20 Years of Global Impact

2019 Annual Report
Dear partners, friends and colleagues,

In 2019, Global Partners in Care (GPC) celebrated 20 years of impact through grassroots partnerships and collaborations – all made possible through your support. Since 2004, more than $6 million has been sent directly to support hospice and palliative care partner organizations in Africa, India and Nepal. While the financial contribution fails to capture many other benefits of engaging in partnership, it does demonstrate the magnitude of impact a network of small grassroots partnerships can have.

Global Partners in Care connects and supports partner organizations through our Partnership Program while also developing new collaborations that build toward our goal of ensuring access to palliative care where the need is great. Recognizing the important role that research and education play in enhancing hospice and palliative care services, our work in this area continues to grow. We are working with students and faculty from Oxford University, Indiana University. Student interns work with partner organizations through our Partnership Program and provide necessary care to patients who were affected by the disaster.

Many thanks to all of you, for whatever role you played in our success this year and in the preceding decades. As we continue to work with our partners around the globe, we look forward to exploring new collaborations that share our mission to enhance palliative care worldwide. Thank you for your interest and support!

With gratitude,

Mark M Murray
President / CEO
Global Partners in Care

ABOUT US

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In 2019, approximately 31,000 patients were cared for by our partners, a new national level palliative care education program was launched in five countries, and four countries were able to provide counseling and bereavement services with additional resources to patients affected by natural disasters in two countries. GPIC and US partners support funded more than 30 educational scholarships for nurses and social workers across four countries, including APCA scholarships.

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Although there are 1,955 miles separating them, the staff at Caring Circle (Hospice at Home) in southwest Michigan and Our Lady’s Hospice in Thigo, Kenya find a way to keep their partnership relevant, active and personal. The partnership was formed in 2017, and since its inception has successfully brought together these two organizations to exchange visits. These person-to-person interactions have brought depth to the partnership and to the relationships of the staffs from both organizations. While in Kenya the May the Caring Circle team was able to provide counseling and bereavement services in response to Our Lady’s loss of two of their staff in 2019, including their founder, Sr. Eileen O’Callaghan.

Caring Circle has engaged their community in fundraising efforts, which has given them opportunities to share the story of Our Lady’s Hospice and their experience on providing end-of-life care to those in under-resourced, under-resourced areas near Nairobi. These visits, along with participation from Caring Circle employees, has resulted in positive exchange visit to Kenya with another one planned for May 2020, as well as a visit to Michigan by Sr. Deborah Miller, director of Our Lady’s Hospice.

The world is very small. The world is very tiny. Keep involving all of the countries of the world in the 21st century.

**We are a global world... keep growing and keep developing.**

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- Dr. Bernstein Catherine Harper

**Founding member of FHSSA**

Colloborations

GPIC has a rich history of collaborating with regional, national and international organizations to enhance the delivery of palliative care. Building on the strong foundation laid by previous FHSSA and GPIC leadership, we are committed to working with other organizations to support advocacy and awareness initiatives surrounding palliative care. Many of these initiatives expand on groundwork laid by past grant awards from agencies and organizations such as USAID, PEPFAR and the Diana, Princess of Wales Fund. For example, we continue to work with palliative care providers affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) to build capacity and sustainability. Global Partners in Care (GPIC) and the African Palliative Care Association (APCA) have a long-standing and mutually beneficial global partnership. Both share a mission to support hospice and palliative care in Africa through sharing resources, programmatic expertise and support for other collaborations that advance our common goals. Currently, we are focused on three specific areas of collaboration: 1) enhancing the vital work of national associations in supporting and developing palliative care in their countries, 2) advancing research to help build awareness initiatives surrounding palliative care. They gain an appreciation for the need for culturally appropriate care and a greater understanding of the similarities – as well as differences – of the impact of life-limiting conditions. They gain an appreciation for the need for culturally appropriate care and a greater understanding of the similarities – as well as differences – of the impact of life-limiting conditions.

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As an affiliate of the Hospice Foundation and Center for Hospice Care, Global Partners is part of an annual audit for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.
GPIC is grateful to the many organizations and individuals whose gifts support the important work of our partners. Every contribution makes an impact on the delivery of palliative care where the need is great.

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Exchange visit between Snowline Hospice and Hospice Services, Inc. and Palliative Care of Hospice of The Western Reserve spent time in 2019 working with APCA Intern Michelle Sorenson from the University of Alberta.
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JOIN OUR PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
Your organization can be partnered with a sister organization in a low-resource setting. Not sure how to get started? Contact us and we will help your organization understand what it means to be a partner.

SUPPORT THE IMPORT WORK OF GPIC FINANCIALLY
• Make a donation at globalpartnersincare.org/donate/
• Participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). GPIC’s CFC # is 11018
• Encourage your friends and family to support palliative care where the need is great.

VOLUNTEER TO HOST AN EVENT IN SUPPORT OF GPIC
We can provide you with guidance in planning an event and may be able to arrange for a guest speaker on global palliative care.

BECOME A GLOBAL PARTNERS IN CARE INTERN
We have opportunities for students to work in our office and with our partners located around the globe.

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This partnership helps us to be better members of our community, global and local, and helps us to better consider the resources we have at our disposal.

- Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care, Partners with Karatu Hospital in Tanzania

Join Mastrojohn (formerly director, FHSSA) presents the 2013 Global Partnership Award to Center for Hospice Care (represented by Mark Murray and Mike Wargo) and the Palliative Care Association of Uganda.

Fundraising event held by VITAS Philadelphia to support their partner, Khanya Hospice in South Africa

Staff of Nkoaranga Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania gather around an ambulance they were able to purchase with help from their US Parent, Gilchrist Hospice Care.
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Global Partners in Care enhances access to palliative care across the globe through:

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