

Focus on Compassion

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FHSSA Goes Global

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FHSSA has expanded its mission and will now be known as Global Partners in Care. Still fully committed to partnerships in Africa, Global Partners in Care continues to build on the proven partnership model that has been successful throughout FHSSA's history.



Why expand now?

The fact is that 80% of the global need for palliative care is in low-and middle- income countries which represent 83% of the world's population. The treatment of pain continues to be inadequate in these countries that only utilize a mere 8% of the total morphine consumption worldwide.

Further, there have been many inquiries from U.S. hospices hoping to partner with hospice and palliative care organizations in regions of the world outside of Africa. To address the increasing interest, FHSSA sent out a survey in June of 2013 to National Hospice and

Palliative Care Organization provider members, to assess their interest in establishing a partnership if such opportunities were made available in other regions of the world. Out of the 367 individuals who completed the survey, 56% or 205 members, indicated that they would consider partnerships within the next two years if partnership opportunities were available in a broader range of countries and regions.

Of those who responded favorably, the countries and regions selected stretched across the globe.

"Based on the survey with NHPCO membership and other considerations from this past year, we determined that expanding FHSSA's mission was not only feasible, but necessary," says NHPCO President and CEO J. Donald Schumacher.

What are the plans to expand globally?

"In developing countries, the lack of resources within the healthcare system make accessing care extremely difficult," says NHPCO Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer John Mastrojohn. "We know there is a great need for hospice and palliative care and through Global Partners in Care, our goal is to improve access to these vital services for patients and their families."

To expand its reach based on the increasing need for hospice and palliative care services in other regions of the world, Global Partners in Care will use a matrix to assess and select 2-3 countries over the next year in addition to Africa.

Global Partners in Care will continue to utilize the same model of partnership and relationship building that was used by FHSSA. The Partner Program offers an opportunity for U.S. hospice and palliative care organizations to support hospice and palliative care



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organizations in developing countries. Currently there are 80 U.S. Partners, in 30 states who have relationships with hospice and palliative care organizations in 13 countries.

The Champion Program lets any individual or organization fund a specific, one-time cause to meet the pressing needs of a hospice or palliative care organization in a developing country. In the past Champions have raised funds for a particular provider to purchase bicycles and vehicles so healthcare workers can reach patients. A cause is usually a small scale need that has a big impact on the Partner's ability to deliver compassionate care for individuals and families in need.

To learn more about building partnerships to enhance compassionate care in developing countries please visit www.globalpartnersincare.org, email info@globalpartnersincare.org, or call (703) 647-5176.



Maria Lawson, Gwynn Sullivan, Cathy Hamel, Robin Stocksdales, Jeremy Taglieri, Holly Herring, Regina Bodnar, Lin Simon, Anne Evans

Global Partnership Award Presented During Management and Leadership Conference

Gilchrist Hospice Care Receives Award for Outstanding Partnership Achievements

The fourth annual FHSSA Global Partnership Award was presented to Gilchrist Hospice Care and Nkoaranga Lutheran Hospital Palliative Care Program of Tanzania. The award was presented at the FHSSA breakfast that occurred during the 29th Annual NHPCO Management and Leadership Conference held in Washington DC.

The Global Partner Award recognizes the exemplary work of one partnership that has demonstrated leadership, innovation and has significantly contributed to the sustainable development of hospice and palliative care through their FHSSA partnership. The award winner is selected based on creativity in fundraising, partner collaboration, staff contribution and commitment, and community outreach and involvement.

There were five outstanding nominees for this year's award: Gilchrist Hospice Care—Nkoaranga

Lutheran Hospital; Haven Hospice—Grahamstown Hospice & Sunshine Coast Hospice; Hosparus, Inc.—The Shepherd's Hospice; Hospice of Hope—Cicetekelo Home & Ndola Ecumenical Hospice Association; Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice—Kawempe Home Care; VITAS Hospice Inland Empire—Nyadire Mission Hospital

While all nominees exhibited exceptional effort and commitment in their partnerships, Gilchrist Hospice Care was ultimately chosen to receive the award by a review committee.

Gilchrist excelled in their outreach efforts and raised over \$87,000 in 2013 through a variety of staff

and community events and fundraising initiatives. To increase awareness, Gilchrist and Nkoaranga publish a collaborative quarterly partnership newsletter that is e-mailed to staff, volunteers, donors, community agencies and churches in both of their respective communities.

"This partnership has made us a better hospice," says Catherine Hamel, Executive Director of Gilchrist Hospice Care. "Through our partnership with Nkoaranga, we have



learned the meaning of humility and grace. We are reminded of how powerful it is to make the most of everything we have and how little we actually need to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others."

The recipient of the award receives a \$500 donation for the African hospice partner.

"The partnership between Gilchrist Hospice Care and Nkoaranga Lutheran Hospital Palliative Care Program is an excellent example of a strong and dedicated partnership working together to positively impact palliative care in an area where there is limited resources to provide essential services," says NHPCO Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer John Mastrojohn.

To learn more about Global Partners in Care partnerships visit www.globalpartnersincare.org.



Samira Beckwith, Dr. Bernice Catherine Harper, Kelly Dixon, Molly DeRosier, Sean McDonald

Global Vision Award Winner Becky McDonald (posthumously) Honored

Becky McDonald's Children Receive Global Vision Award on Her Behalf

The Global Vision Award was presented to Becky McDonald's children at the FHSSA Breakfast held during the 29th Annual Management and Leadership Conference.

The Global Vision Award recognizes the efforts of an individual or organization whose dedication and innovation to program development and delivery profoundly affects the care and well-being of people around the world.

McDonald was a champion not only in the states but around the world, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. She was a member of the NHPCO Board of Directors in 1988, and then the director of the Foundation for Hospices in Sub-Saharan Africa (FHSSA) in 2002. She then served as vice-chair in 2002 to 2006, again in 2008, before taking the position of chairperson from 2009-2010.

"Becky was devoted to the mission to improve access to palliative care world-wide and in particular, sub-Saharan Africa," says Chief Operating Officer John Mastrojohn. "She was a friend to many in the international palliative care community and is deeply missed."



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Global Partners in Care Team

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Gwynn Sullivan with Mansi Shah,
co-founder of Happy Feet
Homes, Mumbai, India



Community health workers who
are assisting with ICPN's Children's
Palliative Care Project in the rural
district of Maharashtra, India.

NHPCO/Global Partners in Care's Gwynn Sullivan Attends International Conference in India

In our [February 2014 issue of 'Focus on Compassion'](#), we highlighted FHSSA and the International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN) comprehensive assessment to explore successful models of children's palliative care in Africa. Preliminary findings from the project were presented at ICPN's International Conference that began February 10, 2014 in Mumbai, India. We continue the story with Q&A from our own Global Partners in Care Director, Gwynn Sullivan, who traveled to India attend the conference.

Why did you attend the ICPN International Conference?

This was a multipurpose trip to build relationships for our national and international pediatric hospice and palliative care efforts. First, as the pediatric liaison for NHPCO and as the director of Global Partners in Care, we are very interested in connecting with other pediatric hospice and palliative care leaders across the world – and the ICPN conference was the perfect venue to make that happen. We also were in the process of expanding FHSSA's mission to build partnerships globally and we knew that many of our NHPCO member providers were interested in establishing a partnership in India based on our member survey results from last year. This trip provided the opportunity to explore different partnership opportunities with providers in India. Last, and most importantly, we wanted to support ICPN's international work and in addition to attending the conference, it was so helpful to have time with their staff to further develop our African pediatric assessment project and more collaborative work together.

Which part of the experience was most beneficial to you professionally?

Every moment of my time in India was beneficial on so many levels. As with many hospice and palliative care programs in other countries, I was so humbled at how much is being accomplished with so few resources. Highlights include:

- Visiting India's first hospice, Shanti Avedna Sadan (www.ShantiAvednaSadan.in), located in Mumbai, India.
- Touring ICPN's Children's Palliative Care Project (www.icpcn.org/special-projects/two-country-project) in the rural district of Maharashtra, India.

- Attending the ICPN conference (www.icpcn.org/special-projects/icpcn-conference-in-india-2) and meeting so many amazing champions for children living with serious illnesses.
- Meeting the founders of Happy Feet Home (www.happyfeethome.org) – Mansi Shah and Abnishek Tatiya – who are creating India's first pediatric daycare hospice in Mumbai.
- Getting to know our wonderful friends from the African Palliative Care Association (www.africanpalliativecare.org) and other African national associations who have been long time supporters of FHSSA and our work in Africa – plus meeting others from the U.K., Norway, Brazil, Australia, Canada and many other countries.
- Spending time with the gracious staff of ICPN and Tata Memorial Hospital. The full experience they provided me and all the conference attendees who traveled to the conference was so special. I cannot say enough about the hospitality we were all given by everyone involved – and I can't wait to go back to India again!

My biggest surprise was meeting people from the U.S. that attended the conference in India that are doing amazing work in the U.S. pediatric hospice and palliative care field that I had not met before. It's funny how I had to travel to India to meet these amazing people from my home country!

What was the most memorable experience for you?

Besides the many amazing professional experiences, I had an opportunity to wear a sari for the first time ever. My new friend, Mansi, the co-founder of Happy Feet Homes, loaned a beautiful sari for me to wear the last night of the conference at an Indian wedding celebration that Tata Memorial Hospital hosted for conference attendees. I have always admired the beautiful saris that Indian women wear and I have to say that I am even more in awe of those who wear them on a daily basis. Without giving any more details, let's just say there was a lot of dancing that night and I came "too close" to having a major wardrobe malfunction! Seriously, the thoughtfulness, the humility and the generosity of the Indian people I had the honor of spending time with was most memorable.

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Gwynn traveling with Fatia Kiyange, Programmes Director, African Palliative Care Association to visit ICPCN's Pediatric Palliative Care project in the rural district of Maharashtra, India

What else do you want to share with individuals and hospice providers in the U.S. from your experience?

First, for pediatric providers in the U.S., please sign up for ICPCN's newsletter to get to know their tremendous work and the valuable resources they have available. Visit their website (www.icpcn.org) to learn more.

Second, please contact Global Partners in Care at info@globalpartnersincare.org if your organization is interested in establishing a partnership with a provider in India. I would love to introduce to you "Happy Feet Home" – and other hospice and palliative care providers in India who would like to establish a partnership.

Last, please get to know more about our expanded international work through Global Partners in Care through our new website at www.globalpartnersincare.org – and please feel free to contact me personally at gsullivan@nhpco.org.

10th Annual National Hospice Foundation Gala a Success!

A Portion of the Funds Raised Will Benefit the Newly Launched Global Partners in Care

The 10th Annual National Hospice Foundation Gala was held on Friday, March 28th at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD. The Gala is one of the highlights for attendees of NHPCO's Management and Leadership Conference held each spring.

Nearly 800 guests attended the event. Highpoints of the night included the live and silent auction, live entertainment provided by SoundConnection, and a variety of food stations, desserts and drinks.

Early numbers indicate the event grossed approximately \$238,000. Global Partners in Care will receive approximately \$16,500 from the funds raised during the live appeal. The remaining funds will benefit the National Hospice Foundation which funds programs that make a difference in the lives of the patients and families served by NHPCO's membership of more than 3,400 hospice and palliative care providers.

The National Hospice Foundation thanks the various sponsors (www.nationalhospicefoundation.org/2014gala) of the event.

The 2015 National Hospice Foundation Gala will be held on May 1, 2015 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, in conjunction with NHPCO's 30th Management and Leadership Conference. To learn how you can get involved, please contact Joy Nguyen at 703-647-5167 or email at jnguyen@nhpco.org.



TOP: Samira Beckwith, Foundation Board Chair
BOTTOM: Guests enjoying the evening



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