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Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

2019 Global Partnership Award Presentation

When we think about the idea of partnership, several words come to mind: respect, trust, support, collaboration, relevant, active, and personal. The three-year-old-partnership between Caring Circle in southwest Michigan and Our Lady's Hospice near Nairobi, Kenya embodies all of these traits to a tee. We recently had the honor of finally awarding this partnership our 2019 Global Partnership Award. Though we announced the winners earlier this year, we were unable to present the award due to COVID-19. Instead of an in-person presentation and celebration at NHPCO's Leadership and Advocacy Conference, we decided to do a virtual event to celebrate this incredible partnership. We'd love to share it with you now.



[Click here](#) to learn more about the award.



The Impact of Global Collaboration Uplifted Care, PCST, and COVID-19

Located in Bourbonnais, IL, Uplifted Care, originally founded as Hospice of Kankakee Valley, has been the area's only nonprofit, community-supported hospice since 1982. While the organization is dedicated to providing compassionate hospice and palliative care services to terminally ill individuals and their families in the United States, their work does not stop at the border.

Through Global Partners in Care, Uplifted Care is partnered with Umodzi Palliative Care Clinic, a part of Palliative Care Support Trust (PCST), a Malawian registered trust that was set up to raise resources for two palliative care clinics, the Tiyankane clinic for adult patients and the Umodzi clinic for pediatric patients. PCST recently shared the story of a pediatric patient who was given the pen name "John" for privacy, detailing his battle with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and the value of the support from Uplifted Care - especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Support Training of Healthcare Workers in Africa

Without nurses trained in palliative care, those in low-resource settings who suffer from life-limiting conditions will continue to struggle with pain and symptom management. This is why [Global Partners in Care \(GPIC\)](#), together with the [African Palliative Care Association \(APCA\)](#), offer scholarships to nurses and social workers in Africa. While our scholarships range from \$1,000 – \$2,500 (depending on the course), a gift of just \$26 will provide a student with the necessary PPE for their practicum experience.

Jackie K. is completing her BSc in Palliative Care. Above, she is translating theory into practice by facilitating a palliative care training for health professionals in Zimbabwe.

Every donation, no matter the size, allows us to support various levels of training so that palliative care can be made available to all in need!

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Local woman helps Khanya Hospice with basic palliative care supplies so they can continue their mission

"She surprised us," says CEO, Neil McDonald. "Preashnee Sewdayal arrived with about 20 packets of adult nappies in September for the first time. She arrived here again at Khanya Hospice this morning with another 24 packets," says Neil. As part of a project for a training course at a religious organization Preashnee contacted family and friends and asked them to pledge a pack of adult diapers per month for the next twelve months. She was also surprised by the kindness of her family and friends.

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What We Do Best - Taking Care of Others

Director of **Grahamstown and Sunshine Coast Hospice** in South Africa, Dallas Ehrke, reflects on 2020 in their [annual report](#).

"No sooner had I began my season with this wonderful organisation when it was abruptly interrupted by the pandemic...we made necessary changes as to how we operated to ensure that our patients and their families continued to be cared for. I was truly amazed that this incredible team of people just adapted and got on with what they do best...taking care of others! It became clear that these skilled, experienced and passionate people were dedicated to the task at hand, no matter the risk. COVID taught us to consider our approach, how we could do things differently, what was important and also what, perhaps, was not as important in maintaining a level of service we aspire to. Change is never easy, until it is done. And then often we wonder why we had not done it sooner. I believe this is the time for us to consolidate, review and focus on the core functions of hospice. To educate, provide training and care ensuring dignity and comfort for all our patients."

[Click here to read Grahamstown and Sunshine Coast Hospice's Annual Report.](#)

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