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Washington Hospital Sends Medical Relief Supplies to Haiti

Fremont, Calif. – Washington Hospital Healthcare System has teamed up with MedShare, a local non-profit organization, to provide much needed medical supplies and equipment to Haiti. MedShare specializes in collecting surplus medical supplies and equipment from hospitals for distribution across the globe.

“We want to do our part to make sure that the people of Haiti, who are facing dire conditions, get needed medical supplies,” says Bernard Stewart, DDS, president of the Washington Township Health Care District Board of Directors. “We’re one hospital among many in the Bay Area, so our partnership with MedShare, means that our supplies will join others and be shipped to the areas of greatest need as quickly as possible.”

Recently, Washington Hospital delivered its first shipment to a distribution center in San Leandro operated by MedShare. This included a variety of medical supplies including bandages, IV start kits, surgical scrubs and gloves, oxygen masks, blankets, crutches and more than 40 other medical items that are needed most in Haiti right now. In the coming weeks, Washington Hospital will send a second shipment of medical equipment to MedShare that will include blood pressure monitors, wheelchairs and hospital beds. Since the earthquake, MedShare has already sent 13 shipments to hospitals and clinics throughout Haiti.

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During the past 10 years, MedShare has shipped 37 containers of medical supplies and equipment to Haiti. Thanks to having long-term partnerships with hospitals and non-profits in Haiti, MedShare was prepared to ship supplies immediately after the earthquake.

“What makes this relief effort work more efficient is our ability to have our contacts in Haiti tell us exactly what they need,” says Chuck Haupt, MedShare Western Region Executive Director. “By responding to specific needs, we are shipping medical supplies that will make an immediate impact and help save lives. Our mission is to partner with people to bring help and health to the world.”

Washington Hospital Healthcare System includes a 359-bed acute-care hospital; the Taylor McAdam Bell Neuroscience Institute; The Gamma Knife[®] Center; Washington Center for Joint Replacement; The Cardiovascular Institute; Washington Outpatient Catheterization Laboratory; the Institute for Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery; Washington Radiation Oncology Center; Washington Outpatient Surgery Center; Washington Outpatient Rehabilitation Center; and Washington West, a complex which houses Washington Women’s Center, Outpatient Imaging Center and additional outpatient hospital services and administrative facilities.

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