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I am writing today on behalf of St. Louis HELP. Our program receives donations of new and used medical equipment, refurbishes and cleans the equipment and then **loans the equipment, at no cost**, to community members both young and old from all walks of life enabling them to live as independently as possible and remain contributing members of the community.

We need your help! We would appreciate your assistance in the promotion of our

October 11th Medical Equipment Drive (flyer attached)

on your website calendar or community bulletins. Community awareness of our program is essential to our success. We would welcome the opportunity to have you come by the warehouse and see our program in action and how we serve the citizens of St. Louis. The need for **free** home medical equipment is out there, and isn't going away. St. Louis HELP serves as a **safety net** for these vulnerable populations, providing a better quality of life to recipients **and their caregivers**.

Why recycle and reuse this equipment? It just makes common sense. Improving the quality of life by giving someone in need a device that will assist them and their caregiver with daily living while providing the Greater St. Louis Community with an outlet for recycle and reuse of equipment that is no longer needed is the sole focus of St. Louis HELP. We encourage the community to clean out their attics, basements and garages to help provide people with free medical equipment while protecting the environment by keeping usable equipment out of landfills. Each year:

- **St. Louis HELP** provides over **\$2,160,000** of home medical equipment to the **uninsured, the elderly, the poor and disabled** – all without charge or fee to the recipient!
- **St. Louis HELP** serves over 5,000 uninsured, underinsured, disabled and low-income program recipients and their caregivers.
- **St. Louis HELP** receives donations of over 10,000 pieces of home medical equipment
- **St. Louis HELP** diverts over 175 tons of unwanted home medical equipment out of area landfills.

The uninsured, underinsured, disabled and elderly are at particular risk of facing barriers to accessing medical equipment. These vulnerable populations continue to experience reduced access to health care services demonstrating a continuing need for a strong and viable safety net.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request. If you would like more information, please contact me (314) 422-0030, cannonstlhelp@yahoo.com, or through our website, www.stlhelp.org.

Best regards,

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