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NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Take Back Week in Jamestown

Stutsman County Community Health Partnership Coalition has designated the week of April 10-13 as a Take Back program for residents to dispose of unwanted drugs.

Residents are encouraged to check their homes for unused and unwanted over the counter and prescription drugs and bring them to one of the following locations:

- White Drug Pharmacy: 320 10th Street SE
- Medicine Shop Pharmacy 703 1St Ave South
- Stutsman County Law Enforcement Center Lower level, 205 6th Street SE #101

What is accepted: Unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications, including:

- Pills, tablets, caplets (please remove product from the packaging);
- Inhalers, nebulizer solutions, liquids and creams (leave medication IN the original container)
- Controlled substances
 - Pain relief such as Vicodin, Hydrocodone, Demerol, OxyContin, fentanyl, etc.;
 - Anti-depressants such as Valium, Zoloft, Prozac, etc.;
 - Sleep aids such as Ambien, Lunesta, Sonata, etc.

Not accepted: Sharps (syringes, lancets), thermometers, glass OR other non-medication supplies.

About Drug Take Back Programs

"Drug Take Back programs allow residents easy and convenient ways to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription and over the counter drugs and helps protect our State's environment while keeping the drugs off the street," states Scott Edinger, Jamestown Police Department.

"This event will help the community by preventing accidental poisoning and overdose due to the misuse of prescription medications," states Robin Iszler, Central Valley Health Unit Administrator. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends. Additionally, it is also important not to flush unused medication down toilet or toss them in the trash as both pose a potential safety and health hazard.

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