



**MedShare**

*Bridging the gap between surplus and need.*

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Mastering science based skills to create a prosperous and engaging future

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Utilizing knowledge and skills gained to revitalize and enrich the community

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Expanding your knowledge of the latest breakthroughs in science and technology

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Enriching the South Florida community through science based student engagement

**Best Practices in Medical Surplus Recovery**

**Topic:**

U.S. Hospitals generate more than two million tons of medical waste each year. Much of that waste is unused medical supplies and equipment. MedShare International is one of the United States' leading medical surplus recovery organizations. Through their innovative practices they have been able to collect more than \$93M worth of life-saving medical supplies and equipment saving in excess of 2 million cubic feet from landfills. MedShare's CEO, Meridith Rentz, will overview the best practices of the industry and some of MedShare's unique operational strategies. MedShare is also working to open a facility in South Florida and you can learn how to become involved in this expansion effort.

**Speaker:**

Meridith Rentz is the Chair for the board of Atlanta-based Quality Care for Children, as well as the CEO & President of MedShare. MedShare is a nonprofit with a dual mission to deliver surplus medical supplies to underserved populations around the world while lessening the impact of medical waste across the United States. The organization bridges the gap between surplus and the need to improve healthcare and the environment through the efficient recovery and redistribution of surplus medical supplies and equipment to those most in need. MedShare has shipped over 825 tractor-trailer size containers to health care delivery organizations in 93 developing countries over its 14 year history. Every year, the organization accomplishes these results in an extremely efficient and effective manner while also providing 18,000 volunteers annually the opportunity to engage in meaningful service.

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