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Crowley Carmichael's Spearheads Drug Take-Back Program

Do you have expired or unused medications around your home? Don't take the chance of those getting into the wrong hands. Carmichael's Pharmacy in Crowley now makes it easy to dispose of these in a safe manner.

You'll see the large green drop-off container inside the pharmacy. All you have to do is bring in the unwanted medications and drop them in the container. Only one person has key access to the contents of the container, and your Carmichael's staff will safely get rid of the medications once the container is full.

This new project is another example of Carmichael's effort to keep our communities and customers safe. Opioid addiction is one of the biggest medical problems facing our country today. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, at least 130 people die in the United States each day from opioid overdoses.

"With the abuse of prescription drugs, it is important to remove unused medications from your residence to assure that they are destroyed properly," said Acadia Parish Sheriff K.P. Gibson.

Similar disposal containers often are found in police departments and sheriff's offices, but are not as common among local businesses.

"We have a takeback box at the sheriff's office, but having another option is always good to support our residents in the parish," Sheriff Gibson said.

"We wanted a way to provide this service to our customers without creating a new burden," said Henry Helo, General Manager of Carmichael's. "We believe this will be a safe and convenient alternative for our customers to dispose of unwanted or unused medications with no questions asked."

Carmichael's Cashway Pharmacy Inc. is an independently-operated pharmacy and medical equipment company with a dedicated focus on meeting the needs of customers and the medical community. Our mission is to be the highest quality provider of a full line of home medical equipment, as well as retail, institutional, compounding and infusion therapy pharmacy products and services in our area.

Carmichael's began operations in Crowley in September 1969. In 1999, it opened a second location in Lafayette. That was followed by a third location in Lake Charles in 2004 and a fourth location in Lafayette in 2015.