



Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

Happy Holidays!

Hail and Farewell – GPIC Advisory Council

Our Advisory Council is an extraordinary group of people who share their time and talent to make a positive impact on palliative care globally. Members include those who are engaged in our GPIC partnerships, collaborators, industry leaders and academics. After serving two terms, members rotate off the council to allow new members to join. We have two members leaving the council who not only have helped GPIC grow, but also helped define our work. It has been a pleasure working with them as we seek to improve the quality of life and death for those in need of palliative care.

Sharon and Lori – thank you for your dedication to Global Partners in Care!

Sharon Lutz, RN, BSN, CHPN
Executive Director, Hospice of the North Coast

Sharon is a seasoned hospice professional with more than two decades of experience in the fields of hospice, home health, skilled nursing and assisted living; she has been with Hospice of the North Coast since 2011. Sharon has served many years on the Advisory Council of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization as well as on the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association's Board of Directors.



Sharon Lutz

Through her home church, Sharon was introduced to mission work at Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi. Because of this experience, she united Hospice of the North Coast with Nkhoma Hospital – through Global Partners in Care – to improve the quality of life for children and adults in Malawi who are faced with advanced and incurable diseases. The partnership between Hospice of the North Coast and Nkhoma Hospital has seen tremendous growth under her leadership. Having the voice of a partner organization on the Advisory Council has been incredibly important for our work!

Sharon left us these parting thoughts: "Thank you for all you have done to make GPIC what it is today. I loved every minute of being on the Advisory Council and will miss the great conversations and learning from each of you on the council." We will miss Sharon as well and look forward to continuing our support for their partnership.



Lori Williams

Lori Williams, RN
Vice President of Hospice and Palliative Care Operations, Trinity Health

Lori has extensive experience in senior operations as a quality healthcare executive in both not-for-profit and for-profit environments, with over 30 years of experience at a senior level. She has proven success in operations, quality and risk management, and corporate compliance. She has worked in a variety of settings including home care, hospice, palliative care, long-term and acute care. Lori is a passionate hospice leader who has implemented quality programs. She has brought this industry-wide experience to the Advisory Council, prompting our team to think strategically about our work and partnership engagements.

Lori is an avid traveler with a "heightened passion to learn and do more" about the inequities she has witnessed. "It was very valuable to have insight into international palliative care needs. My six years on the council spanned a period of transition and change for GPIC and saw the broadened scope of the program and partnerships." Lori rarely missed a meeting, and her presence and thoughtful insight was invaluable to GPIC!

Partnership Connections

On a recent visit to the US, Ephrem Abathun, executive director of [Hospice Ethiopia](#), spent a few days in California with partner, [Snowline Hospice](#).

Snowline Medical Director Jeanine Ellinwood said, "Ephrem shared his passion for end-of-life care and the challenges of healthcare in Ethiopia. I believe many of us had an even better awareness of the blessing of healthcare in this country and the challenges that are universal."

A local newspaper wrote on Ephrem's visit to Snowline Hospice. [Read more here.](#)



Your gift to Global Partners in Care's [2021 Annual Appeal](#) will help us continue to support our partners in tangible – and intangible – ways. Whether it is facilitating relationships or providing a Zoom license, we are constantly working to support our partners in ways that help them reach those in need of hospice and palliative care.

Global Partners in Care is only able to enhance access to hospice and palliative care through the generous support of donors like you! We invite you to be part of our mission to help provide compassionate palliative care to those who need it most.

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Partnerships in Caring Make an Impact on Palliative Care Provision



Mark M Murray, President and CEO

Did you see the most recent ehospice editorial? GPIC President and CEO Mark Murray explains our approach to partnerships – and the meaningful impact individuals and organizations can have on increasing access to palliative care through these partnerships.

[Read the ehospice editorial](#)

International African Palliative Care Conference Announced

More detail on the conference is forthcoming and we will share more information as it becomes available.

We hope to see you there!



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