



Focus on Compassion

COMPASSION HAS NO BORDERS

Staff from VITAS Healthcare – Inland Empire traveled to Zimbabwe in September of 2015 to deliver supplies to their partner, Nyadire Methodist Mission. In this photo, the partners visit a patient.



Partners Making a Difference

Global Partners in Care is proud of the work and support our U.S. partner programs provide to their international partners. Here are two stories that highlight the innovative ways partners are working together to provide education and greater access to palliative care in Africa.

Making a Difference One Bike a Time

What does a bike have to do with palliative care? VITAS Healthcare of Inland Empire, in California, knows the answer. In September 2015, three staff members traveled to Zimbabwe to visit their international partner, Nyadire Methodist Mission. During the trip they delivered much needed supplies to the mission and yes...they delivered bikes.

Laurie Rexford, volunteer manager at VITAS, recounts the visit in a VITAS volunteer newsletter:

We took seven large suitcases of over-the-counter medication and gifts for the caregivers. We were able to purchase 55 Buffalo Bikes for the caregivers; the bikes were delivered while we were on site. The caregivers were walking several miles to visit their patients. While there, we also purchased uniforms, shoes, socks and other needed items for the caregivers.

The mission houses more than 1,500 people and includes an orphanage, primary and secondary schools, nursing school and teachers college. The hospital at the mission is the only hospital within a more-than 100-mile radius. It provides all services, but specializes in labor and delivery as the

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According to Laurie Rexford, the Buffalo Bikes weigh about 200 lbs. each, "making them perfect for the rugged African terrain."

region has a high infant mortality rate. Expected mothers stay at the mission the last month of pregnancy to have a physician available when needed. Dr. Tawanda Tanyanyiwa, (known as Dr. Larry) and Dr. Ronald are the only two physicians in the region caring for a 175-bed hospital and six clinics in the area.

VITAS Healthcare of Inland Empire and Nyadire Methodist Mission have been partners since 2009. The 2015 trip to Africa is one they won't forget. "It was an amazing trip of a life time," Laurie says.

THANK YOU TO OUR U.S. PARTNERS! ...who donated more than \$500,000 in 2015 which Global Partners in Care wired directly to their respective international partners to improve access to hospice and palliative care! See our [directory](#) of global partnerships and [join us!](#)

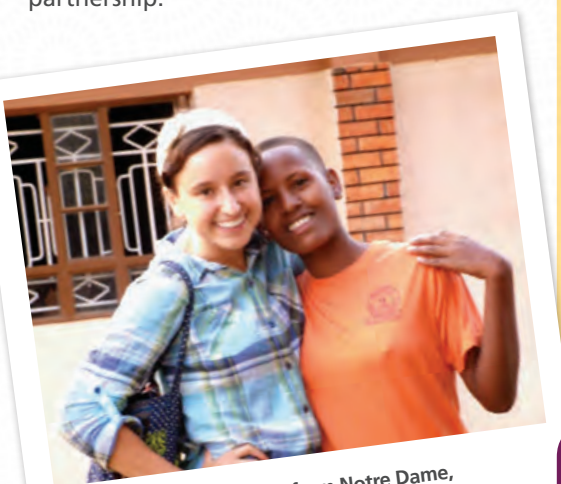
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Making a Difference with University of Notre Dame

The Hospice Foundation, the supporting foundation of the Center for Hospice Care in Indiana, has partnered with the University of Notre Dame and Palliative Care Association of Uganda, to provide a unique learning experience for students interested in learning more about care delivery in Uganda. The partnership organizes palliative care and spiritual internships. Students travel to the country and work closely with palliative care professionals to learn and understand how care is provided in the country.

Several students have made the trip to Uganda to study a variety of topics that include evaluating the morphine supply chain, creating new platforms to capture patient information, and research on the delivery of palliative care in the country.

The Center for Hospice Care partnered with Palliative Care Association of Uganda in 2008. The internship opportunities are just one example of the great work being done through this Global Partners in Care partnership.



Emily Mediate, a student from Notre Dame, traveled to Uganda to learn more about the delivery of palliative care in the country.

Thank you for your donations for the African Palliative Care Education Scholarship Fund!

Global Partners in Care raised over \$13,000 to provide palliative care education scholarships to support nurses and social workers in Africa!



Cozzie King, NHPCO's Senior Manager, Access, set up an online fundraising platform and donated funds in honor of her birthday.



Sandy Jones-McClintic, MSW, LCSW, ACHP-SW of Hospice of Arizona made a donation to the scholarship fund at the Clinical Team Conference. Sandy is also the leader of the NCHPP Social Work group.

To learn more and donate, visit www.globalpartnersincare.org/scholarships.

Here's how YOU made a difference for one scholarship recipient:

"I can now participate meaningfully in developing treatment care and support policies and strategies. My involvement in designing, organizing and facilitating training programmes, workshops and support groups has become of great benefit to my organization. I am also able to advocate for the psychosocial needs of patients and their families through developing meaningful project proposals and where necessary, to make referrals even outside the organisation in order to ensure continuity of care for the patients and family."

Not only did you invest in their palliative care training, you are helping to build the capacity for underserved communities in developing countries to provide quality end-of-life care and services.

80% of the need for palliative care is in low and middle income countries.

Your gift to Global Partners in Care supports compassionate care where the need is great and the resources are few.

Please DONATE NOW.

You are invited to have lunch...

With Global Partners in Care at NHPCO's Management and Leadership Conference!

Thursday, April 21, 12 pm – 1 pm

All conference participants are invited to a free special lunch event during MLC. Specifically, you will have an opportunity to:

- Learn how to become an international partner;
- Hear from existing partners about international efforts;
- Support palliative care education scholarships for African nurses and social workers;
- Celebrate the Global Partnership Award Winner; and
- Be inspired to help other countries develop hospice and palliative care programs!

Boxed lunches and a wonderful dessert bar will be provided for all to enjoy.

Learn [more](#) and [register](#) for the conference.

Thank you to our event Sponsors!*

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Moments of Life

Upcoming Professional Education Opportunities

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization 31st Management and Leadership Conference

April 21-23, 2016
National Harbor, Maryland, USA
www.nhpco.org/mlc2016

NOTE: Global Partners in Care and NHPCO is extending a special invitation to staff of our international partnerships and offering a reduced registration fee of \$100! Contact info@globalpartnersincare.org to register.

2nd International Children's Palliative Care Network Conference

May 18-21, 2016
Buenos Aires, Argentina
www.icpcnconference.org

5th International African Palliative Care Conference

August 16-19, 2016
Kampala, Uganda
<http://africanpalliativecare.org/conference2016>

NOTE: Call for abstracts is currently open. Submission deadline is April 1, 2016. [CLICK HERE](#) for submission guidelines.

16th World Congress on Pain

September 26-30, 2016
Yokohama, Japan
www.iasp-pain.org

For more information and to learn about other professional education opportunities, visit www.globalpartnersincare.org/conferences.

“The partnership with Nkoranga Hospice in Africa has made us a better hospice. We have learned the meaning of humility and grace. We are reminded of how powerful it is to make the most of everything you have and how little we actually need to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.”

**Catherine Hamel, Executive Director
Gilchrist Hospice Care, MD**



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

TO BECOME A PARTNER:

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