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Dosher Drug Drop Reports Record Turnout

Semi-annual medication collection event saw participation from over 800 households.

SOUTHPORT—Local households discarded more than 15,000 expired or unwanted narcotic pills and nearly 2,300 milliliters of narcotic liquids at Dosher Memorial Hospital's semiannual Operation Medicine Cabinet, held Thursday, October 6th. Vehicles and pedestrians drove or walked by the front entrance to drop off the medications from 882 households, which accounts for the largest community turn out for this semi-annual event. Medications collected were sorted and then transported from the hospital grounds for safe incineration.

"We were happy to see such a large turnout for this event," said Dosher President and CEO Lynda Stanley. "This speaks volumes to our community's desire to dispose of their medications safely and responsibly."

In addition to Dosher employees, Brunswick County Sheriff's Department, Brunswick County Health Services, members of the Brunswick Wellness Coalition, Coastal Horizons, and Southport Police were onsite to assist and to provide law enforcement. "A medication collection and sorting event of this magnitude requires a lot of hands on deck, and we are extremely appreciative of the support of our community partners," said Stanley.

This was the 23rd semi-annual drug drop held by Dosher Memorial Hospital and has become a much-anticipated community event. The next collection of unwanted prescription medications will be scheduled for April of 2023 at the hospital front entrance.



Lynda Stanley, President and CEO of Dosher Memorial Hospital stands with Teresa Mobley, Prevention Specialist from Coastal Horizons and Sami Diaz, UNCW Intern with the Brunswick Wellness Coalition at Operation Medicine Cabinet, Dosher's drug take back event.