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### **Practice Greenhealth Presents Global Links with National Award for Environmental Excellence**

#### ***Champion for Change Award Recognizes Achievements in Environmental Stewardship***

(PITTSBURGH – April 29, 2013) – [Global Links](http://www.globallinks.org) has been honored with a **Champion for Change** Award by **Practice Greenhealth**, a national membership organization for health care facilities committed to empowering members to increase efficiencies and environmental stewardship while improving patient safety and care.

The Champion for Change award, one of the organization's **Environmental Excellence Awards** given each year to honor outstanding environmental achievements in the health care sector, is presented to health care product and service providers that have achieved success in greening their own organization and assisted others who are committed to improving their environmental performance.

"The Champion for Change Award honors organizations that demonstrate leadership in reducing their environmental footprint," said Laura Wenger, RN, Executive Director of Practice Greenhealth. "Global Links' has extended their commitment beyond their internal practices to their clients and community to make even more of an impact."

The 2013 "Champion for Change" Award Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellence Awards were presented in Boston at the CleanMed Conference & Exposition, a national environmental conference for leaders in health care sustainability.

"As the network of healthcare systems working with us expands, the benefits to the environment expand as well," says Kathleen Hower, Global Links chief executive officer and co-founder. "We are proud to help our partners reduce their environmental impact while at the same time, sharing critically needed, life-saving surplus medical equipment and supplies to communities that lack medical resources."

**About Practice Greenhealth:**

Practice Greenhealth is the nation's leading membership and networking organization for institutions in health care that have made a commitment to sustainable, environmentally friendly practices. To learn more about Practice Greenhealth visit [www.practicegreenhealth.org](http://www.practicegreenhealth.org).

**About Global Links**

Global Links is a medical relief and development organization dedicated to improving health in resource-poor communities while reducing medical waste. By recovering high-quality surplus medical supplies and equipment from U.S. hospitals and distributing them to public healthcare institutions, primarily in Latin America and the Caribbean, Global Links provides a socially and environmentally beneficial alternative to sending tons of still-useful materials to landfills. Since 1989, Global Links has delivered over \$200 million in critical medical aid through our collaborative, capacity building programs. In addition our unique Suture Donation Program recovers life-saving sutures to help patients worldwide. For more information, visit [www.globallinks.org](http://www.globallinks.org).

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