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Supporting the Caregiver

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SUQUEE DONATION PROGRAM

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The Scrub Squad Bob and his team quickly check, match and fold scrubs for use in Global Links projects.

Providing Medical and/or Childcare for an Individual or Group is a fantastic way to help individuals with various special needs better manage their unique care. One of these adaptations is one of our areas of focus. As we pilot these programs, a new partnership with ACHIEVA has allowed us to test the waters on some of these new process improvements. Individuals from ACHIEVA have been working on sorting and folding scrubs for our New York Scrubs initiative. A short video developed by the Chatham students.

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Adriana (23) and her mother enjoy their time out of the community as they participate in a workshop through the Suture Donation Program.

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Dr. Guschin performs tear duct surgery.

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Bolivia - 13,792 total items 
Jamaica - 8,157 total items 
Lesotho - 2,822 total items 
Peru - 4,702 total items 
Vietnam - 11,455 total items

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Unfortunately for many in our community, a lack of these resources is very much the reality. For those who are under- or uninsured, the cost of these items becomes prohibitive. Many families just go without, making the practicality of delivering care that much more difficult. At the same time, many families are left with medical supplies that they no longer need and have no idea to what to do with. We serve as the link between surplus and need for these important items in our local and global community. Making sure people have what they need to care for themselves can make a difference for patients and caregivers alike.

Mobility and bathing aids that are no longer needed by you or a loved one can be donated to Global Links by drop-off at our headquarters in Green Tree. For more information, visit globallinks.org.

**Hospital to Home: Surplus Is Everywhere**

For more than 27 years, Global Links has been recovering and reusing medical supplies from hospitals, saving them from landfill, and making sure they get to resource-poor communities where there is a dire need for these items. In an effort to streamline that valuable medical supplies find a second act instead of ending up in the trash, Global Links is developing new collaborations to recover more of these important materials.

Home healthcare companies often send an abundance of supplies to patients’ homes, even though the patient may end up using only a small portion of what was sent. Sometimes they even return items, unable to have their physician change their treatment plan, leaving them with items that cannot be returned. Not knowing what to do with the surplus, patients are left to throw them away potentially good medical supplies.

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**Home Care Items Needed**

- Mobility and bathing aids
- Dressing aids
- Home care and adult briefs
- Other equipment for bathing

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A celebration of life supporting Global Links

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**International Medical Aid**

“My son could not go to school because we did not have any equipment for him... Now we can take him to the school and everywhere... we can just walk with the whole family.”

**GREEN APPLE TRADE SHOW**

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In my personal experience, my aunts and I cared for our mother when she fell and eventually fractured her skull. After surgery, there was a long recovery where Mom was assigned to a wheelchair and then a walker and a cane, and needed other support equipment for bathing and mobility for everyday tasks. Later we cared for her at home as cancer took her life.

I realize how fortunate we were to be able to care for her that we had the means to have a wheelchair, a walker, a shower chair—all those things that helped us to help Mom to have a better quality of life, and to recover and maintain her dignity even as she spent her last days. Unfortunately for many in our community, a lack of these resources is very much the reality. For those who are under- or uninsured, the cost of these items becomes prohibitive. Mobility and bathing aids that are no longer needed by you or a loved one can be donated to Global Links, saving them from landfills, and providing medical materials from hospitals, to patients in need by donating shower benches, rolling walkers, nebulizers and adult briefs.

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