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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Successful Drug Take Back Week in Jamestown**

The Community Health Partnership coalition would like to thank those who participated in the Prescription Drug take back awareness week. The event collected 32 pounds of medications from the 3 locations during the 4 day event. This equates to about 25,000 pills that will be properly disposed helping to protect the environment and keeping drugs off the streets.

“Reports from the collection sites indicate that people heard the message and brought back unused medications” states Robin Iszler, Unit Administrator, Central Valley Health District. “There was even a bottle returned dated 1979”! “We feel this was a very successful event.” North Dakota is one of the few states with a take back program that allows residents to bring back unused medications to designated drop sites - year round.

If you did not have the opportunity to check your medicine cabinets, there is still time to bring back unused or unwanted medications. The sites for drop off are:

- White Drug Pharmacy: 320 10<sup>th</sup> Street SE
- Medicine Shop Pharmacy 703 1<sup>st</sup> Ave South
- Stutsman County Law Enforcement Center – Lower level, 205 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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