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Global Links Presents UPMC Mercy Hospital with Outstanding Hospital Partner Award in Recognition of 30-Year Commitment to Surplus Medical Equipment Rescue and Sustainability

Partnership with Global Links has enabled UPMC Mercy to redirect over 182 tons of surplus medical equipment, supplies and furnishings to serve clinics and hospitals locally, as well as in 20 countries around the world

PITTSBURGH (February 6, 2024) – Local and international humanitarian aid organization Global Links today presented UPMC Mercy with its Outstanding Hospital Partner Award, recognizing the hospital’s 34-year commitment to rescuing surplus supplies and equipment and redirecting them to serve communities in need.

Global Links began working with Mercy Hospital, to collect no longer needed medical supplies and equipment in 1990. UPMC Mercy was an early leader in its sustainability efforts, and over the last three decades has redirected 182 tons of medical supplies, equipment and furnishings that would have otherwise been discarded. Those materials are shared with Global Links, who provides them to clinics, doctors and hospitals serving patients in lower-resourced communities locally and in 20 countries around the world.

U.S. hospitals such as UPMC Mercy accrue medical and clinical furnishings surplus for multiple reasons, including upgrades, renovations, healthcare regulations, rebranding and more. Surplus materials range from sutures, surgical tools, bandages and gloves to exam tables, beds, IV poles, stretchers, wheelchairs and more.

John Innocenti, President, UPMC Mercy shared “UPMC Mercy is proud to have been an early partner with Global Links, and even more proud to continue that relationship today, more than three decades later. Reducing waste and promoting sustainability while providing medical equipment to communities that truly need it is a natural extension of our mission at UPMC Mercy and throughout UPMC.”

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. 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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