

# TOGETHER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



# Dear partners, friends and colleagues,

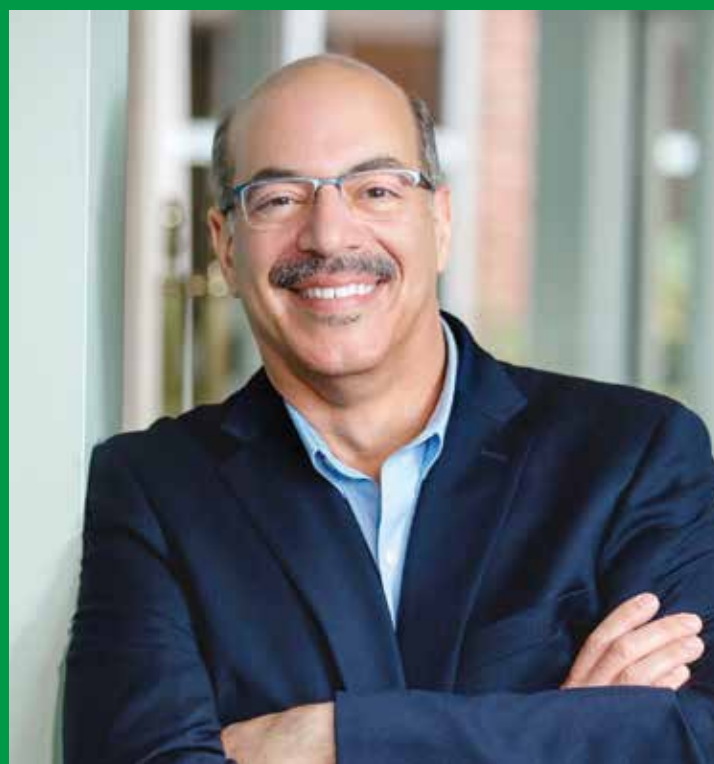
I was thrilled to join the team of Global Partners in Care and Center for Hospice Care in October 2023. Both organizations have a longstanding reputation for excellence, and I am excited to be part of this team. Transitions like this give us opportunity for reflection, asking tough questions, and the space to think strategically about our future. As the provision of hospice and palliative care evolves, we know our work and support must evolve as well. The impact you make as partners and providers continues to inspire us and others working to increase access to palliative care. Please know Global Partners in Care is committed to supporting the important work done by all of our partners. As we enter our 25th year in 2024, we will continue to seek your input to guide Global Partners in Care.

The important work of palliative care is recognized yearly on World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, celebrated last year on 14 October 2023. That event was themed “Compassionate Communities: Together for Palliative Care.” Indeed, we must all work together in palliative care – in the face of diminishing resources – to ensure people in need have access to quality care. Collaboration and partnership are values underpinning everything we do, and we look forward to growing together in our commitment to alleviate suffering and improve the quality of life for all.

With gratitude,



John Mastrojohn III  
President/CEO, Global Partners in Care



## OUR MISSION

**Global Partners in Care supports compassionate care where the need is great and resources are few by enhancing access to hospice and palliative care worldwide.** We support access to compassionate care by establishing collaborative partnerships, supporting research and education, and raising awareness of the global need for access to essential hospice and palliative care services. All we do is enriched by working with many partners and collaborators who share our commitment to extending compassion and reducing suffering for those with serious illness and their loved ones.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The generosity of our partners and donors supported 38 hospice and palliative care organizations across 10 countries in Africa to ensure compassionate care for their patients, families and communities. As a result, our partner organizations reached more than 250,000 patients in need in 2023.

Both US and African partners continue to note the most meaningful aspects of their partnership are the exchange of ideas, sharing of resources and the consistent presence of friends and colleagues.

### GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP AWARD 2022 (PRESENTED IN 2023)

Hinds Hospice (located in Fresno, California) and Hospice Africa Uganda (located in Kampala, Uganda) received the 2022 Global Partnership Award in recognition of their collaborative commitment to building a strong relationship, partner collaboration, staff contribution and commitment as well as their community outreach and involvement.

In recognizing this partnership, we also paid 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 provide an example for us to follow.



### AFRICAN PALLIATIVE CARE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The African Palliative Care Association and Global Partners in Care awarded 11 scholarships to nurses and social workers in nine countries across Africa (this included our first students from Lesotho and the Democratic Republic of the Congo). The 2023 recipients pursued courses at certificate, diploma, post-graduate diploma, bachelor and master levels. Two recipients – one working with correctional services in Namibia and a military officer from Eswatini – represent the growing demand of palliative care services in these areas.

Tshepiso Makume is a registered counsellor from South Africa working with Lambano Sanctuary which specializes in providing holistic care to children with life-limiting or life-threatening illness as well as support for their families. Tshepiso completed a post-graduate diploma in palliative medicine with a specialty in pediatrics at University of Cape Town (UCT) in November 2023 and passed with distinction.

“During my studies at UCT, I have been able to meet like-minded people on palliative care especially pediatrics where we were able to share to experience covering issues to do with holistic care, holistic assessment of patients, dealing with bereavement, working in a multi-disciplinary team and how to integrate palliative care in health service delivery. My plan is to integrate palliative care pediatric services in our home-based care services.”

*The Global Partnership Award was presented at both the NHPCO Annual Leadership Conference in Little Rock, AR and at the Uganda Conference on Cancer and Palliative Care in Kampala, Uganda.*

## CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Our partner organizations continued to struggle with the impacts of diminishing funding, financial impacts of the pandemic and climate-related disasters which continue to increase in our partner countries. Flooding and mudslides from tropical storms in Malawi challenged the ability of several of our partners to continue to provide palliative care services for the second year in a row. Leveraging our GPIC Disaster Response Fund (DRF) and with the help of US partners, we were able to help our partners with the continuity of service provision as they responded in the wake of the natural disaster.

GPIC is working with partners to think creatively about new collaborations and ways to approach sustainability of palliative care services. Making grassroots connections – while also linking into larger networks – facilitates out-of-the-box thinking and new opportunities. Additionally, GPIC hosted student intern Michael Vega (shown at right with Dr. Eve Namisango), an MPH student from Saint Louis

University, who worked with APCA to produce a policy document about the importance of including palliative care in pandemic preparedness plans.

In 2024, Global Partners in Care will celebrate 25 years. This anniversary coupled with the transition of leadership marked an opportune moment for us to reflect on our history, current strengths and challenges and how we can best impact access to palliative care globally in the next 25 years. We began a strategic planning process that will continue into 2024 as we engage partners and other stakeholders in guiding our future work.



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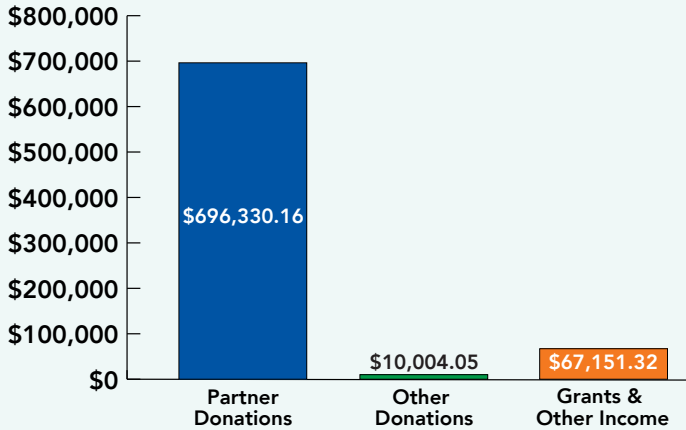
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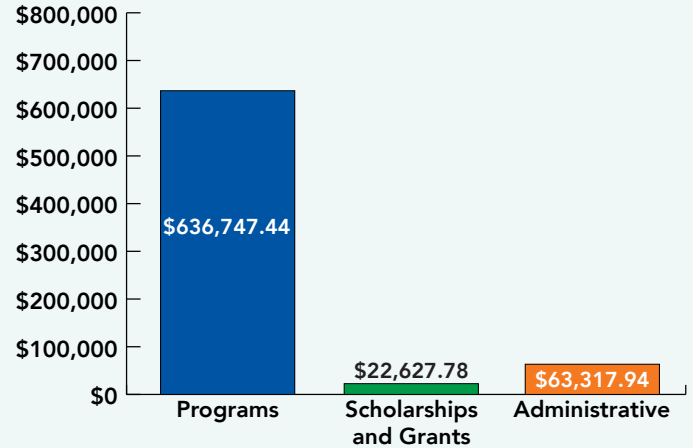
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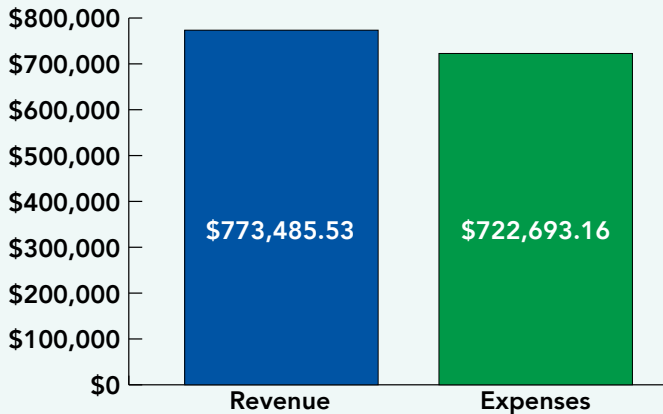
## 2023 REVENUE



## 2023 EXPENSES



## TOTAL REVENUE VS. TOTAL EXPENSES



## Results of 2023's Independent Audit

As an affiliate of the Hospice Foundation and Center for Hospice Care, Global Partners in Care is part of a combined annual audit for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. Kruggel, Lawton & Company LLC performed the 2023 independent audit on the consolidated financial statements.



# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS

GPIC is grateful to the many organizations and individuals who support our partner's important work. Every contribution makes an impact on access to palliative care for those in need.

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### JOIN OUR PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Your staff can learn and engage with colleagues from around the globe! We will help match your organization with the right partner based on your interests and expectations.

### SUPPORT THE IMPORTANT WORK OF GPIC FINANCIALLY

- Make a donation at [globalpartnersincare.org/donate/](https://globalpartnersincare.org/donate/)
- Participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). – GPIC's CFC # is 11018 – or other workplace giving programs.

### BECOME A GLOBAL PARTNERS IN CARE INTERN

We have opportunities for students to work in our office and with our partners located around the globe.

### DEEPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF GLOBAL PALLIATIVE CARE

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