

Valley medical society seeks supplies

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The Maricopa County Medical Society is asking local healthcare providers to do a little spring cleaning. But instead of throwing out those unneeded medical supplies, the society is asking that they be donated for use in other countries.

Daniel Mitten, associate executive director of the medical society, said the goal of the program is to collect new, surplus and overstock supplies and equipment for delivery to desperately ill and needy people around the world.

"In some countries that struggle economically, many people are being operated on without anesthesia or oxygen," Mitten said. "In many cases needles, bandages, sutures and gloves are being re-used because new supplies aren't available."

As an added incentive, the society is entering member companies that donate supplies into a raffle for such prizes as a Hawaiian vacation.

The society will be accepting donations at its 326 E. Coronado Road headquarters in Phoenix all next week. For a list of requested items visit www.arizonamob.com.