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SisterFriend, Inc. and Global Links Announce New Partnership

***This Alliance Will Promote the Health and Dignity of Pittsburgh Women in Need
Through the Provision of Feminine and Incontinence Care Products***

Public Asked to Donate Products via Drop-Off at Global Links Headquarters

(PITTSBURGH, PA – April 27, 2016) Pittsburgh-based not for profits SisterFriend, Inc. and Global Links announce a partnership that will strengthen the impact of both organizations in the region and expand their efforts to improve the quality of life for underserved individuals through the provision of adult incontinence and feminine care products to local women in need.

Global Links will leverage 27 years of experience collecting surplus medical supplies from health facilities and individuals to supply adult incontinence and feminine care products to SisterFriend, Inc. for distribution through their established and growing network of agency partners. These include Bethlehem Haven, Light of Light Rescue Mission, Operation Safety Net and Shepherd's Heart Ministries & Fellowship.

Global Links will kick off a Feminine Care Product Drive during the month of May. The community is encouraged to take donations of unopened packages of pads, tampons and adult briefs to Global Links headquarters in Green Tree. SisterFriend, Inc. will distribute items to homeless and underprivileged women in Pittsburgh. Surprising to many, these necessities are not covered by SNAP benefits.

SisterFriend, Inc. and Global Links will host a **PADS & PONS CELEBRATION at SAVOY** on Thursday, June 2, 2016 from 5-8 pm. This free networking event will give women and men the opportunity to meet staff and learn how both organizations are supporting women of all ages in our region. Donations of feminine care products or financial support are encouraged. Details can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/517995638387274/>

"SisterFriend is dedicated to sustaining feminine health regardless of a woman's socio-economic status. We have successfully partnered with agencies in the Pittsburgh region to provide pads and tampons to those in need via our SisterFriend Kits, but our partnership with Global Links will allow us to expand our Senior Care Program by providing much needed adult incontinence products. These products will not only help sustain the health of our seniors but also their dignity," states Tamara L. Whiting, Founder and Executive Director of SisterFriend, Inc.



“Global Links has, since its founding, sought to meet the most basic healthcare and self-care needs of those who lack resources, particularly those services and products that most of us take for granted,” says Angela Garcia, Deputy Director of Global Links. “We welcome SisterFriend, Inc. as a new Community Partner and urge the public to support our collaboration and learn more about the work of both organizations to support health, dignity and independence for women in our community.”

In addition to the product collection and networking event, SisterFriend will present a **Lunch + Learn at Global Links on Wednesday, June 8 at noon-1pm**. This event is free and open to the public. More information can be found here: https://www.globallinks.org/get_involved/events.php

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