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Dosher drug drop surpasses 500 households

SOUTHPORT—Local households discarded more than 11,700 expired or unwanted narcotic pills and nearly 1,900 milliliters of narcotic liquids at Dosher Memorial Hospital's semiannual Operation Medicine Cabinet, held Thursday, April 4th. Vehicles and pedestrians drove or walked by the front entrance to drop off the medications from 535 households.

In addition to Dosher employees, volunteers from Coastal Horizons Center, Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and Southport Police were onsite to assist and to provide law enforcement. Medications collected were sorted and then transported from the hospital grounds for safe incineration.

This was the 20th semi-annual drug drop held by Dosher Memorial Hospital and has become a much anticipated community event. The next collection of unwanted prescription medications at Dosher is set for Thursday, October 3, 2019.

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Dosher Patient Care Manager Sara Harris collects a bag of unwanted medication outside the hospital front entrance at semi-annual community drug drop.



Dosher staff members sort unwanted medication prior to incineration.