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MedWish International Announces Executive Director Resignation

Cleveland, Ohio—MedWish International announced today that Josh Kravitz, the organization's executive director for the past 18 months, will be stepping down in the coming weeks to pursue other opportunities.

"I am grateful to have had the chance to work with such a committed group of people," said Kravitz. "MedWish board, staff, volunteers and partners are assets to the organization and will continue to build upon the successes we have achieved during my tenure. While personal reasons have led me to pursue a different path, I am proud to have been a member of this team and confident they will continue to ethically and effectively serve our mission."

The MedWish Board of Directors is seeking candidates to fill the role of executive director. In the meantime, Kravitz will stay on board, potentially through the end of September, and will be available as a consultant for humanitarian projects and strategic initiatives in the future. If a new hire is not identified before Kravitz's departure, MedWish Board President Ann Affolter will step in as the interim executive director. Affolter served as the organization's first executive director from 2001-2005 and as its interim executive director during its last leadership change.

"Josh has brought a measure of expertise in the humanitarian industry that has aligned MedWish to better serve our partners and recipients," Affolter said. "From significant quality improvements to new partnerships, Josh has led MedWish in some truly incredible and transformative initiatives. I am confident our staff will continue this path to excellence. We are sad to see Josh go, but wish him well on his new endeavors."

During Kravitz' tenure, MedWish succeeded in sending the most shipments ever in one calendar year, 252 in 2012. The organization also hosted its most successful annual fundraiser and recently completed the development of a strategic plan that will guide activities and improvements over the next three years. More information about the strategic plan will be presented to the public in the coming months.

The Board of Directors is beginning the recruiting process for the next executive director. An announcement will be made on the MedWish website when they will begin accepting applications.

About MedWish International

MedWish International is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in Cleveland, Ohio. MedWish recovers usable medical surplus from local health systems and distributes it as humanitarian aid to developing countries. For more information, please visit www.medwish.org or call 216.692.1685.

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