



## CHC/PCAU PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

### From Scholarships to Systems Change PCAU's Vision for Accessible Palliative Care for All in Uganda

In a country where the need for palliative care continues to grow, the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU) is strengthening the healthcare system through education, training and workforce development. A key component is the Advanced Diploma in Palliative Care Nursing (ADPCN) program, which is a strategic response to critical workforce gaps in palliative care. This program, supported in part through the CHC – PCAU partnership (notably the [nurse training scholarship](#)), is making a meaningful impact on Uganda's healthcare landscape. In a recent update, PCAU reflected on the ADPCN's achievements and shared evolving strategies to make palliative care more accessible and integrated across Uganda's healthcare system by enhancing healthcare provider skills.

PCAU champions equitable access to palliative care education, particularly for health workers from under-served districts. In January 2025, PCAU awarded 15 scholarships – 11 for the ADPCN program at Mulago School of Nursing and Midwifery and four for the Bachelor of Science in Palliative Care at the Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care in Africa. PCAU's selection process emphasizes reaching districts with few or no trained palliative care providers. Beyond increasing numbers, PCAU is working to ensure these health workers can help establish palliative care units in their home districts and improve care for people facing life-limiting illnesses. This approach aligns with PCAU's [strategic goal](#) of decentralizing palliative care services and reducing patient dependence on regional referral hospitals, which will bring care closer to communities.



ADPCN students outside of the Mulago Training School for Nurses and Midwives

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### Road to Hope Matching Grant \$9,400 by 9/4 to Meet our Goal

Thanks to your incredible generosity, **\$65,600 of the \$75,000** match goal has been raised – bringing us closer to doubling the impact for some of Uganda's most vulnerable children and families supported by the CHC-PCAU partnership. Every step forward has been paved by compassion, commitment and community. Whether you made a gift, shared a post or simply cheered us on – thank you.

The finish line is in sight, and the momentum is strong. Will you help close the gap? [Click here to learn more and give.](#)

The Road to Hope (RTH) program stands with some of Uganda's most vulnerable children – youngsters caring for parents or loved ones facing life-limiting illness. Through access to education, mentorship, healthcare and emotional support, the RTH program empowers these children to rebuild their lives and build brighter futures. Already, your support is making a life-changing difference: providing school tuition, psycho-social care, vocational training and even home improvements for families in crisis. This campaign has also helped spotlight inspiring stories like Gertrude's. A young girl from Uganda's Kyankwazi district, Gertrude enrolled in the RTH program in 2016. With support from the program, she returned to school and later completed vocational training in tailoring. With continued support, she launched her own small boutique, transforming her family's economic future. Today, Gertrude is a role model and mentor for other children in her community, passing on the skills and hope she once received. Her journey from hardship to empowerment is a powerful example of what your generosity makes possible. [Read Gertrude's full story here.](#)



Gertrude attending the Road to Hope Children's Camp in 2017



Gertrude at her tailoring shop in 2024

Civil society organizations like the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU) help these children through their intentional, ongoing efforts. The [Road to Hope \(RTH\) program](#) supports orphaned and vulnerable child caregivers across Uganda by helping them regain access to education, as well as providing emotional support and basic living needs. It transforms their futures and strengthens their families. These aren't just scholarships; they are lifelines.

You can support the Road to Hope Program and these children with a gift today that will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$75,000, **doubling** your support to PCAU's mission – including empowering child caregivers, persons with disabilities and the elderly.

#### Your contribution goes directly toward:

- **Empowering vulnerable children and youth:** Providing education and vocational training for self-reliance and brighter futures.
- **Strengthening community care:** Supporting elderly and marginalized households with essential care and dignity.

This fundraising effort has already made great strides. We are just \$9,400 away from reaching the goal. But to cross the finish line – and truly transform more lives in Uganda – your help is needed.

**Donate Now – Give Twice the Hope!**

*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.*

### Rebuilding Compassionate Communities to Improve Palliative Care Access in Uganda

PCAU is leading efforts to rebuild compassionate communities across Uganda by empowering ordinary people to care for the sick, elderly and those facing life-limiting illnesses. Rooted in Uganda, adhering to African cultural values and guided by a World Health Organization (WHO) [conceptual development model for palliative care delivery](#), PCAU works with local health teams, schools and volunteers to foster solidarity and kindness within communities. Through initiatives like the Compassionate Communities for Uganda, launched in October 2023, PCAU enhances palliative care access, raises awareness and creates supportive networks that address health and social needs.

Read the fully story on the [ehospice website](#)



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