MedWish Donation Drive to Benefit Those Affected by Superstorm Sandy

Cleveland, Ohio – On Saturday, November 17, MedWish International will mobilize its local supporters to collect first aid and personal hygiene items to send to partners organizations working to rebuild on the East Coast in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

“MedWish exists to meet the needs of people in developing countries who don’t have the same resources we have in the United States,” said Josh Kravitz, MedWish executive director, “but because we have such generous and energetic supporters in Northeast Ohio, we knew this was an important civic opportunity to rally this support to help our neighbors.”

MedWish will be accepting unopened, non-expired donations of the following items. They can be dropped off between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wickliffe Italian-American Club at 29717 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe:

**Personal Hygiene Items**
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Hand sanitizer
- Bar soap
- Shampoo
- Infant diapers
- Infant wipes
- Disposable gloves

**First Aid Items**
- 2” x 2” gauze dressing pads
- Medical tape
- Alcohol prep pads
- Adhesive bandages
- Antibiotic Ointment

Please do not donate
Blankets, bottled water, clothing, food, or toys. MedWish is unable to accept or ship these items.

Two key partners will receive and distribute these items to people displaced by the storm: The Atlantic City Rescue Mission in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and World Vision USA.

The drive coincides with MedWish’s annual football-themed fundraiser, the Huddle with MedWish, which will take place at the Wickliffe Italian-American Club beginning at 6 p.m. on November 17. Tickets are available at www.medwish.org/huddle2012, and at $25 each include dinner and access to a gambler’s auction featuring sports memorabilia, electronics, gift cards and more. Cleveland Browns alumnus Dick “Bam Bam” Ambrose (a Kardiac Kid of 1980 Browns Fame) will be in attendance until 7 p.m. All proceeds benefit MedWish programs including international humanitarian aid and local support of Northeast Ohioans with disabilities, animal shelters and school programs.

About MedWish International

MedWish International is a Cleveland-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that recovers usable medical surplus from health care systems and distributes these vital supplies to doctors, nurses and humanitarians to improve health care around the world. Since 2003, MedWish has kept more than 2.75 million pounds of medical surplus out of landfills and has sent much-needed supplies to more than 90 countries all over the world. For more information about MedWish, please visit www.medwish.org or call (216) 692-1685.

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