

HCDrugFree

Thank you, Howard County!
...because of YOU...

HC DrugFree's drive-thru site collected
1,125 lbs. of medication
(47 white bins)
in 4 hours on Saturday, October 25



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HC DrugFree, the **Howard County Police Department (HCPD)**, and the **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)** have been partnering on these twice-a-year medication collection events **since 2012**.

□ **Thank You to Our Many Volunteers & Partners** □



Above: Some of HC DrugFree's student, adult, and medically-trained adult volunteers standing with our partners to keep our community safe. More than 100 individuals worked this 4-hour community event.

□ **Thank You to Our HCPD & HCSO Partners** □



Above: Howard County Executive Calvin Ball and HC DrugFree Executive Director Joan Webb Scornaienchi with members of the Howard County Police Department and Sheriff's Office

☐ **Thank You to Our DEA Partners** ☐



Above: Members of the DEA team educating the community

□ Meds and Sharps Collected □



Above: Joan Webb Scornaienchi and Dr. Brian Morrison, HC DrugFree Board Chair, with the medication collection

Below: Volunteers and partners in front of the 1,125 lbs. (47 bins) of medications collected



□ 107 Medication Storages Boxes □



Below: HC DrugFree gave away 107 medication storage boxes at the event.
Remember to secure your medications in a storage box or in a locked closet, safe, filing cabinet, or where you secure your valuables.

Keep your loved ones safe!



More Photos to Come!!!

Our event slideshow featuring our many volunteers will be released very soon. Much more to see!

Thank you to **the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Howard County Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Office** for partnering with us. HCPD guarded, weighed, and transported the medication for disposal. These collections would not be possible without our law enforcement partners working along side our volunteer team to keep us all safe.

Thank you to **Wilde Lake Village and Board Chair Kevin McAliley, Wilde Lake Community Association Executive Director/Village Manager Sharon Cooper-Kerr and all the businesses in the Wilde Lake Village Center** for supporting our event and sharing outdoor space with us.

Thank you to **MD Office of Overdose Response, Howard County Government, Howard County Health Department, and Wegmans in Columbia** for your financial support.

Thank you to the **Howard County Public School System** and to the **PTAs/PTSAs** for partnering and supporting our mission throughout the years.

Thank you to the former members of **Soroptimist International of Howard County** for volunteering at these events for many years and to the members of

Alpha Kappa Alpha, Iota Lambda Omega Chapter in Columbia and the **MD Army National Guard** for joining us.

Thank you to our photographers, especially **Sunhee Lim (and student assistant Daniel Cho)** and **December Walker** for taking many wonderful photos!

Thank you to **John Wafer** and **Gayle Van Horn** for allowing us to borrow your tables. We appreciate the time and energy it takes to transport your items.

Finally, thank you to all our **adult and youth volunteers** and members of our **Teen Advisory Council (TAC)** and their **parents** and **siblings** for working these events and truly being **members of our HC DrugFree family**.

The DEA's next national Drug Take Back Day will be held in 6 months!

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

***Don't forget
there's still more happening...***



Teens, Register Now!

...to earn more Community Service Hours...

**TAC Meeting - Monday, November 3
5:30 - 7 p.m. on Zoom**

HC DrugFree invites **all Howard County students in grades 8-12** to attend our **Monday, November 3** Teen Advisory Council (TAC) Meeting from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Students: [Register to receive the November 3 meeting link](#)

Members of TAC attend our monthly meetings and serve as student ambassadors in their schools and in the community.

Why join TAC?

- Earn Community Service Hours

- Gain experience for job & college applications
- Volunteer opportunities year round
- Be a leader and role model in Howard County

[Learn more about TAC](#)

FREE Classes for Parents/Grandparents

HC DrugFree's FREE online classes for Howard County parents, guardians, and grandparents are back!

Remember, parents and grandparents living out of the area too can join us on Zoom during their lunch breaks.

The Fall 2025 series will run (Tuesdays and Thursdays): **November 11, 13, 18, 20 and December 2 from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Zoom.**

While the curriculum is for adults with 9-14 year olds, **HC DrugFree strongly encourages HoCo adults with students in K-12 to join us** and if possible, to attend all 5 classes. Some families have attended more than one series!

Guiding Good Choices® is an evidence-based, interactive prevention program that helps you build a stronger bond with your child/grandchild, while also providing skills proven to reduce the risk of youth engaging in substance use or other risky behaviors.

Learn how to:

- Strengthen Family Bonds
- Develop Healthy Beliefs and Clear Standards
- Avoid Trouble and Respond to Peer Pressure
- Manage Conflict and Express Feelings Constructively
- Prevent Drug Use in Your Family
- And More!

[Learn more](#) and [register](#)

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