

Focus on Compassion

Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

This month, we are honored to join colleagues from across the world at the 7th International African Palliative Care Conference in Kampala, Uganda. We are looking forward to connecting with our partner organizations in Uganda, and other partners from across Africa and Advisory Council members from around the world who will be attending the conference. *We will have more to share in our September edition of Focus on Compassion.*



Strengthening Capacity in Children's Palliative Care

Global Partners in Care (GPIC) hosted a webinar in collaboration with Palliative Care for Children South Africa (PatchSA) on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, titled "[Strengthening Capacity in Children's Palliative Care](#)." It offered the 70 people registered the opportunity to learn from some of the top experts in children's palliative care. The goal was to give palliative care providers the chance to gain insights into the unique aspects and challenges of children's palliative care as well as build awareness of resources that exist to support children's palliative care providers.



Three panelists covered various aspects of the field. Tracy Rawlins, education and training manager of PatchSA, presented on the differences and similarities between adult and children's palliative care. Her presentation gave insight into how providers can communicate specifically with children. She also gave a comprehensive overview of children's palliative care services in South Africa and the challenges these providers face. Joan Marston, vice chair of PatchSA and founder of Sunflower Children's Hospice, provided an overview of the history and operations of Sunflower Children's Hospice. She shared how Sunflower has evolved to meet the needs of its patients throughout its history. She gave valuable insight on how to run a children's hospice including how Sunflower has fostered partnerships with local and international organizations that have kept its mission going. Sue Boucher, programme and communications manager of PatchSA, presented on the development of PatchSA as an organization as well as the resources it offers to the palliative care community. She discussed the current training programs offered by PatchSA including the [Patch Academy](#) as well as anticipated future offerings, which include a six-month training program with hands-on training.

GPIC partner organizations interested in deepening their knowledge and services for children should contact us for more information on additional learning opportunities. Thank you, PatchSA!

Watch the recording of the webinar here: <https://youtu.be/79aUkociSo8>

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2022

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, with the theme of *Healing Hearts & Communities*, is 8 October 2022. Let us know what activities you are planning, and we will help spread the word! Check out this helpful [toolkit](#) from WHPCA as you make your plans.



HEALING HEARTS & COMMUNITIES
WORLD HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE DAY **8 OCT 2022**

Kawempe Home Care

GPIC partner, Kawempe Home Care (Uganda), publishes a regular blog with program updates, stories of inspiration and relevant issues needing awareness. Check out their recently published [June blog](#).



Join Us at the 7th International African Palliative Care Conference



Co-hosted by African Palliative Care Association and Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Alliance, the conference will take place **24th – 26th 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 virtually and broaden your knowledge on palliative care in Africa.

[Register Now](#)

Disaster Response Fund

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



[Support the Disaster Response Fund](#)

Read more [here](#) if you missed our May story about expanding our global reach and partnering with Hospices of Hope Moldova.

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