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**Richmond, Virginia**-Sheriff Antionette V. Irving and the Richmond City Sheriff's Office are partnering with various agencies for a Day of Service on Saturday, October 23rd at the Richmond City Justice Center located at 1701 Fairfield Way. The event begins at 10:00 am with the prescription drug take-back program then the monthly Community Food Distribution and COVID-19 vaccinations at 12:00 noon. No registration is required.

The monthly food distribution has been taking place throughout the pandemic to assist residents suffering from food insecurity. Each person is given a box of groceries that can last a family up to two weeks. In addition, residents can get their first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on site.

This month, the event coincides with National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, which addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 9.7 million people misused prescription pain relievers, 4.9 million people misused prescription stimulants, and 5.9 million people misused prescription tranquilizers or sedatives. Individuals will be able to drop off prescription drugs at the Justice Center with no questions asked.

“Any time we can be a resource to the community, we want to do that. Many parts of Richmond was already a food desert before the pandemic. It is worse now because many of our residents aren't working or they don't make enough to have their groceries last to their next paycheck. We want to fill that void.”

Some of the other partners for this event include Assisting Families of Inmates and Feedmore. The Hope Pharmacy will be on site to administer Covid-19 Vaccinations. If



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you would like to get vaccinated, you must bring a valid ID. The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is also partnering with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to assist the public to prevent opioid abuse or theft, as well as, to help rid homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

The other partners are Virginia Department of Health, The Market @ 25th, GRTC, Anthem HealthKeepers, Richmond Public Schools, and Goodwill.

The food distribution takes place monthly and also will be on Saturday, November 20th and December 18th, to assist families during the holiday season.

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