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Global Links Seeks Community Donations of Infant, New Mother Care Items for Haiti

Blankets, Cloth Diapers, Over-the-Counter Medications, Other Items Urgently Needed

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(PITTSBURGH – February 22, 2010) -- Pittsburgh-based medical relief organization Global Links is seeking individuals, organizations and businesses to partner in its effort to provide basic care items for mothers and babies in Haiti.

Donations of new receiving blankets, over-the-counter medications, cloth diapers and other items are sought to provide comfort and basic care to newborns and their mothers at hospitals and clinics across Haiti.

" **With the highest infant and maternal mortality statistics in this hemisphere**, new mothers and infants are vulnerable in the best of times in Haiti, but now even more so following the January 12 earthquake," says Global Links Executive Director Kathleen Hower. "**With more than 700 babies born every day in Haiti**, there is tremendous need for basic care items for mother and baby , not only during the hospital visit and birth, but also for personal and infant care and hygiene once they leave the hospital . We hope that the Pittsburgh community -- both individuals and businesses -- will be willing to collect and donate these items, as they did so generously during our recent drive for crutches, walkers and wheelchairs. By providing blankets, clothes, diapers and other essentials, we can support healthy, hopeful new beginnings for mothers and their children."

Global Links is seeking donations of the items listed below. All items must be NEW, UNOPENED and UNEXPIRED. Donated items may be dropped off at the Global Links office, 4809 Penn Avenue, #2, Pittsburgh 15224. For more information, contact Hayley Doering, 412.361.3424, x213 (hdoering@globallinks.org).

Baby washcloths
Bar soap (no liquid)
Cloth diapers
Diaper pins
Diaper cream
Diaper covers (plastic pants)
Receiving blankets
Band-aids (all sizes)
Cotton balls

Gauze pads, sponges, rolls
Medical adhesive tape
Sanitary pads
Tylenol or ibuprofen, adult tablets or infant drops, unexpired for at least 18 months
Hydrocortisone ointment
Antibiotic ointment (Neosporin)
Hydrogen peroxide

Individuals interested in making a financial donation to support Global Links' relief efforts in Haiti can do so online at www.globallinks.org .

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About Global Links:

Global Links is a registered 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that collaborates with U.S. institutions to recover surplus medical materials before consignment to land-fills and makes them available to hospitals abroad through their ongoing programs. Because poorly planned donations can be worse than no aid at all, each donation is carefully tailored to meet the needs of the recipient institution. Dedicated volunteers help Global Links to maintain high quality standards and low costs. Since its founding in 1989, Global Links has provided more than \$160 million in critical medical aid to developing nations, including Bolivia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica and Nicaragua.

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