

Focus on Compassion

Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

Palliative care patients are often among the most vulnerable in a population – both children and adults needing additional physical, psychosocial and spiritual care to improve their quality of life. While there are many challenges in our own lives vying for our attention, we humbly request you not forget the crucial situation of war in Ukraine. Please consider helping our friends at Hospices of Hope Moldova as they not only care for palliative care patients in their own country but are reaching across the border to support those fleeing the war.

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2022 African Palliative Care Education Scholarship Recipients

Each year, Global Partners in Care and the African Palliative Care Association (APCA) offer education scholarships to enhance palliative care knowledge and skills of nurses and social workers in Africa. This year a total of 12 scholarships were awarded – nine to nurses and three to social workers; the cohort includes a nurse who works in church as minister to the sick, one who is the in-charge of the only palliative care unit in her district, a professional social worker, and a music therapist. This year's recipients are from Cameroon, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda and their courses of study range from Diploma of Higher Education in Palliative Care to Master of Science in Palliative Care. The scholarship beneficiaries will pursue their studies at various institutions within Africa which include Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care at Makerere University in Uganda, Nairobi Hospice in Kenya, University of Cape Town in South Africa and Kamuzu University of Health Sciences in Malawi.



Rose, one of this year's recipients, is a nurse and counselor pursuing a higher diploma in palliative care at Nairobi Hospice in Kenya. She hopes to "start the palliative care approach in the comprehensive care clinic where I work and initiate a palliative care team in the hospital." She plans to pursue an advanced degree in palliative care in the future. Anna, another recipient, is a nurse midwife from Uganda who has worked in palliative care provision and education – she is currently a tutor at a nursing school and is pursuing a Master of Science in palliative care. In an introductory call with this year's recipients, Anna expressed her "deep appreciation for being part of this team and for being awarded the scholarship."

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One-on-One with the Children

This story was originally published in the Rocking Horse Project's (RHP) quarterly newsletter in June 2022

Talking to the children who live with life limiting conditions or illnesses brings out a lot of small things no one really pays attention to, but that have a big effect on the children's health and day to day living.

Some of these children feel they are not given equal opportunities like their siblings and classmates as they are often treated like children who live with disabilities.

Families are at times overly protective of them, isolating them from others. Siblings and schoolmates think they will get their illness if they sit, eat or play with them, with some even believe they will just pass out and die right in front of them so they are avoided and have no normal interaction.



Hurtful words and actions scar them emotionally. When they try to talk about these issues with their parents/caregivers, they are told not to talk about death or bad things might start happening to them. Their desire is to get a clear understanding of their illness and for the family members to be educated about it, thus allowing for the child to be well supported at home and school.

With the assistance of the palliative care nurse in the hospital, the RHP play coordinator talks to the children and caregivers addressing matters they may not fully understand about the child's condition, encouraging good communication between the parent/caregiver and then the child, even talking privately to the child when the parent feels their child is struggling and choosing to not communicate with them. Many parents have appreciated the RHP play coordinator sitting with their child and listening to what they want to share. This has been the case as well for children admitted in the ward who are not necessarily in palliative care, but due to the close interaction our play coordinators have with all the children in ward, parents seek their assistance and involvement.

GPIC 2021 Annual Report

We are excited to share with you our 2021 annual report which highlights a few of our many engagements from last year. We celebrate our achievements with you – our colleagues and supporters without whom this work would not be possible – and we continue to dedicate our efforts to ensuring palliative care is available to all in need.



ICPCN Webinar Series on Children's Palliative Care

This webinar series is based on the hand book: [Children's Palliative Care: An International Case-Based Manual](#)

July webinar: Neonatal Palliative Care
When: Thursday 21 July 2022
What time: 8am ET / 1 pm UK / 3pm EAT
Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3AtCN1Z>

Last month's webinar on bereavement and spiritual care was outstanding. You can find the recording [here](#), along with other past webinars in the series.

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. *Early bird registration has been extended to the end of July!*

[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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