

Global Links Hosts Virtual and In-Person Family Volunteer Days
Families needed to collect and assemble Personal Care Kits for neighbors in need

PITTSBURGH – November 10, 2021 -- This holiday season, adults and children of all ages can join together to help local neighbors in need by collecting items for and assembling Personal Care Kits and participating in Global Links Family Volunteer Days.



Families can choose to build kits at home and participate virtually through a live ZOOM event with Global Links staff on Nov. 20, 2021, or build their kits at home at any time with access to virtual instructions and a video presentation.

Upon registration, volunteers will receive an email with a complete list of items to purchase, including soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, and moisturizer, along with either a zoom link or specific assembly instructions.



Global Links will distribute the kits to partnering organizations serving western Pennsylvania, including South Hills Interfaith Movement, POWER, North Hills Community Outreach, Propel Northside Community Wellness, Jewish Family and Community Services, and Human Services Center, as well as several organizations serving local immigrant, refugee and homeless neighbors.



An in-person Family Volunteer Day, open to fully vaccinated teens ages 12-18 and adults only, will be held on December 11, 2021, at Global Links headquarters in Green Tree.

“These basic personal care items are essential to good health, dignity, and employability, but because they are not covered by government assistance (food stamps), many seniors, families and other local neighbors struggling financially cannot always afford them,” says Global Links Executive Director Angela Garcia. “This is a simple way to provide support and care to neighbors who are going through difficult circumstances.”

Advance registration is required for all events <https://www.globallinks.org/volunteer/family-volunteer-days>. A shopping list of needed items will be provided upon registration.

LIVE VIRTUAL Volunteer Day: [Saturday, Nov 20, 10 am](#)

- Join Global Links for a LIVE virtual event geared toward families with young supporters ages 0-12 (although anyone of any age is welcome).
- Once registered, participants will receive a shopping list to complete BEFORE logging in to the event. Global Links staff will talk about the project, where the items will be donated, and why these items matter so much to those who receive them. Participants will then pack kits together on ZOOM. Participants can deliver their kits to Global Links using contact-free drop off.
- This event will be recorded; participants that are unable to join live can watch at their own convenience.

IN-PERSON Volunteer Day: [Saturday, Dec 11, 10 am-12 pm](#)

- Join Global Links for an IN-PERSON event at the Global Links headquarters in Green Tree. This event is geared toward families with teenagers ages 12-18.
- All volunteers **must show proof of full COVID vaccination and wear a mask.**
- Families will gather at the Global Links Volunteer Center, tour and learn about Global Links, and pack essential supplies.

ONGOING [Virtual Volunteer Days](#)

- [Register](#) to volunteer with family/friends/colleagues/group and receive detailed written instructions, a link to video instructions, and a shopping list.
- Gather and pack kits and drop them off contact free at a time that is convenient.

To learn more, visit www.globallinks.org or email glvolunteer@globallinks.org or info@globallinks.org.

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About Global Links

Global Links is a Pittsburgh-based non-profit dedicated to improving health in communities with need. Global Links collaborates with U.S. healthcare institutions and the community to rescue hundreds of tons of high-quality surplus medical materials every year that would otherwise be discarded. These materials are shared with public health facilities around the world and with non-profit organizations in Western Pennsylvania that are providing care for their community's most vulnerable people. For more information, visit www.globallinks.org. Global Links. Sharing Surplus. Saving Lives.

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