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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 – June 5, 2014) – For the 5th consecutive year, [Global Links](http://www.globallinks.org) has been honored with a **Champion for Change Award** by **Practice Greenhealth**, a national healthcare facilities membership organization 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 Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellence Awards were presented June 5, 2014, in Cleveland, Ohio, at the CleanMed Conference & Exhibition, the premier national environmental conference for leaders in health care sustainability.

“As Global Links celebrates its 25th year of service, we are proud to help a growing number of healthcare and health system partners reduce their environmental impact,” says Kathleen Hower, Global Links chief executive officer and co-founder. “Not only are we keeping nearly 300 tons of surplus but still useable medical equipment and supplies out of U.S. landfills and waste stream each year, we are also saving lives by sharing critically needed medical materials to communities that lack resources and where the need is great.”

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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.

About Global Links

Global Links is a medical relief and development organization dedicated to improving health in resource-poor communities, primarily in the Western Hemisphere. Global Links collaborates with U.S. health care institutions and the community to recover hundreds of tons of high-quality surplus medical materials every year that would otherwise be sent to landfills. These materials are shared with public health institutions that are providing care for their community's most vulnerable people.

In Western Pennsylvania, Global Links offers numerous volunteer opportunities, donates materials to other non-profit organizations, and supports international medical service trips. For more information, visit www.globallinks.org.

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Global Links. Sharing Surplus. Saving Lives.