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EIHAB Human Services Teams Up with Soles4Souls in Fight Against Global Poverty

SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, NEW YORK, April 5, 2017 – The unwanted shoes in your closet may go a long way to combat the human tragedy of global poverty. That powerful message is being delivered by Queens nonprofit EIHAB Human Services, who recently launched their 1st Annual Shoe Drive to help individuals in need across the globe.

The initiative is being organized by EIHAB's Brooklyn Day Habilitation Program, which aims to enhance the independence, community inclusion and self-esteem of developmentally disabled individuals. One way the program achieves this is by providing opportunities for participants to give back to the community. All shoes the program collects will be delivered to Soles4Souls—a non-profit that creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. Founded in 2006, the organization has distributed more than 30 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries and 50 U.S. states.

“EIHAB Human Services is a strong supporter of Soles4Souls’ disrupting the cycle of poverty mission,” said Ahmed Hegazy, EIHAB’s CEO and Executive Director. “We hope to take a big step in providing the organization with the used shoes they require to keep making a difference for people in need.”

Soles4Souls converts every used pair of shoes collected from the community into a value-added social currency to achieve positive change, both humanitarian and economic. Most of the gently used shoes will be distributed to microenterprise programs that create jobs in Haiti and other poor nations. The resulting revenue will help fund the free distribution of new shoes in the U.S., Canada and developing nations around the world.

“The simple truth is that almost anyone with a closet has shoes they don’t wear, or an old pair that will just end up in a landfill,” said Hegazy. “Give those to us, and know that you are taking a step to make the world a better place for all of us. Many thanks to Brooklyn Day Hab Coordinator Timothy Brown for making this important collaboration possible, and to everyone who contributes to this noteworthy cause.”

New or gently worn shoes can be dropped off at EIHAB’s Brooklyn Day Hab

Program, located at 3021 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 11208. Donations are being accepted from now until April 17, 2017. For more information, please contact Timothy Brown at 347-443-4060 or at 718-277-3714.

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About EIHAB Human Services

EIHAB Human Services is a multi-lingual, multicultural not-for-profit organization serving children and adults with developmental disabilities and behavioral health challenges. EIHAB Human Services began its mission in 1997, providing Case Management services to a population of ten before expanding into a multitude of quality of life enhancement services delivered to hundreds of individuals in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

EIHAB's philosophy of care supports individual choice, meaningful treatment and restrictive use of psychotropic medications and other procedures. The Agency's team of direct support professionals, teachers, therapists, social workers, clinicians and administrators uphold the highest standard of service delivery and a shared vision of exemplary, individual-centered practice.

More information about EIHAB Human Services can be found at <http://www.eihab.org/>.

About Soles4Souls®

Soles4Souls creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. The organization advances its anti-poverty mission by collecting new and used shoes and clothes from individuals, schools, faith-based institutions, civic organizations and corporate partners, then distributing those shoes and clothes both via direct donations to people in need and by provisioning qualified micro-enterprise programs designed to create jobs in poor and disadvantaged communities. Since it began, Soles4Souls has distributed more than 30 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries. Based in Nashville, Tennessee, Soles4Souls is committed to the highest standards of operating and governance. Please visit www.soles4souls.org for more information.