, Mukwonago, Oconomowoc, Pewaukee and Waukesha, 4,297 pounds of non-controlled and 265 pounds of controlled substances, as well as 126 pounds of inhalants, were disposed of.

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. The pounds collected Saturday exceeded last year’s collection by nearly 2,000 pounds.

The program is partially funded through a partnership with ProHealth Care, donations from Bronze Level Sponsors Dohmen and DDN and donations from individuals. Donations are still needed for future collections. If you would like to join us in this effort and make a donation to the program, please contact Erin Drout at edrout@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 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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