



Press Release

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UNITED WAY DISTRIBUTES 'FAMILYWIZE' PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARDS

If you need help paying for prescriptions and don't have a prescription discount card, you could save significantly by using the **FamilyWize prescription drug discount card** being distributed by Fond du Lac Area United Way and area pharmacies.

"This card could lower the cost of your medicine by an average of 34 percent," said Tina Potter, executive director of the Fond du Lac Area United Way, which is providing these cards free of charge to anyone in Fond du Lac County. "There are no age restrictions, no income restrictions, no limit on the number of times you use the card and no waiting to get a card.

"A total of 924 claims were submitted between February and October 2009." Community members using the discount card have submitted claims totaling \$53,371 and saved \$19,043 on their prescription medications as of Oct. 31.

Interested people can log on to www.FamilyWize.org to print a card, look up drug prices and find a list of participating pharmacies. FamilyWize cards can be obtained from participating local pharmacies, except Walgreens who accepts the card but does not distribute it. The card can also be obtained by calling Fond du Lac Area United Way at 920-921-7010.

To ensure your medication is checked for safety and billed at the correct price, your pharmacist needs to transmit valuable information from your card. In some instances, the pharmacists might store your card information in their computers. To make certain you receive the maximum benefit, you must show your card each time you have a prescription filled.

Community members are encouraged to dispose of their medications at Fond du Lac County's Drug Drop at 126 N. Main St. on the south side of the Fond du Lac City Police Department.

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