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## ARCH Partners with the Tredyffrin Police Department to Offer Continual Safe Disposal of Prescription Drugs

**March 19, 2012...** Area Residents Caring & Helping (ARCH), a local non-profit, and the Tredyffrin Police Department are partnering to provide the local community with a safe and convenient way to properly dispose of unneeded and expired prescription drugs.

ARCH is a coalition of parents, educators and community members that serves as a resource to Tredyffrin/Easttown School District families concerned with helping their children form a positive self image, make healthy choices and stay drug free. Noting the increasing severity of the prescription drug abuse problem in our country, ARCH considered ways to make a positive impact on the problem locally. Although there had been previous Prescription Drug Take-Back programs in Delaware and Chester Counties, all seemed to be one-time events during busy weekends.

ARCH approached the local police about creating a convenient local prescription drug collection program and received an enthusiastic response from Acting Chief Lieutenant Anthony Giaimo of the Tredyffrin Police Department. The Tredyffrin Police agreed to install a permanent prescription drug collection bin on site and assume responsibility for the proper disposal of the collected drugs. ARCH was pleased to purchase the collection bin for the benefit of the community. This week, a MedReturn prescription drug collection box was installed in the lobby of the Tredyffrin Township Building, 1100 Duportail Road, Berwyn, PA.

Lt. Giaimo explained that the heavy steel locked box operates like a bank deposit-collection device: items placed in the door's open bin are deposited into the box when the door is closed and are not retrievable. The collection box's location permits the disposal of medication Monday-Friday from 6 am to 10 pm.

"We are delighted to partner with the Tredyffrin Township Police Department to bring this prescription drug collection service to our T/E community" said Roann Brown, ARCH Co-Chair. "Many people end up with leftover or expired prescription drugs and do not know what to do with them. As a result, these drugs frequently remain in medicine cabinets where they can pose a risk to our children and teens."

The next step is to educate the T/E community about the importance of prompt and proper disposal of unneeded and expired prescription drugs. ARCH is seeking community business partners to support and assist with community education initiatives now that the box is installed and the program is operational.

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