

Friends of Ostomates Worldwide-USA (FOW-USA)



***FRIENDS OF
OSTOMATES
WORLDWIDE - USA***

**Thirty-seven years of bringing hope to
ostomates worldwide by providing
donated ostomy supplies &
educational resources at no charge**

What is FOW-USA?

FOW-USA is a volunteer run, non-profit founded in 1985

- Our primary mission is to:
 - collect new, unused ostomy supplies donated by individuals and organizations in the United States, and
 - send the supplies and educational resources, at no charge, to ostomates in need around the world.



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FOW-USA is managed by a volunteer Board who work on issues related to our mission.

(meeting via Zoom until it is safe to travel)



2022 Board

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Why is FOW-USA needed?

- Ostomates in developing countries may not be able to get affordable supplies, and may have to manage their ostomy using:
 - plastic bags
 - metal cans
 - rubber gloves or
 - rags or towels
- The quality of life is poor.
- Skin care is a major issue
- Ostomates may be rejected by their families, friends and people in their communities.



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Why is FOW-USA needed?

A Nigerian man said “You won’t imagine how I have been managing myself ... It is really shameful and disgraceful. I pray for your help.” We sent supplies to Dr. Brian Camazine, a US surgeon who works in Nigeria.



Where have we helped?

99 Countries Around the World



Where we help - 99 Countries

Afghanistan	Congo	Indonesia	Moldova	Serbia
Albania	Croatia	Iran	Mongolia	South Africa
Algeria	Cuba	Iraq	Montenegro	Sri Lanka
American Samoa (USA)	Czech Republic	Jamaica	Morocco	St. Lucia
Angola	Dominican Republic	Jordan	Nepal	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Antigua and Barbuda	Ecuador	Kazakhstan	Nicaragua	Sudan
Argentina	Egypt	Kenya	Nigeria	Syria
Armenia	El Salvador	Korea	Pakistan	Tanzania
Bahamas	Eritrea	Kosovo	Palestine	Thailand
Belize	Ethiopia	Kyrgyzstan	Panama	Trinidad and Tobago
Bolivia	Gabon	Laos	Papua New Guinea	Uganda
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ghana	Latvia	Paraguay	Ukraine
Brazil	Greece	Lebanon	Peru	Uruguay
Bulgaria	Grenada	Liberia	Philippines	USA
Burkina Faso	Guam (USA)	Libya	Puerto Rico (USA)	Uzbekistan
Cameroon	Guatemala	Malawi	Qatar	Venezuela
Canada	Haiti	Malaysia	Romania	Vietnam
Chile	Honduras	Mali	Russia	Zambia

Requirements of recipients



- Recipients must have the ability to receive the materials and distribute them free of charge to needy ostomates.

Our partners

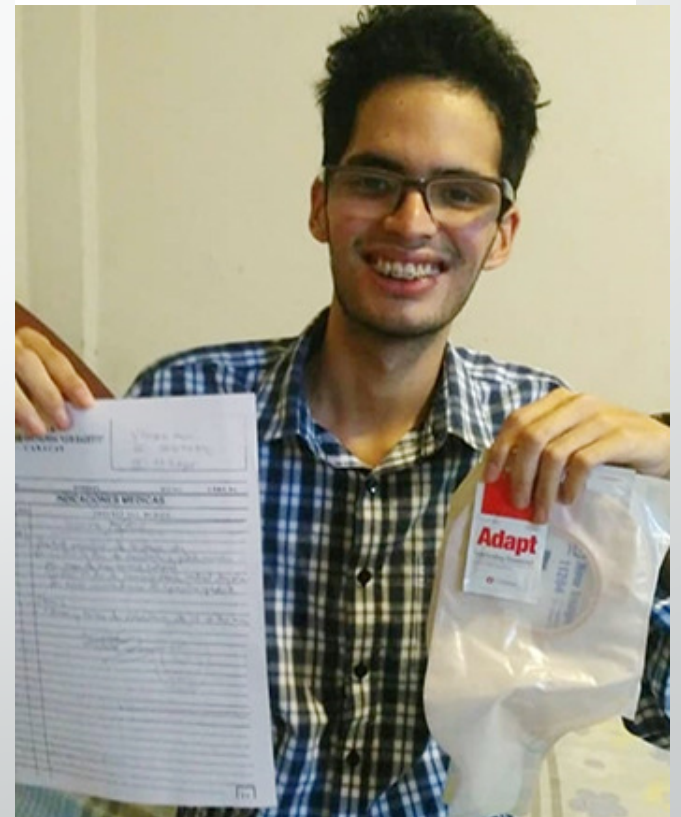


We coordinate efforts with the Friends of Ostomates Worldwide Canada, as well as the International Ostomy Association and its regional organizations an many others.



FOW-USA

Provides funds annually to the Lions for Stoma Care Project to support the stoma care education of doctors and nurses in developing countries.



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY

\$25.2 Million worth
of supplies sent to
people in need since
1985

460 Thousand
pounds of supplies
sent to ostomates
worldwide

At a shipping cost of
over \$821,000



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Collecting supplies

Supplies are sent to a central warehouse in Louisville, Kentucky, USA.

- ▶ Sources for supplies include:
 - people with surplus supplies no longer needed;
 - facilities that can no longer use supplies or are changing to other brands;
 - ostomy support groups that may have supplies donated by members.
- ▶ Donors send supplies at their own expense and receive an acknowledgement for tax purposes.





Products ready for repacking



- At the warehouse, volunteers sort the supplies, putting the same sizes and brands together.
- Used supplies are not accepted



What supplies are acceptable?

- Pouches
- Flanges
- Skin barriers
- Skin wipes
- Paste
- Tape
- Belts
- Pouch covers
- Scissors
- Pediatric products



Sending supplies worldwide - process

- Requests for supplies are received through the internet and other sources and from previous clients.
- A volunteer communicates with trusted individuals and organizations in the receiving country, such as
 - hospitals,
 - clinics,
 - doctors,
 - ostomy nurses,
 - and ostomy associations.
- Product needs are identified.
- Plans are made to ensure that the supplies will be distributed free of charge to needy ostomates.



Sending supplies worldwide

- Potential clients answer questions about:
 - The specific supplies needed
 - How we should ship supplies, including regulatory documents, such as consulate stamps
 - How instruction will be provided to the ostomates.



ET nurse Mrs. Shanti Bajracharya speaking with the Nepal Ostomy Association

Repacking supplies for shipment





Donations of
\$1,000 or more
sponsors
a full pallet



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The process works!

- We received the bags today. Thank you very much... We are in the process of letting our clients know that our stocks have arrived and they are relieved. – *St. Lucia Cancer Society*



- The appliances will be a big help... I plan to have the distribution of supplies printed in the local newspaper to further promote the advocacy. Thank you very much. - **Ronaldo Lora, Philippines**
- It was indeed kind of you for us to be recipient of your continued support by the supplies. On behalf of Nepalese ostomates, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to you and the entire FOW members for the generosity.- **Shanti Bajracharya, ET Nepal Ostomy Association**

YOU CAN HELP

Donate your unused ostomy supplies, volunteer time, or give much needed funds to help us ship supplies all over the world to those who need it most.

Every contribution makes a huge difference.

- We rely on financial contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations, and ostomy support groups to help us carry out our mission.
- The funding covers expenses, such as shipping costs, and the rental of warehouse space.
- Contributions can be made on-line at our website, www.fowusa.org
- Designate FOW-USA when you purchase from Amazon.



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To receive our e-newsletter, sign up via the website: www.fowusa.org and stay informed about activities. Sign up to help us save \$\$\$ printing and mailing



Donate ostomy supplies by shipping to our warehouse. Send the products to: FOW-USA, 4018 Bishop Lane, Louisville, KY 40218-4539.



Make a financial contribution to support shipping costs and warehouse storage. Send to: FOW-USA, 4018 Bishop Lane, Louisville, KY 40218-4539.



FOW-USA By the Numbers

- 1** Unique Mission - to provide ostomy supplies and educational resources at no cost to ostomates in need around the world.
 - 2** Outstanding Newsletters per year
 - 3** Industry Advisers that provide in-kind and financial support
 - 16** Warehouse Volunteers who receive, sort, repack, and ship supplies, (plus 10 additional 'special event' Warehouse Volunteers this year)
 - 20** Board Members who volunteer to do the work of FOW-USA
 - 25.2** Million dollars' worth of supplies sent to people in need since 1985
 - 37** Years of humanitarian service
 - 99** Countries that receive donated ostomy supplies
 - 150** Different sources of product donors
 - 460,000+** Pounds of supplies shipped to ostomates in need since 1985
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- 1** YOU, for making a difference in so many lives, through your financial and product support

Donation process

- Send supplies and financial contributions to: FOW-USA, 4018 Bishop Lane, Louisville, KY 40218-4539.
- Include in supply shipment
Your name and address on the return label as well as in the shipping box.
- All contributors will receive an acknowledgement letter.
- We are a registered 501(c)(3) corporation with the Internal Revenue Service. This means that your financial and supply donations and cost of postage may be tax-deductible on your Federal income tax.

