

## News for Immediate Release

### Global Links Presents UPMC St. Margaret with Outstanding Hospital Partner Award in Recognition of 35 year Commitment to Surplus Medical Equipment Rescue and Sustainability

*Partnership with Global Links has enabled UPMC St. Margaret to redirect over 204,000 pounds of surplus medical equipment, supplies and furnishings to serve clinics and hospitals locally, as well as in 20 countries around the world*

PITTSBURGH (June 24, 2025) – Local and international humanitarian aid organization Global Links today presented UPMC St. Margaret with its Outstanding Hospital Partner Award, recognizing the hospital’s 35 year commitment to rescuing surplus supplies and equipment and redirecting them to serve communities in need.

Global Links began working with UPMC St. Margaret, to collect no longer needed medical supplies and equipment in 1990. UPMC St. Margaret was an early leader in its sustainability efforts, and over three decades has redirected 204,000 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 St. Margaret, 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.

“At UPMC St. Margaret, we are honored to have been an early partner with Global Links, and we believe that caring for our community extends beyond our hospital walls,” said **Andy Ritchie**, president, UPMC St. Margaret. “Our long-standing partnership with Global Links reflects our shared commitment to sustainability and compassion—ensuring that surplus medical supplies find new purpose in the hands of caregivers serving those most in need. We are proud to support this vital mission.”

#### **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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