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## **SUPPLIES OVER SEAS SENDS HEALTH & HOPE TO GUATEMALA**

**Louisville, KY – Supplies Over Seas (SOS)** loaded a 40-ft shipping container of dry medical supplies bound for Guatemala today, **Friday, August 5**. The container of medical supplies is made possible through a partnership with **Food for the Poor**.

**Melissa Mershon**, Supplies Over Seas President & CEO said, “Supplies Over Seas has been partnering with Food for the Poor for over seven years. Surplus medical supplies that are still useful would end up in our area landfill are now going to save lives in Guatemala. Food for the Poor is the perfect partner to distribute the medical supplies to Guatemalan hospitals and clinics.”

The 11,000 pounds of disposable medical supplements, medical equipment and laboratory supplies sent by Supplies Over Seas, arranged for by Food For The Poor, will be delivered by **The Sovereign Order of Malta in Guatemala** to Hospital Nacional “Ernestina García viuda de Recinos”, Jutiapa, Hospital Nacional Pedro de Betancourth, Antigua Guatemala, Hospital de la Asociación de Obras Sociales del Santo Hermano Pedro, Santuario de Humanidad, who have expressed that, all together, they treat, more than 600,000 patients of scarce resources annually. The medical supplies and equipment will contribute enormously to the fact that all patients coming to these hospitals will receive treatment with warmth and dignity, and will obtain relief from their health problems.

The shipping container, conservatively **valued at \$113,000** and **weighing 12,488 pounds** will include anesthesia, bedding, clothing, gloves, incontinence, lab, ortho, oxygen, plastics, skin prep, suction and urology supplies. Also included was the following equipment: canes, crutches, ecg, exam tables, IV poles, laundry hampers, adult scales, sharps containers, shower chairs, walkers and sphygmomanometers.

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**About Supplies Over Seas: Supplies Over Seas (SOS)** is a Louisville based 501(c)3 nonprofit that partners with hospitals and other medical institutions to recover surplus medical supplies and used equipment that would otherwise go into our landfills. The surplus is then redistributed to medically impoverished communities worldwide. In 2015, SOS received 153 tons of surplus medical supplies and equipment that would have otherwise gone into a landfill. SOS is one of only 15 medical surplus recovery organizations across the U.S. and the only such organization serving Kentucky, Southern Indiana and Southern Ohio. For more information call 502-736-6360 or visit: [www.suppliesoverseas.org](http://www.suppliesoverseas.org).

**About Food for the Poor:** Our mission is to link the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor and the poor in spirit. The materially poor are served by local churches, clergy and lay leaders who have been empowered and supplied with goods by Food For The Poor. The poor in spirit are renewed by their relationship with and service to the poor through our direct ministry of teaching, encouragement and prayer. Ultimately, we seek to bring both benefactors and recipients to a closer union with our Lord. For more information visit: <http://www.foodforthe poor.org>.