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Global Links to Provide Protective Equipment to Healthcare Workers Treating Ebola Patients

Donated Hospital Gowns, Gloves, Masks, Goggles Will Equip Workers in Africa

(PITTSBURGH – Aug. 7, 2014) - [Global Links](http://www.globallinks.org), a Pittsburgh-based international humanitarian aid organization, is assembling shipments of protective medical equipment to assist healthcare workers who are treating patients suffering from Ebola in Africa.

Hospital gowns, gloves, masks and goggles are among the items being packed into kits that will be shipped to Africa through the [AFYA Foundation](http://www.afya.org), a medical relief agency with whom Global Links has partnered following Hurricane Sandy and the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

The protective kits being packed by staff and volunteers at the Global Links headquarters in Green Tree comprise surplus equipment donated by hospitals and businesses throughout western Pennsylvania.

“Because our regional hospitals and health systems are both generous and committed to taking the extra steps of directing their surplus to us year-round rather than sending it to landfills, we are well supplied to immediately respond to this crisis,” says Global Links CEO and Co-Founder Kathleen Hower. “While the most immediate need is for medical professionals trained to treat those who are suffering with the Ebola virus, protective apparel and equipment is vital to ensuring their safety.”

The Ebola virus is transmitted through direct contact with the blood, body fluids and tissues of infected animals or people. The infection can be controlled through the use of recommended protective measures and equipment.

Global Links is currently accepting donations to cover the cost of shipping hospital-grade protective equipment kits to the AFYA Foundation in New York, from which they will be shipped to Africa. Donations can be made by sending a check to:

**Global Links
700 Trumbull Drive**

Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Or online by clicking on the DONATE field at www.globallinks.org.

For information on supporting Global Links' response to the Ebola crisis, call 412-361-3424, email info@globallinks.org or click www.globallinks.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 country'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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