

Focus on Compassion

Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

African Palliative Care Education Scholarship Fund

The demand for specialized palliative care training in Africa is high. Nurses and social workers play an important role in providing holistic palliative care services to those suffering from life-limiting conditions. To help meet this need, Global Partners in Care has partnered with the [African Palliative Care Association](#) (APCA) since 2011 to award 63 scholarships to nurses and social workers wishing to practice palliative care. Earlier this year, APCA and GPIC awarded 13 scholarships – the most given in any year since the start of the program. Eleven nurses and two social workers from six countries were awarded scholarships to complete their course of study. This cohort includes students in certificate, diploma, BSc and MSc programs.



2021 scholarship recipient, Gift Phiri is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in palliative care at the University of Malawi College of Medicine.

GPIC and APCA held a virtual orientation meeting with the recipients in September and it was wonderful to hear their enthusiasm for palliative care. Mr. Gift Phiri is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in palliative care at Kamuzu University of Health Sciences in Malawi. He is in his final year of the course and completing his dissertation.

Ms. Marion Kambura Muketha is a registered community health nurse from Thika, Kenya who is completing her higher diploma in palliative care at Kenya Medical Training College.

“I sincerely thank APCA and GPIC for offering me a grant. The knowledge I will get from this course will be used to better the lives of the patients by improving their quality of life.”

– Marion Kambura Muketha

[Read the entire story.](#)

Providing Holistic Care Includes Infrastructure Needs

Most of our US partners are aware that supporting their sister hospice in the delivery of palliative care services often goes beyond supporting the actual services. The needs are many and include capital expenses that may initially seem unrelated to palliative care such as a solar inverter unit.

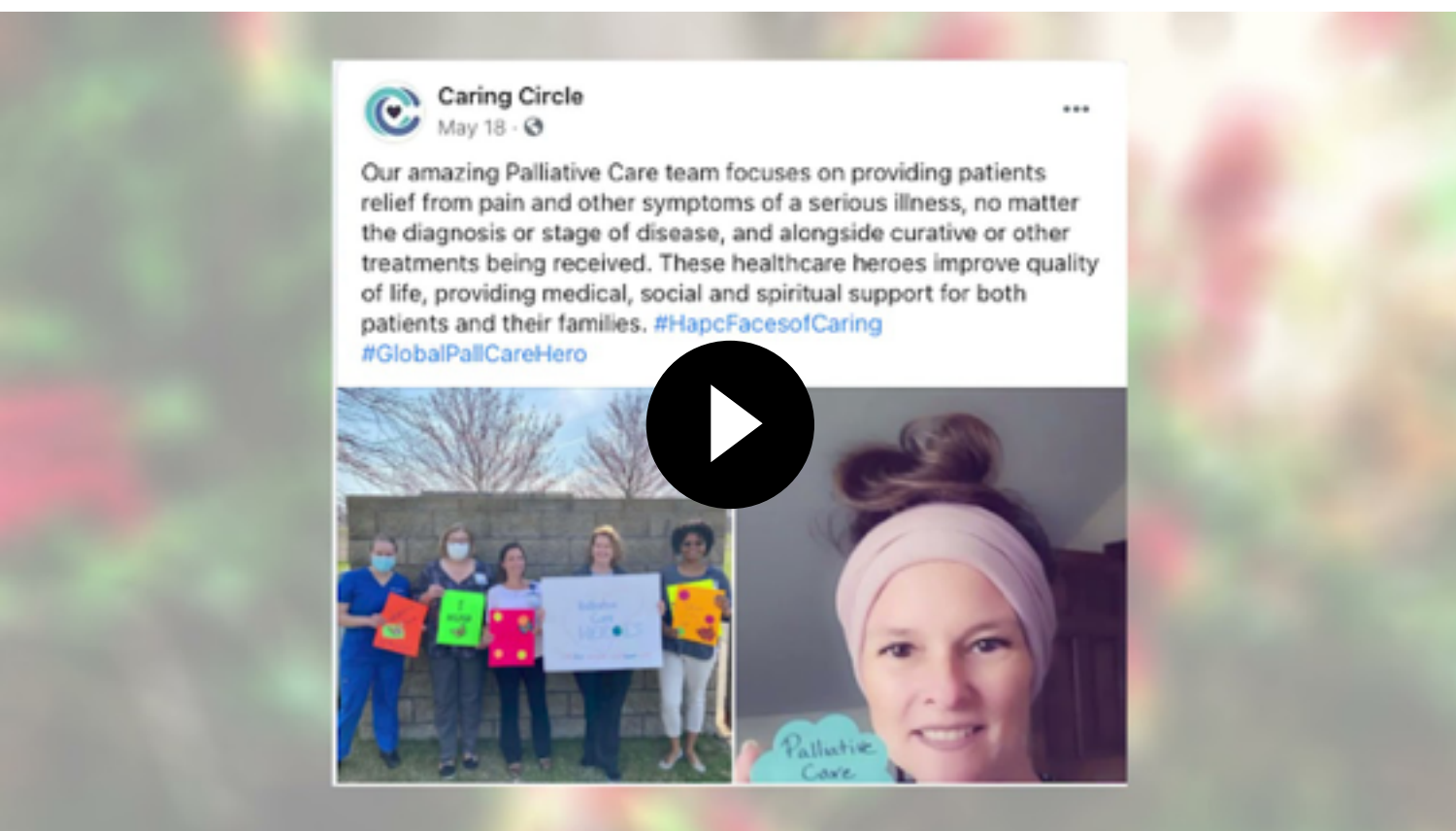
Our Lady's Hospice operates a nine-bed inpatient hospice care unit in Thigio, Kenya, outside of the capital, Nairobi. The Daughters of Charity, who operate Our Lady's Hospice, serve this community with a range of services that benefit families. These include support for children with disabilities and safe housing. Their partner hospice organization, [Caring Circle](#), helped the hospice purchase four badly needed new hospital beds. An added bonus of this purchase was the plywood boxes the beds came in – the sisters converted them to play boxes for the children!



Due to extreme poverty in the surrounding area, most homes have no running water or electricity. The hospice often struggles with unreliable and expensive electricity. The partnership with Caring Circle also helped purchase a solar inverter unit and batteries so that the hospice would have reliable solar power during these times. This system ensures that the hospice always has electricity and fresh water to provide for patient comfort.

#GlobalPallCareHero Campaign Wraps Up

Our #GlobalPallCareHero campaign wrapped up on World Hospice and Palliative Care Day – celebrated this year on October 9 – with the premier of a special appreciation video. The campaign recognized and celebrated the contributions that palliative care workers make to improve the quality of living (and dying), particularly their tremendous, tireless work during the COVID-19 pandemic. They have shown up for their patients and their colleagues with a superhero attitude and superhuman effort! The goal of this campaign was simply to say 'thank you' to the estimated 400,000 healthcare workers and 1.2 million volunteers delivering palliative care globally. Click below to watch the video below.



New WHO Resources on Quality Palliative Care

Earlier this month, the [WHO](#) released two new resources to support countries in assessing the development of palliative care and improving the quality of palliative care services. Given the enormous and growing need for access to quality palliative care, these are important tools for governments around the globe to utilize as they seek to meet the need. The tools are:

[Assessing the development of palliative care worldwide: a set of actionable indicators](#)

[Quality Health Services and Palliative Care: Practical approaches and resources to support policy, strategy and practice](#)

Raising Awareness for Children's Palliative Care

On October 8th, we joined our colleagues across the globe in #HatsOn4CPC to help raise awareness of the need for children's palliative care and the great inequities that exist in accessing it. Read our stories from last month's newsletter:

[Sarah's story](#)
[Muhamed's story](#)

[See how Global Partners in Care celebrated #HatsOn4CPC](#)



Advisory Council Member Highlight:



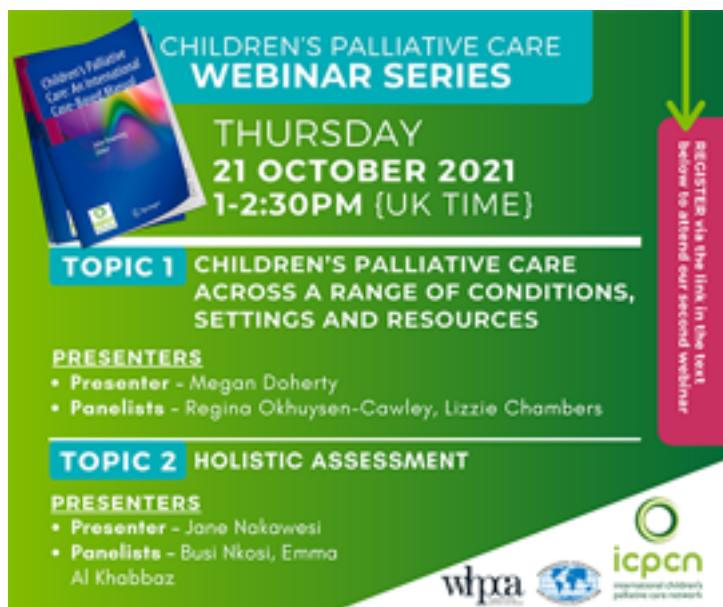
John Mastrojohn, RN, MSN, MBA
Executive Vice President and COO, Hospice of the Western Reserve

John has shared his time and talent with GPIC (and FHSSA before that) for many, many years! He is the executive vice president and COO at Hospice of the Western Reserve (HWR) in northeastern Ohio where he has served since September 2019.

[Read John's full profile](#)

Children's Palliative Care Webinar

Join [ICPCN](#), [WHPCA](#) and [IAHPC](#) for the second in their series of webinars on children's palliative care on Thursday October 21, 2021.



[Register here](#)

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Attention Federal Employees!

Are you a federal employee? The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the official workplace giving campaign for federal employees and retirees and is a cost-efficient opportunity to improve the quality of life for those in need. Visit the [CFC Giving System](#) today to create an account and search for Global Partners in Care (CFC #11018)!

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