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Focus on Compassion

COMPASSION HAS NO BORDERS

Global Partners in Care Celebrates First India Partnership

Hospice of Kankakee Valley Teams Up With Narikeldaha Prayas of Moyna, West Bengal

Global Partners in Care is pleased to announce its first U.S. and India hospice and palliative care partnership – Hospice of Kankakee Valley of Bourbonnais, Illinois, and Narikeldaha Prayas of Moyna, West Bengal. The two organizations will work together to expand access to hospice and palliative care in the region where Narikeldaha Prayas is located.

"We are blessed to be in a position to give back to the local community and the hospice community in the world," said Hospice of Kankakee Valley Executive Director Kevin Turner. "Partnering with Narikeldaha Prayas allows us to extend our mission to provide compassionate physical, emotional, spiritual and social support to terminally ill individuals and their families."

Narikeldaha Prayas located in Moyna, West Bengal provides rural home home-based palliative care for terminal cancer patients. Through the partnership with Hospice of Kankakee Valley, the organization will gain exposure to various palliative care activities outside of India that will enhance the services they provide to their patients.

"We chose to partner with Narikeldaha Prayas because of the stunning similarities of our mission statements," said Hospice of Kankakee Valley Social Worker, Rachel Zajicek. "Something which I think is pretty incredible given the fact that on a basic level our cultures are so different and yet on a very specific issue (providing comfort care), our missions are so similar."

Hospice of Kankakee Valley, located 60 miles south of Chicago, serves six counties surrounding Kankakee, IL. The organization started as a volunteer

hospice in 1983 and has grown from those roots to a hospice that serves over 600 patients per year.

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"We are thrilled to include Hospice of Kankakee Valley and Narikeldaha Prayas among the 80 U.S. and international hospice and palliative care organizations and international partnerships," says Global Partners in Care Executive Director, John Mastrojohn. "The two organizations are pioneering our efforts in India and we are eager to establish more partnerships in India and other countries."



Narikeldaha Prayas healthcare worker provides care to patient.

Our Continued Commitment to Africa

Two U.S. organizations partner with African hospices

Continuing our commitment in Africa and our collaboration with the African Palliative Care Association (APCA), Global Partners in Care is pleased to announce new partnerships in Tanzania and South Africa: Halifax Health – Hospice and Izimbya Lutheran Hospital; and Arm in Arm in Africa and St. Luke's Hospice.

Halifax Health–Hospice and Izimbya Lutheran Hospital

Halifax Health – Hospice, located in Port Orange, Florida has partnered with Izimbya Lutheran Hospital Bukoba, Kagera, located in northern Tanzania.

"We are very pleased to be partnered with Izimbya Lutheran Hospital because like us, they work with people in their homes and are affiliated with a hospital that supports them and they work with children in an orphanage," says Halifax Health – Hospice Social Worker, Brian Shea.

Izimbya Lutheran Hospital is a small, rural healthcare organization with an average census between 60-80 patients per day.

"The reason we are doing this is because we understand we are fortunate," says Shea. "Even though our resources to help patients in our community are limited we know we are blessed when we look at the resources developing countries are working with."



Arm in Arm in Africa and St. Luke's Hospice

Arm in Arm in Africa's mission is to provide support to help improve issues like poverty and disease in South Africa. The non-profit organization, headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, will work with St. Luke's Hospice located in Cape Town, South

Africa to help address some of the challenges St. Luke's faces including fundraising for their program, communication difficulties related to unreliable technology and limited email access and the lack of palliative care training.

St. Luke's cares for, on average, 870 hospice patients each day. According to their 2013 Annual Review, the majority of their patients come from the disadvantaged communities of Cape Town.

"Arm and Arm in Africa is all about education, food distribution, and supporting hospice services in Guguletu, South Africa," says Kate Cummings of Arm in Arm in Africa. "Once we got to know the people, and felt the outpouring of gratitude for even the most basic contribution, we knew we had to involve more people from Minnesota and keep doing more."

"The unique partnership model of hospice and palliative care programs in the USA and Africa has improved health work exposure to best practice, positively impacted the quality of care and resulted in palliative care growth in Africa."

Dr. Emmanuel B.K. Luryirka, APCA Executive Director

Notes of Interest for Current U.S. and International Partners

• Partner Annual Survey!

Global Partners in Care will distribute its annual survey to U.S. and international partners in January 2015. This survey is designed to obtain pertinent information about your partnership experience to help us evaluate, report and continue to improve our partnership program. We will be striving for 100% completion of the survey and thank all of our partners in advance for your support.

• 2015 Global Partnership Award!

Applications for this award will be sent to all U.S. partners in January 2015. This award recognizes the outstanding efforts of a U.S. partner that went above and beyond the expectations of a partnership. The award comes with a \$500 donation to the international partner and the winner will be recognized at NHPCO's 2015 Management and Leadership Conference. Applications for self-nominations will be available in January 2015. More information is available at www.globalpartnersincare.org/partnerships/global-partnership-award.

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Partners Focusing on Compassion

Lifetime Care, Rochester, NY and Zululand Hospice Association, Empangeni, South Africa

Submitted by Erma Mae Perkins of Lifetime Care

Lifetime Care staff, volunteers and friends have been making annual trips to visit our partner organization, Zululand Hospice Association (ZHA) in South Africa since 2003.

In May 2014, a team of 13 from Lifetime Care visited South Africa. We spent 7 days witnessing the work of ZHA and doing construction work at their orphanage, Musa weNkosi. We also were able to see the two vehicles that were purchased with funds we raised.

In 2008, ZHA staff took us to visit Musa weNkosi during our trip. Several children who had family members on hospice were placed there. Last year we learned of their dream of turning an unused chicken house into a central kitchen since they had to turn children away frequently. Seven members of Rush United Methodist Church accomplished this goal and met the staff of ZHA when they hosted a traditional Zulu lunch for us. The new central kitchen will now provide for additional bedrooms in the 3 houses. During the recent trip in May, the entire team worked alongside the children painting and rolling glaze for the windows.

A second team visited ZHA in September 2014. They took safety syringes, N95 masks and gloves donated by Lifetime Care.

We are blessed by this opportunity to support the amazing ZHA staff working in difficult conditions.

Additional Note: Lifetime Care's fundraising for Zululand Hospice consists of selling items purchased at African Craft Markets, pictures taken at Hluhluwe Game Reserve, fabrics bought in Africa and bake sales.



Gail Hubbard, a Lifetime Care hospice volunteer who has traveled to South Africa 8 times, is shown with pillows and angels she made. She also mats and frames the animal pictures, batiks, paintings, etc to raise money for Zululand Hospice.

New Publication Available: Guidelines for Clinical Placements in Hospice and Palliative Care in Africa



Africa is facing a staggering disease burden that is only expected to increase dramatically in the coming decades. To meet this demand, African health care professionals need education and training in how to provide high-quality, culturally competent palliative care. Yet, many African countries face a shortage of medical staff in general, and a specific deficit in providers who are skilled in palliative care services.

Global Partners in Care (formerly known as FHSSA) and the African Palliative Care Association (APCA) are pleased to announce the release of their new publication, Guidelines for Clinical Placement in

Hospice and Palliative Care in Africa, to help organizations implement and host successful Clinical Placements in palliative care.

The Guidelines build upon current efforts to expand palliative care education and training activities and describes steps to conduct Clinical Placements in palliative care. The Guidelines also serve as a resource for national palliative care associations and other organizations interested in hosting Clinical Placements as a way to increase the number of palliative care professionals in Africa. In addition, the Guidelines are also applicable for organizations in other countries outside of Africa.

[Download a free copy of the Guidelines.](#)

Support Nursing and Social Work Scholarships in Africa

Global Partners in Care works collaboratively with the African Palliative Care Association (APCA) to provide the following education scholarships in Africa:



9.6 million adults and children across Africa are in need of palliative care.

- **South Africa** has only 1 specialist nurse per 39,400 cancer patients...
- **Tanzania**, 2 doctors and 37 nurses per 100,000 people...

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Learn more and make an online donation at www.globalpartnersincare.org/scholarships.

- **African Palliative Care Nursing Scholarship Fund** (in honor of Kath Defilippi)
- **African Palliative Care Social Work Scholarship Fund** (in honor of Dr. Bernice Catherine Harper)

National and International Hospice and Palliative Care Education Resources

Global Partners in Care aims to ensure that U.S. and international hospice and palliative care professionals have the knowledge, competence, skills and resources they need to ensure the provision of compassionate, high quality end-of-life care.

Global Partners in Care provides a current list of education resources, in the U.S. and internationally, related to hospice and palliative care that include:

- **Professional Conferences**
- **Distance-learning Courses**
- **Publications**

To learn more, visit

www.globalpartnersincare.org/education.

Upcoming Professional Conferences Include:

Indian Association of Palliative Care 22nd International Conference

February 13 - 15, 2015

Hyderabad, India

<http://iapcon2015hyd.com>

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization 30th Management and Leadership Conference

April 30 - May 2, 2015

National Harbor, MD

www.nhpco.org/mlc2015

"A Night in Mumbai" Raises Funds to Support Global Partners in Care

Thank you to everyone who participated in A Night in Mumbai, our fundraising event to benefit the expansion of hospice and palliative care services to other parts of the world. Our first stop, India!



Conference attendee at the event's silent auction tables

A total of \$41,500 was raised in sponsorships. Henna artists, a fortune teller, and a silent and live auction raised \$16,260 to benefit Global Partners in Care.

Thank you to our entertainers, guests, donors and volunteers who made the evening truly memorable.

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

Make a Year-End Gift!

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

[www.globalpartnersincare.org/
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Pay it Forward. Become a Global Partner Today.

Our Partner Program provides the opportunity for hospice palliative care organizations in the U.S. to support a hospice 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 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

Happy Feet Home

Who? Happy Feet Home

What? India's first children's daycare hospice that provides free emotional, psycho-social and spiritual support to children with life threatening/ life limiting illnesses

Where? In partnership with the pediatric department of Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Hospital in Mumbai, India



www.happyfeethome.org



nyerihospice.org

Nyeri Hospice

Who? Nyeri Hospice

What? Provides palliative care to patients with life threatening illnesses of cancer and HIV/AIDS

Where? Central Kenya

To partner with Nyeri, Happy Feet Home or other international organizations in need, contact Global Partners in Care.



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