



## Press Release

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### **UNITED WAY – FREE PERScription DISCOUNT CARD A SUCCESS**

“If you are in need of medicine and not covered by a prescription insurance plan, you need the FamilyWize Prescription Drug Discount card,” said Tina Potter, executive director.

The Fond du Lac Area United Way is providing these cards free-of-charge to anyone in need of this help. “Anyone can access this card at their local pharmacy except for Walgreens who accepts the card, but does not distribute it,” noted Potter. They can also print one out on-line at [www.FamilyWize.org](http://www.FamilyWize.org) which also list participating pharmacies and cost of prescriptions. FamilyWize cards can also be obtained by calling Fond du Lac Area United Way at 920.921.7010.

With school starting we encourage college students to carry one if they are not already covered by this type of insurance.

There are no age restrictions, no income restrictions, no limit on how many times you can use it and no waiting to get a card.

“A total of \$35,366 in prescription costs have been submitted by Fond du Lac residents using this card,” commented Potter. Altogether 566 claims have been made to date resulting in \$13,376 in direct savings cost to consumers. That represents an average savings of \$24 for each claim made or an average savings of 37%.

“A pharmacist may store your card information in their computer, however to be certain you receive the maximum benefit you should show your card each time you have your prescriptions filled,” noted Potter.

We also want to remind everyone disposing medications to use the permanent medication disposal site located - 126 N Main Street on the south side of the Fond du Lac City Police Department.

A donation can be made to the Fond du Lac Area United Way through [www.fdlunitedway.org](http://www.fdlunitedway.org) or by mail at 74 South Main Street, Fond du Lac 54935, or by telephone at 921-7010.

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