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Release

Massive response to Drug Take Back Day nets 100 pounds of pills



The Uniontown Hospital, in conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is proud to announce that more than 100 pounds of unused and unwanted prescription drugs were collected for safe disposal Saturday, during the seventh bi-annual Drug Take Back Day. The event, which allows the hospital the opportunity to help make a healthy difference in the community, affords area residents the opportunity to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft by allowing them to safely dispose of expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

Through the DEAs Office of Diversion Control, millions of pounds of prescription drugs have been properly discarded since the inception of the Take Back Initiative, with more than 5,000 take back sites receiving unwanted prescription medications nationwide each year.

Uniontown Hospital Police, who coordinated the event, said that officers collected more than 100 pounds of prescription medications for safe destruction – more than 30 pounds above previous single-day totals.

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