

# HealthReach Community Health Centers



Contact: Joshua D'Errico  
Communications Department  
Tel. 207-660-9914

[Joshua.Derrico@HealthReach.org](mailto:Joshua.Derrico@HealthReach.org)  
07/31/2015  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Strong Area Health and Dental Center Food Drive and Drug Take Back Days**

STRONG— Strong Area Health and Dental Center will hold a food drive in celebration of National Community Health Center Week starting August 10.

The health and dental center will accept nonperishable food from Monday, August 10 through Friday, August 21. High protein donations such as peanut butter, canned chicken, beans or tuna are encouraged. Items are to be dropped off in the health center's waiting room. All food donations will be brought to the Strong Food Pantry.

Additionally, the practice will host a week of Drug Take Back Days in collaboration with the Franklin County Sheriff's office, August 10 through 14. Bring in your expired or unneeded medications for safe disposal! Collection times are 8:00 AM to 4:30 AM, Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM on Friday.

Strong Area Health and Dental Center is located at 177 North Main Street in Strong. For more information, call (207) 684-4010 or visit [StrongCHC.org](http://StrongCHC.org).

**-MORE-**

Each year, the second week in August is dedicated to celebrating the services and contributions of community health centers. This year's theme is *America's Health Centers: Celebrating Our Legacy, Shaping Our Future*. National Health Center Week showcases the importance of these facilities and the impact they have on their communities, providing access to affordable, high quality, cost effective health care to medically vulnerable and underserved people throughout the United States.

Strong Area Health and Dental Center is part of HealthReach Community Health Centers, a group of eleven Federally Qualified Health Centers in Central and Western Maine. Dedicated providers deliver high quality medical and behavioral health care to citizens in over 80 rural communities. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, MaineCare and major insurances. In addition, an Affordable Care Program is available to uninsured and underinsured residents as well as assistance with applications for programs that help with the cost of health care and medications including the Health Insurance Marketplace. A private, non-profit celebrating a 40-year history, HealthReach is funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations.

**-END-**