

Focus on Compassion

Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

Global Partners in Care joins our colleagues in expressing solidarity towards palliative care patients, family members, and palliative care providers in Ukraine. We share heartfelt appreciation to our colleagues at PallCHASE and Hospices of Hope for all they are doing to support palliative care colleagues in Ukraine and surrounding countries who are receiving and supporting refugees.

Congratulations to the 2021 Global Partnership Award Recipients Hospice of the North Coast Nkhoma Mission Hospital

Global Partners in Care has awarded our partners, [Hospice of the North Coast](#) (located in Carlsbad, California) and [Nkhoma Mission Hospital](#) (located in Lilongwe, Malawi), the 2021 Global Partnership Award. The award was presented during the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's annual Leadership and Advocacy Conference on Monday, March 7, 2022.

The Global Partnership Award recognizes the outstanding efforts of this partnership that has demonstrated the core values of a true partnership: commitment to building a strong relationship, partner collaboration, staff contribution and commitment, and community outreach and involvement. The award comes with a \$500 donation to Nkhoma Mission Hospital.

"Being involved in this partnership has enhanced morale and is a way to be engaged in our organization," noted Sharon Lutz, executive director of Hospice of the North Coast. "There are no borders with palliative and hospice care. It's humanity. It reaches across any border and the fact that we get to be a part of it is amazing." In accepting the award, she reiterated that "Palliative and hospice care have no borders. People are in need and they need to die with... compassion, love and dignity."

In learning they had won the award, Dr. Sam Kabota, advocacy and liaison officer, at Nkhoma Mission Hospital shared this about the partnership. "There's an African proverb: if you want to go fast go alone, but if you want to go FAR then go with others... we have chosen to go far with Hospice of the North Coast in these troubled times of cyclones, COVID-19 and extreme poverty amongst our palliative care patients and their guardians."

Lutz shared Kabota's remarks at the award ceremony: "We don't take this for granted. We thank GPIC for the support given to us and acting as a go between and making sure that all is well. We dedicate this award to our patients and guardians in our community and we intend to use the funds attached to the award to have a day care with some of our patients. Thank you to GPIC and our beloved partner, HNC."

GPIC presented the award together with NHPCO CEO, Edo Banach, who also gave a special call out to Caring Circle and Our Lady's Hospice, winners of the 2019 Global Partnership Award. That award was [presented virtually](#) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Banach, who spoke of massive need globally for palliative care, also encouraged US hospice and palliative care organizations to consider engaging with GPIC – not only to help meet that need, but for the benefit of US organizations and their employees as well. In encouraging participation in GPIC, he said "If you don't give your folks access to the perspective that comes with the provision of care in other countries you are really doing yourself and your employees a disservice."

Congratulations to Hospice of the North Coast and Nkhoma Mission Hospital for their outstanding commitment and impact!

[Watch for a video of the award presentation in an upcoming Focus on Compassion](#)

Welcome new members of the GPIC Advisory Council!

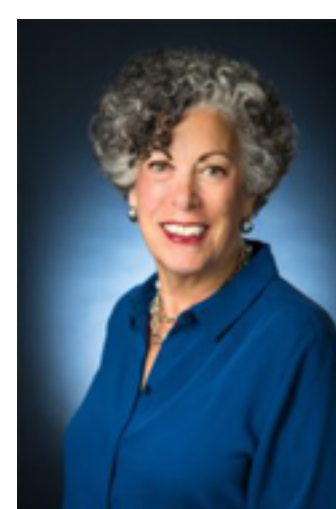
We are pleased to announce that three new members have joined our esteemed Advisory Council:



Professor Olaitan Soyannwo
President, Centre for Palliative Care Nigeria and Professor of Anesthesia and Palliative Care



Dr. Paul Mmbando
Health Director, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania



Joanne Rosen
Chief Marketing and Public Affairs Officer, Samaritan

All of these individuals represent GPIC partner programs and we are excited about the expertise and experience they will bring to the Advisory Council. We will share more information about each member and the partnership they represent in upcoming newsletters!

7th International African Palliative Care Conference Registration and Call for Abstracts

Co-hosted by African Palliative Care Association and Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Alliance, "Palliative Care in a Pandemic" will take place 24 – 26 August 2022. [Click here](#) to submit an abstract or workshop for the conference by 1st April. Global Partners in Care is a co-sponsor of the conference.

African Palliative Care Education Scholarship Fund for Nurses and Social Workers

Applications Are Open! Visit [APCA's website](#) to apply.

The African Palliative Care Association (APCA) in partnership with Global Partners in Care (GPIC) in the USA provide a limited number of competitive scholarships each year to nurses and social workers for palliative care training opportunities. Any level of study in palliative care may be considered for scholarships. Applicants must be certified in nursing or social work and already have admission to a program of study in palliative care.

Join the Global Health Compassion Rounds on March 23, 2022

**Quality Palliative Care:
Compassion in Action**
23 March 2022
12 – 1:30 pm ET (GMT – 4)

[Click here](#) to register

The Global Health Compassion Rounds gather a global community to share experiences, challenges ideas and spark thinking on compassion in global health. The quarterly gatherings are Hosted by the [Focus Area for Compassion and Ethics \(FACE\)](#) at the Task Force for Global Health and the [WHO Global Learning Laboratory \(GLL\)](#).

Today is World Social Work Day!

World Social Work Day is celebrated across the world. This year's theme, **Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind**, links to [The People's Summit](#) which presents a vision and action plan to create new global values, policies and practices that develop trust, security and confidence for all people and the sustainability of the planet. [Learn more here.](#)

Thank you, Social Workers! #WSWD2022

Support Palliative Care Training in Africa

With the COVID-19 pandemic taking such a toll on healthcare workers globally, educating nurses and social workers in palliative care has never been as important as it is today! Help support palliative care training in Africa by donating to the scholarship fund.

[Donate to the African Palliative Care Education Scholarship Fund](#)

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