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International Medical Relief Agency Global Links Launches

Scrub Drive

Students, Staff Asked to Donate Scrubs for Use at Hospitals, Clinics Serving Resource-Poor Communities in Latin America, Caribbean

(PITTSBURGH – February 22, 2012) – Pittsburgh-based international medical relief agency Global Links (www.globallinks.org) today announced the launch of **Save Your Scrubs**, a national effort to collect gently worn scrubs for donation to medical workers serving patients in some of the world's neediest communities.

"Scrubs are so basic for anyone working in healthcare in the U.S., we rarely give them a thought, but they are critically important in reducing the opportunity for infectious material to be transmitted between patients," says Global Links Deputy Director Angela Garcia. "Their basic design makes them easy to clean, with few places for microbes to hide. In the communities we serve, critical medical equipment and medicines are in short supply; the purchase of scrubs cannot be a priority given the urgency of other needs."

Garcia adds that students graduating from medical, nursing, and allied health schools generally use "branded" scrubs that they will not be able to use in their new places of employment. Global Links welcomes donations of all scrubs, including those with institutional names or logos, provided the names of individuals are not embroidered on the clothing. Global Links volunteers sort and package all donated scrubs in preparation for shipment to hospitals and clinics that urgently need them. Countries served by Global Links include Bolivia, Cuba, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica and Nicaragua.

Clean, gently worn scrubs (up to size XL) can be dropped off or mailed to Global Links at the following address. For more information, call 412-361-3424 or click www.globallinks.org .

Global Links
4809 Penn Ave. #2,
Pittsburgh, PA 15224
Attn: Scrub Campaign

The official registration and financial information of *Global Links* may be obtained from the PA Dept. of State by calling toll-free, within PA, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

About Global Links

Global Links is a Pittsburgh-based not-for-profit medical relief and development organization dedicated to promoting environmental stewardship in the region, while improving the health of underserved people in resource-poor communities throughout the hemisphere and here at home. Through its innovative program of recovery and re-allocation of surplus medical materials, Global Links has for 23 years offered U.S. healthcare providers an environmentally and socially beneficial alternative to sending hundreds of tons of still useful materials to landfills, and has been for many years in the forefront of local efforts to practice greener healthcare. Since its inception, Global Links has provided more than \$176 million in critical medical aid to developing nations, including Bolivia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica and Nicaragua. Global Links also provides significant educational programming to volunteers, students and the community on issues of global health and health equity, the environmental impact of healthcare, and waste reduction initiatives.

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