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HC DrugFree is keeping Howard County *In the KNOW!!!*

Why Work Together in Howard County?

Because of the ongoing support from the community and our partners, HC DrugFree's Saturday, April 27 convenient drive-thru medication and sharps collection was another huge success. Together, we **disposed of nearly 1,000 lbs of medication and a record number of sharps!**

Under the watchful eyes of the **Howard County Police Department** and the **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)**, HC DrugFree's site collected 993 lbs (35 bins) of unwanted and expired over-the-counter and prescription medication plus 20 bins of "sharps" (needles, syringes and EpiPens) in only 4 hours. *That's a lot!*



Pictured above: Columbia resident Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford and HC DrugFree's Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi worked together for hours collecting medication and sharps from community members. Some people handed our team a few pills in tiny plastic bags and others gave us large heavy boxes filled with years of medication and/or sharps.

The DEA's national Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths. Approximately 500 vehicles used our drive-thru and 70 committed volunteers and supporters came together in the Wilde Lake

Village Center parking lot to join in our efforts to protect families from drug misuse, to protect our water systems and landfills for future generations, and to protect our community from drug-related crime and violence.

Thank you for helping HC DrugFree, **the Howard County Police Department, the Howard County Health Department, the Howard County General Hospital** and our other partners provide this same opportunity to our community.



Pictured above: County Executive Calvin Ball presenting Joan Webb Scornaienchi with a joint County Executive and County Council Proclamation for HC DrugFree's annual *Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month*. Volunteer in background: John Scornaienchi

We can't list everyone, but we do need to acknowledge a few organizations and individuals:

- Maryland Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford for working hard to collect medication and sharps from his home community as well as overseeing statewide efforts to address the opioid epidemic
- Howard County Executive Calvin Ball and the Howard County Council for presenting HC DrugFree with a joint County Executive and County Council Proclamation and your ongoing support of HC DrugFree
- The Drug Enforcement Administration and the Howard County Police Department for guarding and transporting the medications
- The Howard County Health Department, Wegman's, and Morrison Chiropractics for providing funding for this event
- The Howard County General Hospital for partnering on the sharps collection
- The Howard County Public School System, PTAs/PTAs, pharmacies, community/religious organizations and many others for sharing our information throughout the community (Please let us know if you shared our information with your group!)
- The UPS Store in the Wilde Lake Village Center for taking good care of us for each of these events and throughout the year
- Adult and student volunteers (especially members of HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council)

Pictured below: Joan with community volunteer Glenda Johnson. Glenda is a long-time "Friend of HC DrugFree" and both women proudly represent Soroptimist International's Mid-Atlantic club.

Donate at www.hcdrugfree.org and become a "Friend of HC DrugFree" and email Admin@hcdrugfree.org to have your organization volunteer at our next event.



Volunteer at our next drive-thru collection in approximately 6 months.

What's A Pill Weigh? A Lot When Combined with Others

As we wait for the Saturday, April 27 national medication Take Back results to be released, here's a quick reminder about the **October 2018** national Take Back results:

- Total Law Enforcement Participation: **4,770**
 - Total Collection Sites: **5,839**
 - Total Weight Collected: **914,236 lbs. (457.12 Tons)**
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If You Missed HC DrugFree's Drive-Thru Collection & Still Have Meds/Sharps

If you missed our convenient drive-thru collection of both medication and sharps, contact us to talk about how to properly dispose of your items. Please do not flush medication or put medication or sharps in the trash.

If you have pills (no sharps, liquids, etc.), you can go to our homepage at www.hcdrugfree.org and click on Dispose of Meds to find locations accepting pills.

Again, HC DrugFree's staff is happy to talk with you or reply to your email questions to offer additional guidance. Feel free to contact us at Admin@hcdrugfree.org or 443-325-0040.

HC DrugFree has free medication storage boxes for the items you must keep in your home. Feel free to email us to schedule a time to pick up the box from our office.

Thank You to Winter Growth - 40 & Fabulous

At Winter Growth's Fabulous 40 Anniversary Celebration, HC DrugFree's Executive Director was one of the community members honored for living with joy and purpose. Thank you to Winter Growth's team for this special recognition and we wish you a Happy Anniversary.



Pictured above: Joan with Dr. Terri Hill, State Delegate District 12 at Winter Growth's celebration.

Thank You to The HoCo Student Film Festival

Another year of amazing student films! Approximately 175 students and proud family members joined together on Friday evening at the Charles E. Miller Library in Ellicott City to view films and support student filmmakers.

Thank you to the dedicated Howard County Public School System advisors and congratulations to the HC DrugFree Category student winners.



Pictured: HC DrugFree's Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Advisors Jill Lee and Danielle DuPuis, HC DrugFree Category 1st place winner Claire O'Shaughnessy, Advisor Binki McKenna and HC DrugFree Category 2nd place winner Dannah Marcelino.

HC DrugFree was proud to be the 2019 HoCo Film Festival t-shirt sponsor too!



Saturday: Time to Play

Dust off your bat and glove and play like no one is watching! Join us for the 2nd annual Home Run for Recovery on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Centennial

Park North in Ellicott City.

For more information or to register, [click here](#) or call 703-475-7454.

Teen Advisory Council Meeting

HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council (TAC) will meet on Monday, May 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Barn (Teen Center) in the Oakland Mills Village Center. TAC is open to all Howard County high school students. Please RSVP to Admin@hcdrugfree.org if you plan to attend the meeting. Registration form required.

Donate or Sponsor

Like our medication and sharps collection events, HoCo Film Festival PSAs or other events? *Then please help ensure we can do more!*

HC DrugFree depends upon the generosity of individuals, PTAs/PTAs, organizations and businesses in the community to support our free services to the community. Please donate today. Any size gift is welcome. Consider contacting us to sponsor an event or make a one-time or monthly donation. Thank you for your support.

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