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CVS/pharmacy[®] To Support Safer Communities through Donation of Drug Collection Units to Police Departments Nationwide

Innovative program with The Partnership at Drugfree.org will place up to 1,000 receptacles in communities to support safe disposal of unwanted medications

CVS/pharmacy will also host nearly 200 drug collection events on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 26

Woonsocket, Rhode Island, April 24, 2014: CVS/pharmacy announced today that it is teaming up with The Partnership at Drugfree.org to create an innovative community donation program through which local police departments can apply to receive a drug collection unit to help their communities safely dispose of unwanted medications, including controlled substances.

As part of CVS/pharmacy's **Medication Disposal for Safer Communities** program, up to 1,000 receptacles will be awarded to police departments through an application process that will launch on May 1, 2014 at www.cvs.com/safercommunities. CVS/pharmacy and the Partnership at Drugfree.org will obtain the drug collection units from MedReturn, LLC (www.medreturn.com).

"As part of our on-going commitment to combat prescription drug abuse, we have participated in events for many years with law enforcement to help safely dispose of expired, unused or unwanted medication," said Josh Flum, Senior Vice President of Retail Pharmacy at CVS Caremark. "Through this donation program, CVS/pharmacy and the Partnership at Drugfree.org will now provide our communities with a permanent drug disposal solution at their local police departments."

CVS/pharmacy is the only retail pharmacy sponsor of The Partnership at Drugfree.org's Medicine Abuse Project, a multi-year initiative to prevent a half-million teenagers from abusing prescription medication by the year 2017.

"CVS is one of the founding sponsors of The Medicine Abuse Project and has been an exceptional partner in bringing the program to life in their stores, in the communities they serve and among their employees," said Steve Pasierb, President & CEO of The Partnership at Drugfree.org. "We're excited to take this great collaboration with CVS to the next level through the donation of drug collection units to police departments nationwide. Having up to 1,000 additional collection sites will have a positive impact in reducing the availability of prescription medicines that have abuse potential."

CVS/pharmacy is also a strong supporter of National Prescription Drug Take Back Day being held this Saturday, April 26. Nearly 200 CVS/pharmacy locations across the U.S. will host drug take back events managed by local law enforcement agencies.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, established by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means to dispose of prescription drugs, while educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. It is held twice each year, in the spring and fall, at thousands of locations in the U.S. Since its inception, more than 3.4 million pounds of unneeded medications have been collected and destroyed. More information, including a complete list of event locations on April 26, is available at http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/.

CVS/pharmacy invited local law enforcement agencies to use its store locations as Drug Take Back Day sites through its **Medication Disposal for Safer Communities** program, which launched last October. Through the Safer Communities program, almost 300 police departments also signed up to have their on-going drug collection and disposal programs promoted in CVS/pharmacy stores. As a result, beginning in

June about 400 CVS/pharmacy locations around the country will display signage with information on drug collection sites at local police stations and other facilities. Law enforcement agencies interested in promoting their collection sites can visit www.cvs.com/safercommunities.

About CVS/pharmacy

CVS/pharmacy, the retail division of CVS Caremark Corporation (NYSE: CVS), is America's leading retail pharmacy with more than 7,600 CVS/pharmacy and Longs Drug stores. CVS/pharmacy is reinventing pharmacy to help people on their path to better health by providing the most accessible and personalized expertise, both in its stores and online at CVS.com. General information about CVS/pharmacy and CVS Caremark is available at <http://info.cvscaremark.com>.

About The Partnership at Drugfree.org

Ninety percent of addictions start in the teenage years. The Partnership at Drugfree.org is dedicated to solving the problem of teen substance abuse. Together with experts in science, parenting and communications, the nonprofit translates research on teen behavior, addiction and treatment into useful and effective resources for both individuals and communities. Working toward a vision where all young people will be able to live their lives free of drug and alcohol abuse, The Partnership at Drugfree.org works with parents and other influencers to help them prevent and get help for drug and alcohol abuse by teens and young adults. The organization depends on donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and the public sector and is thankful to SAG-AFTRA and the advertising and media industries for their ongoing generosity.

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