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### MEDIA ADVISORY

#### Prescription Drug Drop Box collection site opens in Green Bay

(April 15, 2010) – On Monday, April 19, members of the Leadership Green Bay – Rx Drop Box committee will unveil the results of their small group project, a prescription drug drop box, to be located in the Green Bay Police Department lobby, 307 S. Adams St. **A press conference is scheduled for 3 p.m. on April 19,** at which members of the committee will be joined by Mayor Jim Schmitt; Green Bay Police Department representatives; John Kennedy, Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District; and Rebecca Deschane, Partners in Education Drug Alliance, to discuss the importance of having the a safe and secure location for residents to properly dispose of old prescriptions.

The Rx Drop Box is a prescription medication collection program to help promote the proper disposal of unused or old prescription medications. Community members from the Greater Green Bay area are encouraged to clean out their medicines cabinets and bring them to the Police Department on April 19 in conjunction with the unveiling.

The Rx Drop Box committee of the 2009-2010 Leadership Green Bay program chose to focus their attention on this community project as a way of helping to prevent and reduce the abuse and accidental poisoning that result from the misuse and abuse of prescription medications. “We wanted to take on a project that would make our community safer for our kids,” said Shaun Jacquet, spokesperson for the committee. “As we discussed different project ideas, we discovered that prescription drug abuse is growing concern in Brown County, especially among youth. The Rx Drop Box will serve as a tool to help reduce the access and availability of medications that can be abused.”

In addition, there is also an environmental component to the project. The Rx Drop Box will help reduce contamination of the water systems that occurs when people flush their medications down the toilet.

Members of the Rx Drop Box committee include: Shaun Jacquet, United HealthCare; Heath Urick, Aon Corporation; Debbie Leoni, Bellin Health; Jennifer Nelson, Literacy Green Bay; Liza Hadler, Rasmussen College; Jennifer Hill-Kelly, Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin; Gary Sams, Wells Fargo; and Bill Bongle, Green Bay Police Department.

Leadership Green Bay, a program of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, provides a formalized training program for up to 40 area participants to discuss community issues. These emerging leaders organize into small group to work on group projects as part of the program curriculum.

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