



**FOCUSED ON THE NEEDS OF CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND SENIOR SUPPORT IN LOUDON AND MONROE COUNTIES**

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### **Tellico Village National DEA Drug Take Back Day a Huge Success**

Marsha Keiser, Chair of the Tellico Community Foundation, is excited to announce that on April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Welcome Center in Tellico Village, Loudon County, and the Kahite Clubhouse, Monroe County, sites collected a record volume of unused, unwanted and potentially dangerous medications. Total collection was 430 lbs. of drugs from 385 cars and 490 people. Loudon County is consistently among the top three collection sites in the state of Tennessee, and the Tellico Village Welcome Center is the largest collection site in the county.

This was the fifth year that the Tellico Community Foundation sponsored this important event, it is in alignment with the foundation's focus on improving the lives of children and support of seniors. They want to thank everyone and hope the 10% participation discount coupons were used at the Toqua and Kahite restaurants.

Both the Loudon and Monroe Sheriffs Departments were onsite to assist with the drug collection. It is their responsibility to safeguard the drugs during the collection process, then turn them over to the DEA who incinerates the drugs in a safe and environmentally qualified location. The Monroe and Loudon counties Prevention and Wellness Coalitions promoted the event and were on site to assist and track the program. The Tellico Community Foundation appreciates all their support.

Since its inception in 2010, DEA's bi-annual National Prescription Take Back Day has removed more than 17 million pounds of unnecessary medications from nearly 5,000 communities across the country. Drug Take Back Day has helped Americans easily rid their homes of unneeded medications—those that are old, unwanted, or expired. These medications can be a gateway to addiction and have helped fuel the opioid epidemic. Rather than dispose of the drugs via the waste systems that pollute the environment, Drug Take Back Day is hosted in April and October of each year.

#### **About Tellico Community Foundation**

Since 2017, the Tellico Community Foundation has contributed approximately \$300,000 to nonprofit organizations serving Loudon and Monroe Counties. Its mission is to enrich the Loudon and Monroe County communities by funding programs and projects that provide support for seniors and promote healthy childhood development. The Tellico Community Foundation is an affiliate fund of East Tennessee Foundation.

To learn more, donate or to become involved: [www.tellicolife.org/tellico-community-foundation](http://www.tellicolife.org/tellico-community-foundation) and visit <https://easttennesseefoundation.org/donors/explore-our-funds/affiliate-funds/monroe-county/tellico-community-foundation/>

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**5th ANNUAL**

## **DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

**SATURDAY APRIL 27**

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**SAVE  
the  
DATE!**

- Tellico Village Welcome Center**
- Kahite Clubhouse**

Bring your outdated/unused prescription and OTC medicines for safe disposal. The Monroe and Loudon County Sheriff Departments will be on hand to assist in the collection.



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