

# Focus on. Compassion

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## Summer 2017 Focus on Compassion

**Welcome to the new digital version of "Focus on Compassion." In addition to frequent digital updates, you'll also receive a printed Year in Review during the first quarter of 2018. Please forward us news about your partnership so we can share it with others!**

### A Lifelong Commitment

*Zululand Hospice Association and Lifetime Care Home Health Care and Hospice Partnership*

I was so excited when Erma Mae Perkins, founder and coordinator of our partnership, asked me to write an article for you. She did not however give me a word limit, for which I am grateful as I can wax lyrical about this particular subject.

Our connection started in 2003 and now in its 14th year is so much more than a mere connection. It is a full-fledged, true in every sense of the word partnership. If this were a marriage I don't think Zululand Hospice could ask for a better life partner, and that is what I hope this is, a lifelong commitment.

I cannot express to you what an impact this relationship has had on our organization, our staff, our patients and our community. Our three stalwart visitors Erma Perkins, Gail Hubbard and Ruth Hogan are so thoughtful, always remembering our staff in their thoughts and prayers, are eager to follow the progress of our patients and are kind to our patient's family members.



When our groups of visitors are due to visit, which used to be once a year but is now biannual, the excitement rises with our staff eager to see friends again, make new ones, practise their welcome songs and look forward to catching up. When they go out to see our patients in their homes, which mostly are little more than shacks, our patients feel loved and respected. Their children are often blessed with a toy or beautiful dress. The effect is a general lifting of spirits in our community. As management, we appreciate the emails we receive with words of encouragement, and the material assistance of nursing consumables for direct patient care and financial donations warm our hearts as we are assured of being able to take care of

### New Global Partners in Care Wiring Procedures

Effective June 2nd, Global Partners in Care has begun wiring funds through our affiliation with the Hospice Foundation. Accordingly, our lock box in Philadelphia has been closed and is no longer able to receive partnership contributions. Following is the new mailing address for future partnership contributions:

**Global Partners in Care  
501 Comfort Place  
Mishawaka, IN 46545**

To view a copy of our revised Partnership Donation Policy and Procedures, [click here](#). If you have further questions, or would like to discuss your partnership, please contact Cyndy Searfoss, Director of Partnerships, at 574.277.4203 or at [searfossc@globalpartnersincare.org](mailto:searfossc@globalpartnersincare.org).



### News from Kawempe Home

our patients, our community and our staff.



The lengths that are gone to for patients on another continent can barely be believed - spending out of your own pockets, enduring long flights and completing countless hours of fundraising to bring hope and light into a dark situation. Erma, Gail and Ruth promote our organisation so well that each year we have the privilege of meeting new and amazing people from America. Fellow fundraisers, staff of Lifetime Care, nurses, doctors, social workers, chaplains, moms and dads, people from all walks of life who

are inspired to be a part of the big adventure to cross over the ocean to see this place called Zululand Hospice in the heart of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. People who come with questions, and we hope leave with answers and wonderful stories of who they have met and what they have seen, know more about the work we do and how you all help us to help our community.

I can never thank you all enough for giving so freely of your time, possessions and finances and always being willing to share your expertise with us. I thank God for the stirring you felt to be involved and it is my hope that this partnership between our two Hospices will continue to exist for many years and more and more people will have a Hospice Heart.

Thank you all and God bless you

Nola George  
Assistant Manager, Zululand Hospice Association

## Care

In early May, [Kawempe Home Care](#) (KHC) in Kampala, Uganda received a new 14-seater van from MIVA (Austria) in partnership with [HORIZONT3000](#). This generous donation will mean the children and their carers will be able to have reliant, accessible daily transport to take them to the [Uganda Cancer Institute](#) for treatment and investigations.



In other news, the Uganda Virus Research Institute awarded KHC with a certificate for its outstanding performance in continuous improvement in quality HIV Rapid testing.

Finally, in July KHC will mark their 10th anniversary with a two-day celebration. Visit their [website](#) to learn more about Kawempe Home Care.