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## Global Partners in Care Receives National Award

Global Partners in Care is being recognized by the American Society of Association Executives with a 2015 Power of A Gold Award. A select number of associations from across the country are awarded each year for innovative, effective, and far-reaching programs and activities.

"We are honored to receive the 2015 Power of A Award and we thank ASAE for recognizing our work," says Global Partners in Care Executive Director, John Mastrojohn. "Our national and international impact is largely based on the dedication and work of the hospice and healthcare organizations across the U.S. that provide resources to advocate for and assist in the provision of quality, compassionate hospice and palliative care in Africa, India, and Nepal and the collaboration with international associations including the African Palliative Care Association, India Association of Palliative Care, and World Hospice and Palliative Care Alliance."

To date there are approximately 80 U.S. and

international partnerships. In addition to the partner program, Global Partners in Care, in collaboration with the African Palliative Care Association provides two special palliative care education scholarships to further the knowledge and skill of African nurses and social workers. Since 2010, the scholarship fund has supported palliative care education and training for more than 11 nurses and 6 social workers in Africa, and plans to support scholarships in other countries.

"Congratulations to NHPCO for helping make the world a better place," said Hugh "Mac" Cannon, MPA, CAE, Executive Director of ACEC of Metropolitan Washington, and chair of the Power of A Awards Judging Committee. "Their program [Global Partners in Care] exemplifies how associations make a difference every day – not just to the industry or profession they represent, but to society at large."



## Congratulations to the 2015 African Palliative Care Education Scholarship Recipients!

Global Partners in Care in collaboration with the African Palliative Care Association (APCA) have awarded education scholarships for 2015 to further the knowledge and skill of African nurses and social workers in the provision of palliative care. Congratulations to the follow recipients:

### Nurses:

- Mary Nyabate Omare, Kenya
- Jane Nakibuka, Uganda
- Felicity Ntombifuthi Lukhele, Swaziland

### Social Workers:

- Mildred Ndamukaneyi, Zimbabwe
- Peggie Chiwara, Namibia
- Olasupo Bosede, Nigeria

Thank you to ALL donors who provided the financial support to make the scholarships possible! Learn more about Global Partners in Care and APCA's scholarship program and see page 2 to find out how you can make a donation.



## How YOU Can Support a Nurse or Social Worker Scholarship in Africa

To continue our African Palliative Care Education Scholarship program, Global Partners in Care is actively fundraising NOW to provide nurse and social work scholarships in 2016. We need YOUR financial support so that we can have an even greater impact next year!

In many African nursing and social work courses, there is no palliative care training. Formal training in palliative care is greatly needed to provide nurses and social workers with the much needed skills to provide quality care to patients with life threatening illnesses such as HIV/AIDS and cancer.

The need is great and the resources are few so please consider paying it forward to help your professional colleagues in Africa. Any amount of financial support will make a positive difference for a nurse or social worker to receiving additional training in palliative care - and the patients and families they serve.

*"I would like to appreciate the donors immensely for their great support as I would not have had the opportunity for training if not for the scholarship. The training has been a life transforming experience for me...[and] will continue to go a long way in alleviating the suffering of patients in Africa."*

**- PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

Please **MAKE A SCHOLARSHIP DONATION** and encourage your organization and professional colleagues to provide additional contributions. Learn more about our scholarship program at [www.globalpartnersincare.org/scholarships](http://www.globalpartnersincare.org/scholarships).

## What our international partners are saying...

### ALEMNESH'S STORY: WHAT HOSPICE ETHIOPIA IS ALL ABOUT

U.S. PARTNER: CARIS HEALTHCARE IN KNOXVILLE, TN

*Alemnesh is a 40 year old woman who is widowed with two children, a son and a daughter. She lives in a government subsidized house (kebele housing) in Addis Ababa. Alemnesh was diagnosed with cervical cancer three years ago and is HIV positive. Her condition has deteriorated and she is now bedridden.*

*A year ago, a community volunteer encouraged her to get in contact with Hospice Ethiopia and a home visit was arranged. When the hospice staff first visited Alemnesh, she had a smelly discharge due to her cancer. She also had nausea and vomiting, severe headaches, loss of weight and severe social problems. Furthermore, her mother and the rest of her family had rejected her due to her disease and the fact that she was not providing any income for her own children. This family situation was causing Alemnesh much distress.*

*The hospice staff dealt with her greatest concern first by negotiating a meeting with her mother. The hospice staff helped Alemnesh's mother to understand her condition and to accept her daughter. This reconciliation with her mother alleviated Alemnesh's emotional pain and created much joy. The hospice staff helped further improve her social situation by providing her with some money from their comfort fund so she was able to pay for her house rent and food.*

*Alemnesh's physical symptoms were also treated by the hospice staff. The smell from her discharge was very strong and had been difficult for Alemnesh to manage. The staff showed her how to use antibiotic powder mixed with water to wash, to help reduce the smell. Alemnesh no longer smells; this has made a huge difference to her quality of life. She still requires pads to help with the heavy discharge.*

*Alemnesh's pain was also treated and controlled with morphine and she was given steroids to help alleviate her nausea and vomiting. The hospice staff visit regularly to provide her with social support, soap and pads for the discharge. Alemnesh now has a good relationship with her family and feels much better. She says: 'When the hospice staff come I just so look forward to their visit. May God bless them in all that they do'.*



## World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is October 10th



World hospice & palliative care day  
10 October 2015

Global Partners in Care proudly supports World Hospice and Palliative Care Day. According to the Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance, this day is a "unified day of action to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care around the world."

The theme this year is "Hidden Lives, Hidden Patients" and will focus on patients living in unique conditions that often struggle with access to palliative care including children, LGBT individuals, HIV prisoners, soldiers/Veterans and those living in rural settings.

To support World Hospice and Palliative Care Day:

### MAKE A DONATION

to support a palliative care education scholarship for an African nurse or social worker.

### BECOME A PARTNER

to support a hospice and palliative care organization in Africa, India or another country.

### HONOR A LOVED ONE

with a donation to Global Partners in Care.

## Upcoming Professional Education Opportunities

### National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization 16th Clinical Team Conference and Pediatric Intensive

October 15-17, 2015  
Grapevine, Texas (a suburb of Dallas/Fort Worth), USA

PLEASE NOTE: Global Partners in Care is extending a special invitation to staff from our international partnerships and offering a reduced registration fee of \$100. To register for the main conference, download the registration form or contact [info@globalpartnersincare.org](mailto:info@globalpartnersincare.org).

### International Conference on Palliative Care & Care of the Older Person

October 15 – 17, 2015  
Cork, Ireland

### Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association

October 29 – November 1, 2015  
Ottawa, Canada

### 5th African Palliative Care Conference (call for proposals open now)

August 16-19, 2016  
Kampala, Uganda

JOIN US FOR  
GLOBAL PARTNERS IN CARE EVENT:

## A NIGHT AT THE Taj Mahal

In conjunction with NHPCO's  
16th Clinical Team Conference

**Friday, October 16, 2015**

Gaylord Texan Resort, Grapevine, Texas

**6:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

Cocktails, Hors D'Oeuvres, Silent Auction  
Program and Entertainment

## Thank You Sponsors

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For more information and to learn about other professional education opportunities, visit [www.globalpartnersincare.org/conferences](http://www.globalpartnersincare.org/conferences).



## Pay it Forward. Become a Global Partner Today.

Our Partner Program provides the opportunity for hospice and palliative care organizations in the U.S. to support a hospice and palliative care organization in another country. To help our partners engage in a wide variety of activities to expand and improve services, Global Partners in Care:

- **Provides personalized consultation** and ongoing technical assistance
- **Wires financial donations** from U.S. partners to their respective international partner
- **Collaborates and coordinates** with international and national hospice and palliative care associations
- **Networks partners together** so they can learn from each other

Learn how your organization can become a global partner at [www.globalpartnersincare.org/become-partner](http://www.globalpartnersincare.org/become-partner).

### From Our Global Partner Application Files

#### PASADA Home Based Palliative Care

##### Who? PASADA Home Based Palliative Care

**What?** PASADA is a palliative care program which targets children and adults with life limiting illnesses. Their patients are mainly treated for HIV/AIDS and cancer.

**Where?** Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

#### Palliative Care Support Trust

##### Who? Palliative Care Support Trust

**What?** Palliative care provider, trainer and advocate who exist to provide quality palliative care services to patients and their families from hospital to home.

**Where?** Blantyre, Malawi

**TO PARTNER** with PASADA Home Based Palliative Care or Palliative Care Support Trust please contact Global Partners in Care.

Learn more about our partnerships and how your organization can become a global partner by visiting the **PARTNERSHIPS PAGE** on our website.



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