

FREE Prescription Drug Discount Cards

40% of people in the U.S. in the last two years have either skipped filling a prescription or reduced doses because their medicine was too expensive. To help with this problem, more than 900 United Way agencies and America's Promise Alliance Partners in all 50 states, have come together with FamilyWize community service partnership to organize and coordinate community-wide distribution of free prescription drug discount cards. The goal is to reduce the cost of medicine for people in need by at least \$100 million.

The savings on the cost of medicine is provided by the pharmacies. Participating pharmacies agree to accept prices for medications that are close to the prices they make available to large insurance companies and employers. All other costs for this program are provided by in-kind donations from sponsors and by part of the processing fee included in the cost of the medicine.

Your medication cost will be the discount price with the FamilyWize card or the pharmacy's retail price, whichever is lower. This means you are assured the lowest price in that store, at the time you purchase the prescription medicine. Also, the FamilyWize card cannot lower the copay for medicine covered by insurance. However, there are certain medications not covered by insurance, so this card is for the insured as well as those with no prescription drug insurance coverage.

Locally, your United Way of Gaston County is pleased to be a partner in this effort! We will give these FREE FamilyWize cards to our partner agencies, local pharmacies and other organizations to distribute to as many people as we can in Gaston County. Cards will be available on April 5th and may be picked up at our office located at 200 East Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28052.

We know that it may sound too good to be true, but 95% of pharmacies nationwide have agreed to participate. Together with very little effort and no cost, we can reduce the cost of medication by an average of 30% or more. This is one more way that United Way of Gaston County is committed to offering help to citizens of our county.

For more information on this service, please contact our office at 704-864-4554 or to print off a card of your own, visit www.FamilyWize.org.