

Focus on Compassion

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Participants in Samaritan's Painting with a Twist fundraiser display their humanitarian masterpieces.



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The Tale of a Successful Partnership

Many of our Global Partners in Care U.S. partners engage in unique activities to maintain a strong and robust relationship with their international partner. The following article was submitted by Carol Paprocki from Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice. In it she describes how Samaritan has remained committed to their partner, Kawempe Home Care of Uganda.

Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice Finds New Ways to Support Ugandan Partner

This spring, 35 Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice colleagues, their families, and friends laughed, painted, and got in touch with their inner Van Goghs. The sold-out evening, at a southern New Jersey art studio, was titled *Painting with a Twist* – and, one might add, a humanitarian purpose.

The May fundraiser was a creative way Samaritan has kept its award-winning global partnership front-and-center in the minds of staff, volunteers, and community. It raised \$875 for Kawempe Home Care (KHC) in Kampala, Uganda while fostering camaraderie among the budding artists who displayed their masterpieces at evening's end.

As New Jersey's only hospice to engage in a global partnership, Samaritan was honored to share the 2015 Global Partnership Award with KHC, its "sister hospice" since Fall 2010. Receiving the award only spurred Samaritan to live up to the honor with renewed commitment, says Joanne Rosen, VP of Marketing & Public Affairs, who facilitates the African Partnership Steering Committee. "Resting on laurels was just not an option when there is so much more to do," she says.

Dr. Samuel Guma, KHC's Executive Director, writes, "KHC has sought to provide medical care coupled with AIDS prevention education along with a host of social support programs that allow its clients to work with dignity, liberate the next generation from the streets into the classroom, and improve health status."

Painting with a Twist was one of four new activities in 2016. Others included:

Valentine Day Campaign

Inspired by KHC's motto "Moved by Love," Samaritan launched a week-long Valentine-themed campaign to raise annual tuition for Kampala children on a school waiting list. Capping the week was a Friday dress-down day and a "Love-ly Treats" table for free-will donations. Responding to the entreaty to "move children from the waiting list to the classroom by your love," staff's heartfelt gifts raised \$2,371 to send nine Ugandan children to school.

Need help with fundraising ideas for your partnership? We have a toolkit for that! Go to www.globalpartnersincare.org/fundraising to learn more about fundraising benefits, fundraising ideas, connecting with your community and much more!

*(Continued from page 1)***Tailoring Empowerment**

On a monthly Skype call, KHC asked for help teaching tailoring skills to empower women patients to provide food, housing, clothing, and school fees for their families – a high household expense in sub-Saharan Africa where education is privatized.



Women served by Kawempe Home Care gather for tailoring training – first step in empowering employment that supports their families while raising funds for nutrition and palliative programs. Samaritan with the support of local Rotary chapters helped raise funds for 10 new sewing machines, furniture, and start-up supplies.

Namirimu Oliver, KHC's Manager of Skills Development & Empowerment, says, "We now have 18 full-time tailors. Obviously we can only bring on new people if we have the sewing machines." KHC pays tailors to create products such as diaper bags, school book bags and uniforms, lap top bags, and aprons with sales supporting nutritional programs and KHC's growing palliative care services.

Samaritan President & CEO Mary Ann Boccolini enlisted help from her Moorestown Lunch Rotary. The group launched the \$4,000 initiative with its \$2,000 investment and recruited five other Rotaries to participate. The project has funded 10 semi-industrial sewing machines, tables, chairs and start-up materials (e.g. scissors, irons, fabric) and a ten-day training by an experienced Ugandan tailor.

Engaging Women Clinicians

Samaritan sponsored a May networking dinner of the Women Clinicians of South Jersey. Boccolini and Rosen presented on KHC's needs while colleagues sold Beads for Education, KHC's jewelry made from recycled paper, and their vibrantly colored bags. Clinicians opened their hearts and purses raising \$500 in sales.

Rosen says, "Not every hospice may have the capacity to engage in its own partnership. But everyone can choose an existing global partnership and support it. Every little bit helps to change our world."

Partnership and its Impact

VITAS Innovative Hospice Care of Philadelphia and Khanya Hospice of South Africa have been partners for over ten years. The funds VITAS has raised to support their international partner have been put to good use allowing the organization to focus on caring for their patients despite challenging conditions. In a letter of thanks received from Khanya CEO Neil McDonald, he highlights some of the ways the funds have been used.



"You can see on the one photo the Future Life that we bought – this is a nutritional supplement – very healthy for our patients, a bit expensive – that's why people in general cannot afford to buy this. We have bought and given to our patients. Thanks for that," says McDonald.

McDonald is extremely grateful to VITAS Innovative Hospice Care of Philadelphia and all who support Khanya Hospice. This is another wonderful example of a partnership working together to create better access to palliative care where the need is great and resources are few! McDonald's letter discusses the many challenges Khanya Hospice staff face:

We have to maintain our fleet of five cars – that is a working tool for us. We need a reliable car to be able to do quality nursing care. At the moment two of our vehicles are in the service station – they need brake pads, the other one needs a clutch – and yes, it is costly but we have no choice but to repair and look after our assets and keep them a good working order.

Being winter now – some people have crochet knee blankets – even some of our office staff did some crocheting in their tea times and this was all donated to some of our patients. There is a lot of poverty in our area and people try and spend their money to keep warm – like firewood etc. We serve a very large area, a lot of poverty stricken people. No infrastructure, no roads, only a veld path to the little shack on the hill or down into the valley. Our nurses have to park the car and walk. They also take a food parcel. We are not in the food supply chain – but there are people that just do not have food for the day. Our nurses actually told me the other day – they had to take the maize, make the porridge, and when it was cooked, fed the patient.

Congratulations to the 2016 African Palliative Care Education Scholarship Recipients!

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

Congratulations to the follow recipients:

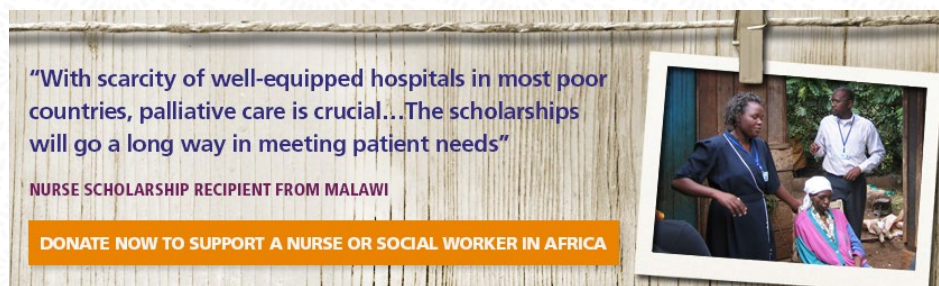
Social Worker:

Justine Nyegenye - Mbale Hospital, Mbale, Kenya

Rebecca Mirembe - Uganda Christian University, Mukono, Uganda

Both recipients were able to present and attend palliative care session at this year's 5th International African Palliative Care Conference hosted by the African Palliative Care Association and the Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance. More about their experience and how the scholarship helped in our Focus on Compassion winter edition.

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 find out how you can make a donation.



World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is October 8th

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."



World hospice &
palliative care day

The theme of World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2016 is: *Living and dying in pain: It doesn't have to happen*. WHPC Day notes that **75%** of the world population does not

have adequate access to controlled medications for pain relief. As a result, millions of people suffer from pain which is avoidable and could be managed with proper access to the correct medications.

Various barriers prevent people in need from accessing these essential medications. The World Day campaign will examine three major barriers for access to pain relief, and provide case studies, advocacy resources, and examples of good practice to help address them.

To learn more visit the [Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Alliance](#).

Upcoming Professional Conferences

NHPCO presents The Intensives - Mastering What's Next in Patient and Family Care

October 31 - November 2, 2016

A new in-depth learning experience at the Diplomat Resort and Spa Hollywood – Curio Collection by Hilton, Hollywood, FL

www.nhpc.org/education/intensives

REGISTER NOW!

2016 World Cancer Congress

October 31 – November 3, 2016
Paris, France

www.uicc.org/2016-world-cancer-congress-paris-france

REGISTER NOW!

32nd Management and Leadership Conference

Preconference Dates: April 29 -30, 2017
Main Conference: May 1-3
Washington Hilton, Washington DC

www.nhpc.org/education/upcoming-conferences

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For more information and to learn about other professional education opportunities, visit 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.

From Our Global Partner Application Files

First Children's Hospice

Who? First Children's Hospice

What? We always hope for a cure and that new or adjusted treatment will be provided so that little patients will eventually recover. But for now, it is important to simply create a comfortable environment for kids living with catastrophic disease to adjust treatment strategies and provide palliative care to improve quality of life.

Where? Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan



Hands in Care Hospice Project

Who? Hands in Care Hospice Project

What? Our mission is to serve communities holistically while developing their full potential economically, socially, spiritually, morally and culturally so that they may live dignified lives.

Where? Eastern Uganda

TO PARTNER with First Children's Hospice or Hand in Care Hospice Project 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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