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Ross campus taking cell phone donations

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Ross Medical Education Center, which has a Canton campus, has partnered with Hope Phones, an organization based in Bloomfield Hills that takes used cell phones and [donates](#) them to community health workers and clinics in developing countries.

[Donations](#) will be taken from now through Friday, April 29. You can drop off your old cell phone to any Ross location Monday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Hope Phones provides cell phones to community health workers in developing countries, enabling patients to obtain medical attention faster. In some remote areas, the only access patients may have is to walk to a clinic that could be located 100 miles or more away from home. With Hope Phones, a doctor or nurse can treat patients quicker - or potentially save their lives.

“As a school whose mission it is to prepare students for careers in allied health care, we're pleased to be working with Hope Phones. We encourage the community to bring us their used cell phones for this very worthy cause,” said Paul Mitchell, CEO, Ross.

In 2007, the EPA estimated that more than 126 million cell phones ended up in landfills. Here's how to [donate](#):

- Any type of cell phone in any condition (working or non-working) can be [donated](#).
- Completely deactivate the phone and delete any personal information. Should you need instructions on how to delete personal information, visit The Wireless Source and enter your phone's manufacturer and model number.
- Leave the battery in the cell phone.
- You do not need to submit the charger with the cell phone.

Ross' Canton campus is located at 44958 Ford Road. Donations can be made through April 29. For more information, call (734) 459-1723