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SUPPLIES OVER SEAS SENDS HEALTH & HOPE TO SERBIA

Louisville, KY – [Supplies Over Seas \(SOS\)](#) will load a 40-ft shipping container of hospital beds bound for Serbia today, **Thursday, February 25, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon. The container is made possible through a partnership with the Indianapolis-based, [TriMedx Foundation](#) and the Chicago office of the [Lifeline Humanitarian Organization](#), whose patron is [HRH Crown Princess Katherine Karadjordjevic of Serbia](#).**

“Lifeline Chicago is extremely proud to be able to ship this container filled with life-saving supplies to the people in Serbia. This would not have been possible without our hard working supporters at the [American Serbian Club in Pittsburgh](#), who have partnered with us for three years already. Through their generosity, this shipment was made possible,” stated **Sandi Radoja**, President, Lifeline Chicago.

Dr. David Megler, a supporter of Lifeline Chicago said, “After visiting Serbia and meeting with Princess Katherine, I was made aware of the desperate need for medical equipment. This container will be a tremendous help for the people of Serbia.”

The shipping container will include 46 top-of-the-line hospital quality beds, such as the Hill-Rom Advanta brand, donated from SOS’s hospital partners and individuals across Kentucky. The beds will be used to upgrade hospitals and clinics in **Belgrade, Serbia** who serve mentally and physically disabled children, orphaned and abused children, children of internally displaced parents and the elderly. The **HRH Crown Princess Katherine Foundation** will oversee the distribution process in Belgrade.

The 46 beds for this shipment were generously donated from the following SOS partners:

- Baptist Health Corbin – 4 beds
- Baptist Health Lagrange – 2 beds
- Baptist Health Louisville – 3 beds
- Baptist Health Madisonville – 16 beds
- The Forum at Brookside – 15 beds
- Fred Gessner – 1 bed
- TriHealth, Good Samaritan – 2 beds
- KentuckyOne Health, Jewish Downtown – 1 bed
- KentuckyOne Health, Sts. Mary & Elizabeth – 1 bed
- University of Kentucky Good Samaritan – 1 bed

HRH Crown Princess Katherine communicated via email that, “We are all so very happy that the day has come and the preparations of the container for its journey to Serbia has arrived! This is a dream coming true!”

Media Opportunity: Observe/film/photograph the container being loaded at the SOS warehouse:
Today, Thursday, February 25, 2016, 10 am – noon.

Interview SOS representatives that will be on site to see the container loading.

Location: Supplies Over Seas, 1500 Arlington Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206 (off Spring St. between Mellwood Ave. and Payne St.)

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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.

About TriMedx Foundation: TriMedx Foundation was created in 2004 to address the international need for medical equipment repair and support. Working in partnership with faith-based medical mission organizations, TriMedx Foundation provides support services to help maintain the necessary equipment desperately needed for medical care. Operating through generous donations from equipment vendors, healthcare providers, talented technical staff, and others in the community, the Foundation makes a global impact in the health and hope of others. For more information visit: <http://www.trimedxfoundation.com>.

About Lifeline Humanitarian Organization (LHO): The Chicago office of Lifeline Humanitarian Organization, under the patronage of HRH Crown Princess Katherine of Serbia, is dedicated to helping all of those in need in Serbia. LHO is an international effort founded in 1993 as an urgent response to the tragic situation in the former Yugoslavia, which was afflicted by conflict and sanctions. HRH Crown Princess Katherine has strived to obtain and channel help through LHO and HRH Crown Princess Katherine Foundation. She has become a unifying factor and someone the people of Serbia can trust. For more information visit: <http://www.lifelinechicago.org>.