

## **News for Immediate Release**

### **Global Links Presents UPMC Magee-Women's Hospital with Outstanding Hospital Partner Award in Recognition of 25-Year Commitment to Surplus Medical Equipment Rescue and Sustainability**

*Partnership with Global Links has enabled UPMC Magee to redirect over 150,000 pounds of surplus medical equipment, supplies and furnishings to serve clinics and hospitals locally, as well as in 20 countries around the world*

PITTSBURGH (July 25, 2024) – Local and international humanitarian aid organization Global Links today presented UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital with its Outstanding Hospital Partner Award, recognizing the hospital's 25-year commitment to rescuing surplus supplies and equipment and redirecting them to serve communities in need.

Global Links began working with UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital, to collect no longer needed medical supplies and equipment in 1999. UPMC Magee-Womens was an early leader in its sustainability efforts, and over the last three decades has redirected 150,000 lbs 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 Magee-Womens 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.

"Global Links has been an incredible partner to us for the past three decades," said Richard Beigi, MD, president, UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital. "Working hand in hand with them has helped us to improve care for communities in need both locally and globally while reducing waste."

#### **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](http://www.globallinks.org). Global Links. Sharing Surplus. Saving Lives.

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