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Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

Healing Hearts and Communities

On October 8, palliative care organizations around the world celebrated World Hospice and Palliative Care Day. This annual event, put on by the Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA), is a day of action to celebrate and support palliative care work. This year's theme was "Healing Hearts and Communities," which acknowledges the need for support and healing in the wake of the grief and suffering caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and global conflicts. Around the world, our partners and collaborators advocated for palliative care in unique and meaningful ways.

In Uganda, the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU) hosted a Twitter space with national healthcare leaders about access to important medications. The following day, they hosted the National Palliative Care Walk at the Mulago National Referral Hospital playground. After the walk, PCAU put on a celebratory football (soccer) match between palliative care providers and parliamentarians. To learn more about PCAU's efforts, check out their [Twitter](#). Hospice Africa Uganda celebrated the day by hosting the Voices for Hospice Concert to raise awareness and fundraise for their work.



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In South Africa, the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of South Africa (HPCA) led a national campaign calling for people to wear ribbons on their wrists to show they were grieving or as a sign of solidarity with others who are grieving. Khanya Hospice celebrated WHPCD by doing what they have done for 37 years – delivering palliative care nursing to patients in need with passion and determination. Msunduzi Hospice Association released two informational videos on pediatric bereavement and their bereavement services! To watch these videos, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMzKXpfrUA>.



KEHPCA's celebration

Hospices across Kenya had various celebrations and events to mark the day. In Ethiopia, Hospice Ethiopia's executive director, Ephrem Abathun, shared a special message: "Regardless of ethnicity, social status or gender, the transcendental significance of human connection produces a need for relief from pain and suffering, which is the idea behind palliative care."



In the US, GPIC celebrated the day by wearing ribbons on our wrists to show our solidarity with those who are grieving. Additionally, GPIC intern Ethan Harned gave presentations to groups at the University of Notre Dame on global palliative care. Hospice of the North Coast in California and Nkhoma Mission Hospital in Malawi, winners of the 2021 Global Partnership Award, shared awareness of their global partnership in celebration of the day.

Raising Awareness of Children's Palliative Care

Hats on for Children's Palliative Care is a day for increasing recognition of the need for children's palliative care (CPC) and to highlight the important work of CPC worldwide. Supporters from across the globe put on a hat and shared their pictures in solidarity.



2023 South African Palliative Care Conference – Call for Abstracts

The theme of this conference is "Palliative Care is Everyone's Business" and it will take place 26 – 29 April 2023 in Cape Town. It is hosted by three leading palliative care associations in South Africa: [Hospice Palliative Care Association of South Africa](#) (HPCA), [Palliative Care for Children South Africa](#) (PatchSA) and the [Association of Palliative Care Practitioners of South Africa](#) (PALPRAC). Abstract submission for this conference is open until 1 November 2022. All forms of research, studies and reports are eligible. Visit <https://pccoference.co.za/call-for-abstracts/> for more information.



How to Support a Grieving Friend

Dianne Waddington, head of social work at our partner, [Helderberg Hospice](#), shares a helpful approach to support someone who is grieving. [Read more here](#).

New Book on Perinatal Palliative Care

[PatchSA](#) recently released a guide on perinatal palliative care for anyone who interacts with or provides care for pregnant mothers and families when the baby is likely to die before or soon after birth. The book is authored by an experienced multidisciplinary team of experts and is written for a South African audience. <https://patchsa.org/perinatal-palliative-care-guide-launched/>

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.



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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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