

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE PATIENT AT A TIME

## Joerns RecoverCare Partners with SavaSeniorCare Consulting LLC to Help Donate Beds to Medical Facilities in Need Around the World

SavaSeniorCare Consulting, LLC recently purchased over 4,700 new replacement beds for their facilities. SavaSeniorCare Consulting and Joerns RecoverCare then proposed a philanthropic solution for the beds that were being replaced.



**“I appreciate the donation of mechanical beds to be used in developing countries. The major single advantage is their mechanical nature.”**

– DR. GRAHAM JOHNSTONE, MD  
BOARD MEMBER, BROTHER’S BROTHER FOUNDATION

Joerns RecoverCare (JRC) has partnered with SavaSeniorCare Consulting, LLC to coordinate the donation of several hundred beds to medical facilities in need around the world. E.C. Walker, Director of Corporate Repairs for Joerns RecoverCare, reached out to Luke Hingson, President of Brother’s Brother Foundation, to see if the non-profit organization would be interested in a donation of healthcare beds.

Brother’s Brother Foundation (BBF), a 57-year old Pittsburgh-based international charity, has provided over \$4 billion of medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, textbooks, food, seeds, and other humanitarian supplies to people around the world in over 146 countries. The mission of BBF is to promote international health and education through the efficient and effective distribution and provision of donated medical, educational, agricultural and other resources. All BBF programs are designed to fulfill its mission by connecting people’s resources with people’s needs. BBF is routinely ranked as both one of the largest and most efficient US charities.

## **SOLUTION**

The acceptance of the bed donation was based on the specifications of the beds, quantities, and geographical location. BBF had to partner with several other organizations as taking on this many beds requires a significant investment on their part due to the logistics involved. Transporting the beds was a joint effort. Once accepted, JRC worked with its designated freight company, BNSF Logistics, to provide all the labor needed to disassemble the beds and load them onto the freight trucks to be delivered to one of the BBF. JRC utilized their Installers to manage/oversee the process and BNSF Logistics provided two workers to disassemble the beds. Once JRC installs all the new beds into the facility, the workers will load the donated beds into the truck to be transported to BBF.

These beds are donated to various places overseas and most of the time power is non-existent or limited, therefore the preferred bed is all manual crank beds (no power required to function) with side-rails included. Once BBF receives the beds, they inspect them for proper operation as well as ensure there are no missing components. JRC started the donation process in early May, 2015, but has already shipped over 200 beds to Jamaica, Haiti and Zimbabwe.

“Thank you for your willingness to partner with Brother’s Brother,” said Dr. Keir Thelander, MD, FACS, FWACS, Medical Director for Bongolo Hospital in Gabon, Africa. “Now hospitals like Bongolo Hospital can more effectively deliver medical care to people of the world that are in significant need.”

“Many of our hospitals had their beds taken for the recent Ebola victims,” said Dr. Karen Asher, Medical and Technical Advisor to the Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone. “Now, as the regular hospitals are returning to their pre-epidemic volumes, they need beds. The ones that were taken were so heavily contaminated with the virus that they are afraid to have them return. We are so thankful to your organization and to your donors as we work to improve the healthcare in Sierra Leone. Over the next few years thousands of people will benefit from these beds.”

“For me personally, this has been an amazing experience,” said E.C. Walker. “Being able to partner with SavaSeniorCare Consulting, LLC and Brother’s Brother has enabled us to significantly improve the healthcare for thousands of people around the world. That is why SavaSeniorCare Consulting, LLC and Joerns RecoverCare do what they do.”

For more information about Brother’s Brother, visit their website at <http://www.brothersbrother.org>