PCAU PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

Join us Thursday, September 26th

"Storytelling with Roberta" will be held at our Mishawaka campus to raise awareness of Center for Hospice Care's (CHC) more than 15-year partnership with the Palliative Care Association of Uganda. Roberta Spencer is a former CHC employee and a long-time volunteer who has been involved with the partnership since its inception.

A key component of Roberta's involvement has been frequent trips to Uganda to assist our partners as well as learn from them. Throughout her many visits she has engaged with initiatives including a scholarship program for nurses to pursue further education in palliative care, advocacy with the government to include palliative care in national health coverage and a program that is near and dear to her heart, the Road to Hope. The Road to Hope program helps child caregivers continue their education after or while they care for their parent or loved one. Often when a parent in Uganda is facing a serious advanced illness, their biggest concern is, "what will become of my child(ren) when I am gone?" This program can help alleviate that concern, allowing them to focus on their needs.

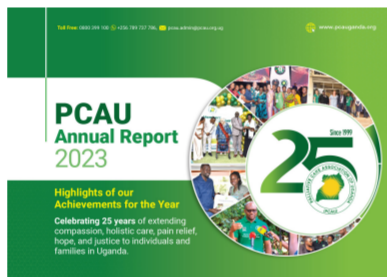| *With the PCAU staff* | *With the Road to Hope children* | *With palliative care scholarship recipients* |

Roberta will be sharing stories of the people she has met, the adventures she has had and the amazing things she has seen. The evening will also include a silent auction of Ugandan craft items as well as food and drinks. Funds raised from the silent auction will support the partnership's initiative to make palliative care available to all in need throughout Uganda.

"Storytelling with Roberta" will take place Thursday, September 26 at Center for Hospice Care's Mishawaka Campus – 501 Comfort Place, Mishawaka, IN 46545 – from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. For questions regarding the event or to RSVP, please contact Red Fisher at FisherR@cfhcare.org or 574.243.3119.

PCAU's 2023 Annual Report

We are honored to be a part PCAU's incredible work and congratulate them on 25 years of serving those in need in Uganda. See their 2023 annual report to learn more about the scope and depth of the amazing work they do in Uganda!

Meet the New PCAU Board Members

We congratulate the newly elected members of the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU) Board of Directors, who will serve for the period 2024 – 2027. CHC/HF team members Lacey Ahern and Mike Wargo joined part of their inaugural board meeting (virtually) to meet the new members and share more about the partnership.

These outstanding professionals bring a wealth of expertise in healthcare, research and public health. They will contribute greatly to PCAU's mission to accelerate the provision and integration of palliative care in Uganda's healthcare system through capacity building, advocacy, research, governance and resource mobilization. The new board members are Dr. Nixon Niyonzima (board chairperson), Rev. Sr. Judith Kaddu, Roselight Katusabe, Dr. Elizabeth Namukwaya and Christine Grace Akullo Ebong. Visit PCAU's website for details on these individuals and their impressive backgrounds in medicine, nursing, public health and leadership.

Do you know someone who might enjoy reading about this partnership and palliative care in Uganda?

Help us spread the word and forward this email to your friends and colleagues. Thank you!

Support the Road to Hope Program!

The Road to Hope program currently supports 83 children. Your gift can help an orphaned or deprived child caregiver in Uganda receive an education and other life skills necessary for them to become flourishing young adults. General donations to the program can be made at the link below. If you are interested in sponsoring a child or want to learn more, contact Denis at 574.277.4860 or KiddeD@cfhcare.org.

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