# Financial or product contributions

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# Testimonials

"You are heaven sent, we don't know what we would have done without your donation of ostomy appliances."

- Zimbabwe

"As you can imagine we are very happy to have received your help. This gives us hope and a lot of encouragement that finally we will be able to help in part of the difficulties that we face in our country."

- Chile

"We are very pleased to have received the shipment of ostomy products. This is a blessing to many of our poor patients."

- Nepal

FOW-USA is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization and all donations are considered tax deductible contributions.

To learn more about FOW-USA and to make a financial or supply donation, please visit our website at www.fowusa.org

Over 30 years of **bringing hope** to ostomates worldwide by providing **donated** ostomy supplies



#### Our mission

Friends of Ostomates Worldwide-USA is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization providing ostomy supplies and educational materials to ostomates in need around the world. Founded in 1986, we collect donated ostomy equipment from suppliers, ostomy groups, WOC nurses, individuals, hospitals and others and ship to those in need.

## Why ostomy supplies are important

Ostomy supplies are vital to people who have a colostomy, urostomy or ileostomy as the supplies provide security, skin protection and the ability to maintain or improve their quality of life. Without ostomy supplies an individual with an ostomy will have no way to maintain or regain the ability to function outside of the home. Without the correct product, people with an ostomy can have odor, soiled clothes, severe skin issues and a poor quality of life. They may be rejected by family and friends and not be able to participate in work or school. It is our mission to help those people without access to this basic need of daily life.

#### What we do to help

Through the support of product and financial donations, FOW-USA has shipped over **300,000 pounds** of ostomy supplies to over **70 countries worldwide**. FOW-USA is everywhere from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. FOW-USA ships products overseas to ostomy associations, hospitals, clinics and nurses who distribute the supplies to ostomates in need, free of charge.

In addition to providing ostomy products, FOW-USA is dedicated to providing ostomy management education materials to individuals and health care providers. If ostomates understand how to manage their ostomy, they will get the best use from the products they receive.

#### Our work

We receive requests for products via our website at www.fowusa.org. We then work with the requestors to fill their needs as best as possible. We ask them about types of products needed, as well as specific shipping requirements. Our volunteer warehouse staff packs the supplies and the volunteer warehouse coordinator works with shipping companies to send the products.

### How you can help

We accept donations of **new, unused ostomy supplies including:** pouches, flanges, skin barriers, skin wipes, paste, tapes, belts, pouch covers, scissors, and pediatric supplies.

When sending supplies, take them out of original boxes, put in plastic bags, and mark each plastic bag with the brand and size. Please place the donor's name on both the inside and outside of the carton. A letter of receipt that can be used for tax purposes will be mailed to each donor.



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