



Our Mission

MedShare is dedicated to bridging the gap between surplus and need to improve healthcare and the environment in the United States and abroad.

Our Purpose

MedShare acts as a recycling and distribution center for surplus medical supplies and equipment. MedShare collects batch and single unused medical items that are still valuable but no longer in demand in the United States and redistributes these products to healthcare facilities in economically developing countries that have limited medical resources.

Our Commitment

MedShare is committed to serving all underserved healthcare institutions regardless of religion, politics or race. However, MedShare often partners with various faith-based and civic initiatives in efforts to fulfill its mission.

Our Community

MedShare relies on the generosity of both corporate and private donors to operate as we currently receive no government funding. MedShare's beneficiaries are all underserved healthcare institutions requesting help throughout the world.

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MedShare International is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1998.



A Humanitarian and Environmental Solution

- ✚ Since its inception in 1998, MedShare has donated over **\$60 million** worth of medical supplies and equipment in more than **475 forty-foot containers** to hospitals and clinics in the economically developing world. This accounts for over **one million cubic feet of space** saved in U.S. landfills and over **2,500 tons of supplies and equipment**.
- ✚ MedShare has sent forty-foot containers to **78 countries** around the world.
- ✚ In 2007, MedShare's supply and recovery efforts saved approximately **535,000 lbs. of CO₂**, equal to almost **554,000 miles** driven; and **1.8 million kWh**, equal to **150 household's annual electricity**.
- ✚ In 2008, MedShare has collected a weekly average of over **8 tons** of useable surplus medical supplies and equipment from both local and national partner hospitals, manufacturers and distributors. MedShare evaluates, sorts, labels, inventories and prepares these materials for shipment.
- ✚ In 2008, MedShare distributed over **\$11 million** worth of medical supplies and equipment in **79 forty-foot containers**, supplied more than **\$370,000** worth of medical product to **236 medical mission teams** and provided tens of thousands of individuals in the economically developing world with healthcare that would otherwise be unavailable.
- ✚ MedShare's **biomedical engineer** and **biomedical tech** restore and repair donated **biomedical equipment** to ensure that recipient hospitals have the means necessary to effectively operate the equipment.
- ✚ In its ten-year history, MedShare has outfitted **over 1,000 medical teams** who have traveled abroad with over **\$2.3 million** worth of MedShare supplies.
- ✚ MedShare's volunteer corps averages over **600 dedicated individuals** per month, many on a recurring weekly or monthly basis. In 2008, they sorted a total of **141 tons** of valuable medical supplies and contributed **over 21,000 total volunteer hours** to MedShare's mission.

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FAQs

Where are you located?

MedShare has two locations. Its headquarters is in Decatur, GA, a suburb of Atlanta, but it also has a distribution center in San Leandro, California, which is just outside of San Francisco.

Where do you collect surplus supplies and equipment?

We primarily work with hospitals in the Atlanta metro area and northern California to recover surplus medical products. We also work with some hospitals and clinics outside our primary collections along with many medical distributors and manufactures throughout the U.S. to accept donations of medical supplies and equipment. To learn more about partnership options, visit medshare.org/services/medical-product-donations.

Can I donate my expired supplies to you?

No, all products must have a minimum shelf life of 12-18 months because of strict customs regulations in most of our recipient countries.

Do you accept pharmaceuticals?

We do not accept pharmaceuticals, but a list of originations that can help with these items can be found at <http://www.medshare.org/services/medical-product-donations/pharmaceuticals>.

Do you accept biomedical equipment?

Yes, we are always in need of biomedical equipment. We have two full-time biomedical engineers who prepare items for shipment and travel internationally to train medical staff on proper use of biomedical equipment. A list of the biomedical equipment accepted can be found on our Website at <http://www.medshare.org/services/medical-product-donations>.

What type of product donations do you accept?

MedShare works with hospitals, clinics, manufacturers, distributors and individuals to receive disposable medical supplies, gently used durable goods and operational biomedical equipment. Most needed are simple items like gloves, sutures, surgical instruments, stethoscopes, wheelchairs, patient monitors, and sterilizers.

Do you make medical supplies available to clinics in the United States?

Yes, we offer a variety of supplies to free clinics in Georgia and California through our Medical Mission Team store. Application for free clinic support is available at <http://www.medshare.org/services/medical-mission-teams>.

How can I obtain supplies for a humanitarian project or medical team trip?

Go to the services/medical mission teams section of our Website (www.medshare.org) and submit an online application. Once your application has been approved, someone will contact you to set up an appointment to come in and pick out your medical supplies. You must have a doctor or nurse sign the application.

How do you ensure that the containers arrive safely?

We develop working relationships with corporations, faith-based organizations and other international nonprofits that have overseas staff and are committed to improving healthcare in their communities. Because these partners have a vested financial stake, in that they have somehow helped sponsor the shipping container, they help MedShare shepherd the medical shipments through customs and to the recipient healthcare facility.

How do you qualify your medical supply recipients?

New applicants must complete a comprehensive application including references. We also require written proof from the applicant's government that it is a legitimate government or non-profit organization qualified to accept duty-free humanitarian aid in its country.

How can I learn more about sponsoring the shipment of a container of medical supplies and equipment?

Please view the Services section of our Website at <http://www.medshare.org/services/medical-product-shipments>.

How can I help with the work that MedShare is doing?

There are several ways you can get involved at MedShare. You can donate medical product, partner with us financially, or you can volunteer to help sort and package medical product. Visit our Website at www.medshare.org to learn how to get involved at MedShare.



Our recipients tell us we're making a world of difference.

“The container you sent to Pedro Vicente Moldonado in the jungles of Ecuador arrived a while back, and I wanted to try to express to you the excitement in the town. The Mayor came to see it. The town council came to see it. The school board came to see it. The hospital board came to see it. People are so relieved and grateful.”

—David P. Gaus, MD, MPH/TM, Executive Director of Andean Health & Development (SALUDESA)

“Obviously, MedShare’s contribution to this hospital will touch many, many lives in different ways. We have started using the supplies and are now setting up the donated equipment for use. Again, through your kindness and generosity, you are helping us provide the people of this rural community with quality healthcare services.”

—Joseph Owiso
Director of Ojele Memorial Hospital, Kenya

“Beneficiaries of the medical mission tearfully testified to have been relieved from expenses of more than a hundred thousand pesos and the misery of pain and discomfort, not to include the anxiety on the probability of death. Again, we are very grateful for your enormous support.”

—Erico B. Aumentado
Governor, Province of Bohol, Republic of the Phillipines

“Over the years, the containers from MedShare have supplied us with many valuable items which we use in our care of the poor here in Nairobi. A hospital serving the poor need not be a poor hospital! Thanks to the wonderful help from MedShare, we are able to provide our low-income patients with a standard of care that would not otherwise be possible.”

—Rev. Dr. Bill Fryda
St. Mary’s Mission Hospital

“I want to take a moment and commend you and MedShare for the system you have in place for determining what gets shipped on your containers. Your online shopping system has put you head and shoulders above most other humanitarian relief organizations, in my opinion.”

—David Bell
Procurement and Inventory Manager, CURE International



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MEDSHARE NAMED SLAM DUNK CHARITY BY CHARITY NAVIGATOR

ATLANTA, Georgia—MedShare has been ranked number four on a top ten list of Slam-Dunk Charities by Charity Navigator, a nonprofit organization that evaluates the financial health of over 5,000 charities to help charitable givers make intelligent giving decisions.

The charities on the Slam-Dunk Charities list are recognized not only for being tops in terms of financial health, but also for respecting the rights of donors. Charity Navigator highlighted MedShare for outperforming majority peer organizations in terms of financial management and for having a donor privacy policy in place.

“This is a great honor for us at MedShare to be recognized among by such a well-respected organization like Charity Navigator, as it is important to us to be financially responsible to our donors,” said A.B. Short, CEO at MedShare.

For more information about Charity Navigator, visit <http://www.charitynavigator.org/>.

About MedShare International

MedShare International is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated bridging the gap between surplus and need through the collection and distribution surplus medical supplies and equipment for use by healthcare institutions in the U.S. and developing countries. Since MedShare’s inception in 1999, the organization has retrieved more than \$60 million in surplus medical supplies and equipment from U.S. donors and shipped over 450 forty-foot medical aid containers to healthcare institutions in economically developing countries. For more information, please visit the organization’s website at: www.medshare.org.

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