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Join Global Links founder and CEO for a presentation on connectedness and health for all as a global good.

Global Links has been supporting international public health efforts for 25 years from its headquarters here in Pittsburgh.

Learn how this Pittsburgh born organization works to improve public health in this hemisphere's poorest countries, while helping Pittsburgh's hospitals extend their reach to the global community in an environmentally responsible way.

Kathleen G. Hower

A native Pittsburgher, Kathleen Hower is the co-founder and chief executive officer of Global Links, a Pittsburgh-based international medical relief and development organization with a mission that is both environmental and humanitarian. With a concentration in Latin America and the Caribbean, Ms. Hower has overseen Global Links' growth from a small grassroots operation to a globally recognized leader in medical material recovery and distribution, with partnerships in 9 countries, additional supply distribution to 25 countries, and material recovery efforts topping 300 tons annually. Since its founding in 1989, Global Links has provided over \$180 million of aid to communities around the world.



Ms. Hower has traveled to 27 countries on 5 continents, beginning with her role as administrative office manager with the University of Pittsburgh's Semester at Sea, Spring 88 voyage. She currently travels extensively throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, reviewing and developing programs for Global Links. Her work has included meetings with heads of state and ministers of health—most notably Violetta Chamorro (former president of Nicaragua) and Fidel Castro as well as the opportunity to meet Corazon Aquino during the Spring 88 voyage.

In 2010, Ms. Hower received the Exemplary Leadership Award from the Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership at the University of Pittsburgh. Since then, she has volunteered as a mentor for Johnston Institute leadership fellows.

When: Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Time: 7:15pm

Where: Allegheny YMCA

Cost: FREE—but donations are welcome