

Global Medic and Sunnybrook donate 200 hospital beds

March 28, 2007

Global Medic, the operational arm of the David McAntony Gibson Foundation, a registered Canadian charity that runs capacity building programs in post conflict nations and provides disaster relief services to large scale catastrophes around the world is donating 200 hospital beds to hospitals in developing countries. Global Medic is staffed by professional rescuers (paramedics, police officers, firefighters) who volunteer their time to man a Rescue Unit, Water Purification Unit, and Emergency Medical Unit. More information on the program can be viewed on line at www.dmgf.org

Global Medic has deployed teams to respond to 16 emergencies in the last 2 years including the Tsunami in Sri Lanka; Hurricane Stan in Guatemala; earthquakes in Pakistan and Indonesia; the war zone in Lebanon; and Typhoon Durian in the Philippines.

The beds are being donated by Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre as they upgrade their equipment to better serve veterans. In a concerted effort to protect the environment, Sunnybrook is making every effort to ensure that usable gear is donated to facilities so that it can continue to help in the care of patients and avoid cluttering landfills. The recycling of this equipment makes for a better world.

These beds are being sent through partnership programs to equip hospitals in Somalia, Sudan, Indonesia, Saint Lucia, and Bangladesh.

Members of the media are invited to attend the K-wing of Sunnybrook to watch the loading of beds onto shipping containers. Uniformed volunteers from the team will be loading the beds along with Sunnybrook staff. Global Medic team members will be available for interviews about this initiative and other Global Medic missions. Sunnybrook staff will also be on hand to provide interviews.

Date:

March 28, 2007

Time:

0800-11:30 (best media time is 10am – 11am)

Location:

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
2075 Bayview Ave, Toronto
Bayview north of Eglinton
K – Wing Loading Docks

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