

Heart to Heart International acquires former Silpada Designs building

December 17, 2018 – Heart to Heart International (HHI) announces their acquisition of a combined office and warehouse building in Lenexa, Kansas. HHI provides humanitarian aid around the world, and its recent record growth has necessitated the move to this larger facility at 11550 Renner Blvd. This is the first step in advancing the nonprofit's future initiatives to include capital and programmatic goals, sustained through the generosity of philanthropic supporters.

“Looking ahead, we knew we needed more space to accommodate our ever-growing operations. This building will not only allow us more space now, but will also afford us the opportunity for growth in the future. Operating out of a larger facility enables us to improve the health of more people around the world, which has been the mission of Heart to Heart International since our formation in 1992,” Jim Mitchum, HHI CEO, said.

In addition to responding to both domestic and international disasters, HHI also ships medicines and medical supplies and provides humanitarian relief year-round in support of other nonprofit organizations, programs and health clinics around the world. In 2018 the organization received and distributed over \$200 million of medicines and medical products, doubling the previous 10 year average. The expanded warehouse space is needed to accommodate this significant increase in products and provide for anticipated growth in years ahead.

The facility HHI purchased was originally built in 2004 for Silpada Designs, a Kansas City business success story led by innovative entrepreneurs Bonnie Kelly and Teresa Walsh. The building provides 149,000 sq. ft. of combined office and warehouse space and is less than five miles from HHI's current headquarters and warehouse in Lenexa. “We are enormously glad to have found the perfect building right here in Lenexa so we can accomplish our longtime goal of housing our office and warehouse together,” Kim Carroll, HHI COO, said.

Speaking on behalf of the founders of Silpada Designs, Bonnie Kelly noted, “We are pleased the legacy of Silpada Designs will help expand the operation of Heart to Heart International, an organization that does so much good in the world.”

The larger space will also allow HHI's PowrServ program to host team-building hygiene kit assemblies on site for Kansas City-based companies, groups and organizations.

HHI is expecting to complete its move into the facility during the first quarter of 2019.

Heart to Heart International is a nonprofit international health organization with its headquarters in Lenexa, Kansas. Since its inception in 1992, HHI has delivered medical aid and supplies worth \$1.7 billion to more than 130 countries, including within the United States. HHI responds to crises and natural disasters both domestically and internationally by supplying medical relief and mobilizing volunteers. The organization is a Charity Navigator 4 star charity, BBB Accredited Charity and is on the "Philanthropy 400." To learn more, visit hearttoheart.org.

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