

HCDrugFree

Empowering the Community

We Thank YOU, Howard County!!!



Saturday, October 23

HC DrugFree's drive-thru site collected:

1,106 lbs. of medication (34 condensed bins)
and 19 condensed bins of sharps

These **"Drug Take Back"** collections would not be possible without our partners, the **Howard County Police (HCPD)** and the **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)**, guarding and transporting the medication and keeping us all safe. We appreciate you and thank you for the difficult jobs you do throughout the year!



Above: Red bins filled with sharps and white bins filled with medication. Sharps are not included in any weights provided.

"Drug Take Back" Partners



Above from left to right: HC DrugFree's Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Wilde Lake Village Board Chair Kevin McAliley, Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of Homeland Security Investigations Baltimore James Mancuso, Kim Pruim representing County Executive Calvin Ball, MD Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford, MD State Police, SAC DEA Washington Division Jarod Forget, HCPD Chief Lisa Myers, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Robert Turner, DEA Group Supervisor Paul Neikirk, and DEA team member James Weekes.

County Executive Ball Issues Certificate of Recognition: National Medicine Abuse Month



Above: County Executive Calvin Ball issued a Certificate of Recognition for National Medicine Abuse Month presented to HC DrugFree by Kim Pruim.

Collecting Meds/Sharps



Above: Our team was ready and waiting.
Former County Executive Allan Kittleman and MD Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford collected medications and sharps for hours.
Below: HCPD's team did the heavy lifting of guarding, weighing, stacking, and transporting 34 bins of medication.



Our "Medically-Trained" Volunteers



Above: HC DrugFree's Board Secretary, Dr. Brian Morrison (in white mask), the DEA team, and our **"medically-trained" volunteers** sorted and condensed the medication and sharps to get them into bins for proper disposal.

Medications and sharps are disposed of separately. We are always so grateful for the **many doctors, nurses, pharmacists**, and others volunteering with us to remove expired or unwanted medication and sharps from our community.



Above: DEA Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Orville Greene, his team, and HCPD are busy working alongside HC DrugFree's medical team.



Above: Sharps were delivered in numerous laundry detergent bottles. Many people do not have proper biohazardous containers so they find creative ways to secure their sharps to keep our team from getting pricked. Our team then dumps the sharps into the larger bins.

What Is A "Sharp" And How Many Are In A Bin?

Sharps are items such as needles, syringes and EpiPens.

HC DrugFree's board member and Director of Psychiatry at Howard County General Hospital, Dr. Andrew Angelino removed the packaging and containers to condense the sharps into 19 red biohazardous bins.

Below from the same bin: How many sharps are



in each containers? We don't know either because it's far too many to count!!!



**More event photos
will be shared soon on our website
and in these newsletters.
(If you have photos, please get them to us!)**

When Is The Next Drive-Thru Event?

We'll be back in 6 months on the DEA's next national Drug Take Back Day. Sponsor our event. Volunteer. Bring your items for disposal. Help us advertise.
We need everyone!

*... until then, remember to **Mind Your Meds!***

Our Leadership Team Thanks You



Above left to right: HC DrugFree's Board Emeritus and Howard County Circuit Court Administrative Judge William V. Tucker. HC DrugFree Board member and Director of Psychiatry at Howard County General Hospital, Dr. Andrew Angelino. Board Secretary and President/Clinical Director at Morrison Chiropractic, Dr. Brian Morrison. Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi. Board Member and former Teen Advisory Council member, Harsh Patel. Board Treasurer Danny Andrews.

We Extend Our Sincere Gratitude...

As always, the medication brought to HC DrugFree's collection site was guarded, weighed, and transported by the **Howard County Police Department** and the **Drug Enforcement Administration**. We appreciated having **Chief Lisa Myers** and several members of the HCPD and DEA as well leadership from the **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)** at our site. There are no words to express our sincere gratitude for all you do to keep our community safe throughout the year!

Thank you to the current and former **elected officials** working hard at our event: Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford, County Executive Calvin Ball represented by Kim Pruim, former County Executive Allan Kittleman, HC DrugFree's Board Emeritus and Howard County Circuit Court Administrative Judge William V. Tucker, Howard County Board of Education (BOE) member Vicky Cutroneo, former BOE member Ellen Flynn Giles, and Wilde Lake Village Board Chair Kevin McAliley.

Thank you to our **funders/partners**: Howard County Government, Howard County Health Department, MDH, SAMHSA and Wegmans for your financial support and Howard County General Hospital for disposing of our sharps.

Thank you to **Howard County Public School System** and to the many **PTAs/PTSAs** supporting us at the event and throughout the years.

Thank you to our **Rotary** friends, the Rotary Club of Columbia teaming with the County's other clubs.

Thank you to the many **photographers** sharing their photos.

We extend an ongoing thank you to **Stephano Nam** and his team at **The UPS Store in the Wilde Lake Village Center**. Their team takes good care of HC

DrugFree throughout the year.

Again, thank you to **all our event volunteers** including the members and former members of **HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council** and their **parents and families** working these events and being part of the **HC DrugFree family**.

This Is "Red Ribbon Week"



HC DrugFree Celebrates Red Ribbon Week October 23-31

In 1985, Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique S. "Kiki" Camarena was killed by drug traffickers. Shortly after his death, citizens from his hometown of Calexico, California, began wearing red ribbons to remember him and commemorate his sacrifice. Red Ribbon Week raises awareness of drug use and the problems related to drugs facing our community, and encourages parents, educators, business owners, and other community organizations to promote drug-free lifestyles. **Research shows that children are less likely to use alcohol and other drugs when parents and other role models are clear and consistent in their opposition to drug use and the misuse of prescription drugs.** Visit GetSmartAboutDrugs.com for more information about Red Ribbon Week.



Take the Red Ribbon Week Pledges

Parents and Students are encouraged to take these pledges to show their commitment to staying drug free:

Student's Pledge

- ✓ I pledge to stay in school and learn the things that I need to know.
- ✓ I pledge to make the world a better place for kids like me to grow.
- ✓ I pledge to keep my dreams alive and be all that I can be.
- ✓ I pledge to help others and to keep myself drug free.

Parents' Pledge

- ✓ We will talk to our children about the dangers of drug abuse.
- ✓ We will set clear rules for our children about not using drugs.
- ✓ We will set a good example for our children by not using illegal drugs or misusing prescription drugs.
- ✓ We will monitor our children's behavior and enforce appropriate consequences, so that our rules are respected.
- ✓ We will encourage family and friends to follow the same guidelines to keep their children safe from drug abuse.

✓ I pledge to set guidelines to help children grow up safe, healthy, and drugfree.

If you'd like a copy that can be downloaded, printed, signed, and hung up as a reminder, visit [Red Ribbon Sample Pledges](#) or [access HC DrugFree's pledge and template](#).

Register Now! Parenting Classes Begin Soon

Grandparents Welcome too! FREE Zoom classes scheduled for November 9 & 16 and December 7 & 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. for parents/guardians of 9-14 year-olds, but if your child is slightly younger or older, register and we will confirm. This series of 4 Zoom classes provides families with the skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs and alcohol or engage in other dangerous behaviors. Must register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCDrugFreeFall2021> For more information visit the [HC DrugFree website](#). Funding provided by the Howard County Health Department, MDH, and SAMHSA.

Do You Want Our Work to Continue?

[We need YOUR financial support](#)
to continue offering FREE services. Donate now.



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