MEDWISH INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1993, MedWish International is a Cleveland based not-for-profit organization that saves lives and the environment by repurposing discarded medical supplies and equipment to provide humanitarian aid in developing countries.

OUR TRIFOLD MISSION

✓ Environmental (Reduce waste)
✓ Repurposing
✓ Improve healthcare for people around the world
Recover
MedWish recovers usable medical surplus. MedWish kept over 582,000 pounds of surplus supplies out of landfills in 2015.

Sort & Repurpose
Volunteers and staff sort, quality check and pack donated surplus. In 2015, our team of dedicated volunteers served nearly 35,000 hours.

International Redistribution
Our partners place orders that are shipped in suitcases, on pallets or in cargo containers. In 2015 alone, MedWish sent 182 shipments of medical supplies, weighing roughly 294,000 pounds, to 44 countries.
MedWish works with a range of healthcare providers to recover medical surplus they can no longer use. In 10 years, MedWish has recovered more than 3.5 million pounds of medical surplus from nearly 100 U.S. hospitals, keeping these lifesaving items out of landfills and putting them in the hands of people in need worldwide.

U.S. hospitals generate more than 5.9 million tons of waste each year, much of which is unused medical supplies and equipment.
Supplies and Shipments
Alternative Recycling: MedWish donates supplies that cannot be used in health facilities internationally to local non-profits and organizations to be used in different ways
- humane societies, nursing schools, after school programs, art programs

Reprocessing: Many of our international recipients cannot make appropriate use of certain items. Instead of throwing these items in the trash, paying for the removal of said trash, and furthering the environmental problems associated with throwing things in the trash which could otherwise be used, a select number of these items can be sold to approved reprocessing vendors.
- high-end endoscopic surgical equipment, suture
In 2015, MedWish...
• Shipped 7,434.5 lbs. of alternative recycling supplies
• Shipped 1,327 lbs. of material to be reprocessed

Partners:
• Humane Society of Erie County
• Huron County Humane Society
• NewBridge Cleveland - Center for Arts & Technology
• Ursuline College
• Surgical Product Solutions
• STEPS Academy
• eSutures.com
Because one good idea, with enough energy behind it, can change the world.
THANK YOU!