

CHC/PCAU PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

Save the Date: 5th Uganda Conference on Cancer and Palliative Care

We are thrilled to announce the **5th Uganda Conference on Cancer and Palliative Care** which will take place on September 10-12, 2025, in Kampala, Uganda. This will be a significant gathering of minds and hearts dedicated to transforming care and support for those affected by cancer and in need of palliative care.

Organized by the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU) and the Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI), this conference fosters collaboration, innovation and shared learning among professionals, advocates, policymakers and researchers. It is a unique opportunity to explore advancements in cancer treatment and palliative care, exchange ideas and collectively work toward improving the quality of life for patients, their families and communities.

This conference is an essential platform for staying informed, inspired and equipped to tackle the complexities of cancer care and palliative support. As noted by the conference chairs, the event promises to "inspire and empower each of you in your work," ensuring that participants leave with valuable knowledge, connections and actionable insights.

Roberta's Annual Visit to Uganda **Strengthens the CHC-PCAU Partnership**

For long-time Center for Hospice Care (CHC) volunteer Roberta, her annual journey to Uganda has become a cherished tradition, reinforcing the deep and impactful partnership between CHC and the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU). Through her dedication, Roberta serves as a vital link between the two organizations, supporting programs that bring lasting impact to children and families in need.

In January 2025, Roberta embarked on her latest visit to Uganda, dedicating three weeks to supporting PCAU's work. Her stay concluded on February 10. A highlight of her visit was once again her participation in the highly anticipated Road to Hope (RTH) Children's Camp, an initiative that provides crucial support for vulnerable child caregivers, ensuring they have access to education, mentorship and a strong sense of belonging – a cornerstone of her trips. This year's camp, themed "Growing Together in Love and Care," took place from January 28–31, bringing together 45 of the 73 children currently supported on the program, along with two RTH alumni. This gathering included children from across Uganda and introduced new experiences and rewarding moments that underscored the program's far-reaching impact.





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Help Us Reach 100% Your Gift Will be Matched

A recent story in *The Daily Monitor*, "How 17-year-old Grace Gonza is parenting her nine <u>siblings</u>," underscores the critical challenges faced by vulnerable children in Uganda. This story reminds us why our CHC-PCAU partnership established the Road to Hope (RTH) program. While the broader issue of children taking on adult responsibilities at a young age is deeply concerning, our program supports child caregivers – helping ensure they receive the education they need to become productive young adults. These child caregivers play an integral role in their communities and are among Uganda's most vulnerable.

You can help amplify these efforts through a special matching campaign. Thanks to a generous donor, every dollar you give will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$75,000. We are thrilled to share that we have reached 70% of our goal! We extend our heartfelt appreciation for this remarkable progress. Reaching this mark now – when the matching gift was only announced in December 2024 – is a testament to our community's dedication to supporting education and palliative care in Uganda.

Your contribution will:

- Empower vulnerable children and youth: Support education and vocational training that pave the way for self-reliance and brighter futures.
- Strengthen community care: Enable PCAU to continue providing essential support to the elderly, disabled and marginalized groups in Uganda.



Because every dollar you donate is doubled, your generosity creates twice the opportunity and hope for those in need. With your support, we can help ensure that education remains a cornerstone of empowerment for Uganda's most vulnerable and advance PCAU's mission of "palliative care for all in Uganda."

Donate Now – Double Your Impact

Thank you for supporting the Road to Hope program and PCAU's mission. Together, we can cross the finish line and transform more lives in Uganda. Help us get to 100% of our goal.



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