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## **Sixth Drug Take-Back Event Yields 1,491 Lbs of Medication in Upstate**

Greenville, S.C. (May 14, 2013) – Project Rx: A River Remedy, a community-driven medication collection event held its sixth event collecting 778 lbs of medication from Upstate residents. The event was held in conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) National Drug Take-Back Day, which was at 16 additional locations across the Upstate. All together the different medication collection sites collected a total of approximately 1,491 lbs of medication.

The numerous Upstate law enforcement agencies involved provided local drop-off points in addition to the two Greenville educational drive-thru sites that were sponsored by Project Rx. The educational community taskforce partners include: Bon Secours ST. FRANCIS Health System, Carolina’s Institute for Community Policing, Greenville County Medical Society, Greenville County Sheriff’s Office, Greenville Family Partnership, Renewable Water Resources, and the DEA.



The collected medication will be disposed of through secure incineration with law enforcement, which is the most environmentally-preferred method. Not only does properly disposing of this medication keep it out of the wrong hands, it also prevents it from making its way into waterways, which is what often times happens when old medication is flushed or poured down the drain.

“Project Rx’s sixth event proved to be a huge success! We are so grateful for the partnerships and volunteers that make this event possible,” said Stacey Flax, Customer Service/Contract Manager at ReWa. “With record community turnout despite the weather and approximately 1,500 lbs of medication collected, we continue to be encouraged that this *is* a necessity that we must continue to offer to the community.”

Since the inaugural event in November 2010, the semi-annual medication collection events have yielded a total of 7,534 lbs of medication for safe disposal in the upstate region.

Project Rx supporting organizations include: Greenville Journal, The Greenville News, Greenville Technical College, Greenville Water, Indexx, Keep Greenville County Beautiful, Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy, Upstate Parent, and Upstate Forever.

The planning committee thanks all of the volunteers and the members of the community for supporting the event. The Project Rx event will continue semi-annually and the next date will be announced in the coming months.

For more information, visit the Project Rx website, [www.aRiverRemedy.org](http://www.aRiverRemedy.org) and be sure to like the organization on [facebook.com/ariverremedy](https://facebook.com/ariverremedy) for future updates.

**Project Rx: A River Remedy**

Project Rx: A River Remedy is a local collaboration of community organizations united to help keep our rivers and residents safe from unused medications. Founded in 2010, Project Rx pulls together multiple community resources to hold take-back events semi-annually. As a safe alternative to flushing unwanted medications down the drain, or leaving them at home within the reach of the wrong hands, this program allows Upstate residents to bring prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, vitamins and supplements for a free and anonymous disposal... the perfect remedy for our community.

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