

Media Alert ****Photo/Video Opportunity****



Families to Gather at Global Links on Saturday, December 11, to Clean and Refurbish Surplus Nebulizers for Donation

As part of “Breathe Hope” program, hundreds of breathing machines will be converted from surplus to life-saving use for children and seniors in need

WHAT: As part of the Global Links [Breathe Hope](#) program, volunteer families will gather at the Global Links headquarters in Green Tree to test, clean, and prepare hundreds of surplus nebulizers by replacing filters and pairing the machines with new tubing and masks. When fully prepped, the nebulizers will be distributed to healthcare partners serving resource-poor communities and patients in the Pittsburgh Region and in Latin America.

Nebulizers are breathing machines that vaporize medicine so children and seniors can easily breathe it in. Each year in the United States, thousands of nebulizers are either thrown away or put into storage because the machines cannot be returned when no longer needed. At the same time, asthma, COPD and other respiratory conditions are on the rise, with poor air quality, poverty and limited medical resources exacerbating the problem.

Individuals from across the United States have donated their no longer needed nebulizers to Global Links through the *Breathe Hope* program. In doing so, they are providing life-saving treatment for children and seniors.

WHEN: Saturday, December 11
10 am to 12 pm

WHERE: Global Links Headquarters in Green Tree
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Pittsburgh 15205

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Global Links accepts clean, functioning nebulizers along with new, unopened tubing and masks. A printable mailing label and instructions can be accessed at www.globallinks.org/donate/nebulizers. For more information, email info@globallinks.org or call 412-361-3424.

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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