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Global Links Presents UPMC East Hospital and UPMC McKeesport with the Outstanding Hospital Partner Award in Recognition of a combined 30+ Year Commitment to Surplus Medical Equipment Rescue and Sustainability

Partnership with Global Links has enabled UPMC East and McKeesport to redirect over 98,000 pounds of surplus medical equipment, supplies and furnishings to serve clinics and hospitals locally, as well as in 20 countries around the world

PITTSBURGH (September 26, 2024) – Local and international humanitarian aid organization Global Links today presented UPMC East and UPMC McKeesport Hospital with its Outstanding Hospital Partner Award, recognizing the hospital’s combined 30+ year commitment to rescuing surplus supplies and equipment and redirecting them to serve communities in need.

Global Links began working with UPMC McKeesport in 2004 and UPMC East in 2013, to collect no longer needed medical supplies and equipment. Both hospitals were early leaders in its sustainability efforts, and over the last several decades have redirected a combined 98,000 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 East and UPMC McKeesport 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.

“UPMC East and UPMC McKeesport are proud to partner with Global Links. Reducing waste and promoting sustainability while providing medical equipment to communities that truly need it is a natural extension of our mission at UPMC East, UPMC McKeesport, and throughout UPMC.”- Andy Rush, President UPMC East, McKeesport, and Somerset.

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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