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Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

## World Refugee Day – June 20, 2022

Help support refugees from the war in Ukraine through our collaboration with Hospices of Hope Moldova

## Donate to the Disaster Response Fund

Palliative care needs don't disappear during a refugee crisis and our colleagues at Hospices of Hope are working hard to support patients in need as well as support their palliative care colleagues in Ukraine. When you make a donation, be sure to enter 'Hospices of Hope Moldova' in the 'Designate partner to receive fund' box and **GPIC** will match donations up to the first \$2,500.

Read more <u>here</u> if you missed our story last month about expanding our global reach and partnering with Hospices of Hope Moldova.

# South African Floods Hinder Hospice Care at Home

Since the start of the winter season in South Africa, the KwaZulu-Natal province has seen devastating floods. The floods have been particularly hard-hitting in the eThekwini municipality, home to the port city of Durban and more than 3.4 million people. Two of our partners serve in the most affected areas – Khanya Hospice and South Coast Hospice. South Coast Hospice is partnered with The Community Hospice in New York and Khanya Hospice is partnered with VITAS Healthcare of Philadelphia.





The floods have had catastrophic effects on the population in the area. At the end of May, the floods had left 459 dead and 88 still missing. In addition, 40,000 homes were destroyed, leaving hundreds of thousands displaced. There has also been great damage to the public infrastructure. People have been left without running water and electricity since the beginning of April. In addition, many roads have been washed out completely, leaving people without consistent transportation and access to resources.

Click here to read more

## Global Partners in Care Summer Interns

GPIC is pleased to welcome two interns, Lydia and Ethan, to Mishawaka for summer internships. Both bring valuable experience and tremendous enthusiasm for our mission of enhancing access to palliative care, and we look forward to working with them!

## **Lydia Thomas**

Lydia recently completed her Master's in Public Health with a concentration in Global Health from Saint Louis University. She is thrilled to be interning with GPIC for the summer. Lydia was interested in working with GPIC after reading our mission and is excited for the opportunity to work directly with partners while gaining global health experience. Lydia will be supporting our collaborative work with the African Palliative Care Association. She is looking forward to traveling to Uganda in August to





# **Ethan Harned:**

Ethan Harned is a Hesburgh-Yusko Scholar at the University of Notre Dame studying Psychology and Pre-Health Studies. Ethan has worked as a grief support group facilitator for young kids who've lost parents for the past several years. He is excited to broaden his knowledge of other aspects of palliative care. Ethan is looking forward to collaborating with our partners and furthering the work of Global Partners in Care!

# Welcome to the GPIC Advisory Council, Joanne Rosen

#### Joanne Rosen **Chief Marketing & Public Affairs Officer** Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice

Joanne Rosen is chief marking and public affairs officer at Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice in New Jersey. As a member of Samaritan's senior leadership team, Rosen provides leadership and oversight for all marketing and public affairs operations to support Samaritan's mission, vision and strategic goals. She also serves as liaison for Samaritan's global partnership with Kawempe Home Care in Kampala, Uganda.



# Read Joanne's full profile

## **Healing Hearts and Communities** World Hospice and Palliative Care Day

The WHPCD theme for 2022 is "Healing" Hearts and Communities" and will be celebrated on October 8, 2022. The theme recognizes the experience of grief and the need to heal – which is something that unites all of us. Advocacy for WHPCD 2022 includes a call for national strategies for the inclusion of grief and bereavement care, which are essential to support the healing process. Learn more <u>here</u> where you can access The WHPCA toolkit to help you participate in WHPCD.



# **HEALING HEARTS & COMMUNITIES**

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## **ICPCN Webinar on Spiritual Care**, **Anticipatory Grief and Bereavement Support**

This is the ninth in a series of webinars based on the hand book Children's Palliative Care: An International Case-Based Manual.

When: Thursday 30th June 2022 What time: 1 pm to 2:30 pm UK Time Registration link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3xzfBNX">https://bit.ly/3xzfBNX</a>

## Join Us at the 7th International **African Palliative Care Conference**



Co-hosted by African Palliative Care Association and Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Alliance, will take place 24 – 26 August 2022. We encourage all of our partners and collaborators to join this conference – whether in person or virtually.

Don't miss the opportunity to join register now!

# Disaster Response Fund

Whether you feel called to help Hospices of Hope Moldova in supporting refugees from Ukraine or to help our partners in South Africa recover from the devastating floods, you may direct donations through our Disaster Response Fund.

> Be sure to designate the partner to receive your donation, or you can designate your gift to 'area of greatest need'.

> > **Support the Disaster Response Fund**

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