

Focus on Compassion

Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

2022 Global Partnership Awardees Celebrated in Uganda and the US

Global Partners in Care recently honored two organizations with the 2022 Global Partnership Award for their efforts in enhancing access to compassionate end-of-life care through their partnership. The recipients were Hospice Africa Uganda of Kampala, Uganda and Hinds Hospice of Fresno, California. The award was presented to Hinds Hospice at the Annual Leadership Conference of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) in Little Rock, Arkansas earlier this month. It was also presented to Hospice Africa Uganda at the 4th Uganda Conference on Cancer and Palliative Care which was co-hosted by the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU) and the Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI) in Kampala. During this conference, GPIC also gave special recognition to Kitovu Mobile located in Masaka, Uganda, an organization that also worked in partnership with Hinds Hospice for many years.



GPIC CFO, Karl Holderman, presented the award to acting CED and Board Chair of Hospice Africa Uganda.



Dr. Anne Merriman receiving special recognition for her leadership with Hospice Africa Uganda.



Cyndy Searfoss, Director of Partnerships for GPIC, and Kathy Cromwell, Executive Director, Counseling and Support Services for Hinds Hospice.

The Global Partnership Award is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding efforts of a 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 the international hospice partner.

Global Partners in Care partners embrace the organization's mission of enhancing access to palliative care in low-resource settings. "The partnership between Hinds Hospice and Hospice Africa Uganda (HAU) epitomizes this. While their partnership began just two years ago, collectively they have accomplished a great deal. The partnership began just as Uganda was emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic. HAU was working diligently to enroll new patients in need of palliative care at its three sites, providing home visits, roadside clinics, hospital visits, outpatient visits and follow up phone calls," noted Cyndy Searfoss, director of partnerships for Global Partners in Care.

In addition, Hospice Africa Uganda is home to the Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care in Africa (IHPCA) which provides various levels of training in palliative care to nurses, doctors and other healthcare providers from across Africa. It also manufactures morphine for use by palliative care patients in Uganda.

In recognizing this partnership, Global Partners in Care also pays tribute to the founders of these organizations, Nancy Hinds, who founded Hinds Hospice in 1981 and Dr. Anne Merriman, who founded HAU in 1992. Their commitment, hard work and vision for compassionate care for those with life-limiting conditions provided an example for us to follow.

Global Partners in Care congratulates Hinds Hospice and Hospice Africa Uganda for their outstanding commitment to their partnership and for making a lasting impact on palliative care in Africa.

#HatsOn4CPC

Friday, 13 October 2023, was the 10th annual [Hats On for Children's Palliative Care](#) Campaign. Around the world, our partners and collaborators recognized the important work of children's palliative care services in supporting children facing life-limiting illness and their families.

Our staff at Global Partners in Care and the Hospice Foundation showed their support for children's palliative care by wearing hats and sharing with the broader community the importance of children's palliative care. Many of our GPIC partners also participated – Kawempe Home Care held a large celebration at their New Hope Children's Hostel in Kampala, Uganda. Patients, their families and providers joined together to raise awareness for the work Kawempe Home Care is doing to provide children's palliative care services in Uganda. Sunflower Children's Hospice in South Africa celebrated the campaign by encouraging children in their care to create their own hats. In addition, they advocated for increased awareness of children's palliative care services at their National District Hospital.

In addition, Island Hospice and Healthcare in Zimbabwe and the Msunduzi Hospice Association in South Africa joined in the campaign by sharing their work on social media and advocating as a team for children receiving palliative care. Palliative Care for Children South Africa (PatchSA) held its annual charitable competition for the Hats On for Children's Palliative Care Campaign. The competition encourages children's palliative care providers to advocate creatively around South Africa. The winners each year receive a prize for their outstanding work! These are just a few examples of the creative ways in which our partners are supporting children's palliative care.

Children's palliative care services do incredible work around the world to ensure children can maintain their quality of life despite having a life-limiting condition. We celebrate the individuals and organizations who provide these services and join them in raising awareness for and representing the voices of children and young people all over the world who are in need of palliative care services.



Hospice Foundation/GPIC staff, Red Fisher and Ethan Harned, wearing hats!



Children and families at New Hope Children's Hostel at Kawempe Home Care in Uganda.



GPIC partnership director, Cyndy Searfoss, showed her support for CPC!

APCA to Host Grief Webinar

Join the African Palliative Care Association for a webinar titled Children and Grief. Speakers will be Prof. Randi Diamond, Kimberly Hong and Peggy Murphy.

When: Friday, 20 October; 3:30p – 5p EAT
Registration link:
<https://tinyurl.com/hd7zky56>

You are invited to a Zoom webinar

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Conference: Palliative Care Through the Inclusivity Lens 15-17 November 2023

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