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Free Discount Card Helps Local Residents Save Money on Prescriptions

Windham, CT – FamilyWize, a free discount prescription card, is now available to help Windham area residents save money on their prescriptions thanks to a partnership with Windham Region United Way.

The FamilyWize card can save individuals and families an average of up to 30 percent or more on eight out of ten prescription medications. Simply present the card and your prescription at a participating pharmacy, and you will receive either the FamilyWize discounted price or the pharmacy's customary retail price, whichever is lower.

Anyone can use the FamilyWize card, regardless of age, income, or employment level. The card is not intended to replace health insurance, but it can offer immediate savings to people who have no health insurance. It can also help you save money during deductible periods and for prescriptions that are not covered by your health insurance, Medicare or other benefit plans. The FamilyWize card does not reduce the cost of medications for which you have a co-pay.

Windham Region United Way is spreading the word about the FamilyWize card as part of its ongoing effort to improve the financial stability of local individuals and families. More than 200 participating pharmacies across central and northeastern Connecticut accept the card, which is available at all CVS, Osco Drug, Stop & Shop and Walgreens pharmacies, at many United Way partner agencies, and in a printable version online (www.FamilyWize.org). The FamilyWize website also offers a list of participating pharmacies that is searchable by location. The program also offers a toll-free customer service number, (800) 300-3301, for questions about the card.

Since United Way began promoting the FamilyWize card locally in January 2009, Windham County residents have saved more than \$25,000 on their prescriptions through the program. Across Connecticut, consumers have saved almost \$743,000, and nationwide consumers have saved almost \$87 million by using the card.

Windham Region United Way is part of United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, which has been meeting local human care needs for 85 years in 40 towns across our region, including the towns of Ashford, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Hampton, Lebanon, Mansfield/Storrs, Scotland, Willington, and Windham/Willimantic. With its network of partner agencies, volunteers and community leaders, United Way takes a leadership role in changing conditions to improve lives in the communities it serves. To learn more about United Way's work in the Windham region, contact Julie Suedmeyer at (860) 456-0188 or jsuedmeyer@unitedwayinc.org.

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