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NHPCO Affiliate now an affiliate of Hospice Foundation.



## Global Partners in Care Has a New Home

A program that the National Hospice Foundation has supported and raised funds for since 2004 has a new home. Global Partners in Care, a non-profit organization consisting of partnerships committed to supporting hospice and palliative care organizations in developing countries, has become an affiliate of the Hospice Foundation, headquartered in South Bend, Indiana. The Hospice Foundation is the supporting foundation for Center for Hospice Care. CHC is one of Global Partners in Care's most successful partner programs; they have worked with the Palliative Care Association of Uganda since 2008.

"This is a bittersweet transition because although we are sad to see Global Partners in Care leave the NHPCO family, we are thrilled to hand the baton to Hospice Foundation," says Executive Director John Mastrojohn III. "We know the program will be in good hands and that the mission to increase access to hospice and palliative care where the need is great and resources few, will live on."

Global Partners in Care was once known as the Foundation for Hospices in Sub-Saharan Africa. FHSSA was founded in 1999 to mobilize a response to the sub-Saharan HIV/AIDS pandemic and support Africa's hospice and palliative care programs' ability to provide compassionate care. In 2004, FHSSA became an affiliate of NHPCO. In 2014, NHPCO recognized the need to expand the mission beyond Africa and rebranded FHSSA to Global Partners in Care.

Today, the partnership network extends to several African countries, India, and Nepal. Since 2004, over \$4.5 million has been sent to hospice and palliative care organizations. Through the course of Global Partners in Care's history, more than 80 U.S.-based hospices have partnered with similar care providers in 18 countries creating not only constructive partnerships but friendships between nations, communities and individuals.

"We are very excited to take on this new challenge," commented Hospice Foundation Chief Operating Officer Mike Wargo. "We've been actively engaged in supporting CHC's partnership with PCAU for nine years. During that time we've seen substantial evidence of the impact the Global Partners in Care model can have on organizations on both sides of the equation. When properly executed, these partnerships are a win-win for both the U.S. and international organization. Ultimately these partnerships improve the quality of living for patients and their families in underserved areas of the world."

Global Partners in Care relies heavily on funding from donors. If you would like to learn more about how you can support the work of Global Partners in Care, visit [globalpartnersincare.org](http://globalpartnersincare.org).

## Lighthouse of Hope Fund: Letters of Gratitude

The National Hospice Foundation received several generous donations for the Lighthouse of Hope Fund in 2016. These gifts help ensure that NHF can continue to offer experiences – like the ones featured on pages 2 and 3 – to hospice patients across the country.

The NHF Lighthouse of Hope Fund offers children and adults with a life-limiting illness, such as cancer, heart failure, liver disease, end-stage renal disease and ALS the chance to take a break by allowing them to have their wishes and dreams come true. Such dreams, big or small, can help people with life-limiting illness improve the quality of their lives in ways medicine alone cannot.

To learn more, please contact Emily Van Etten at (703) 647-5165 or [evanetten@nhpco.org](mailto:evanetten@nhpco.org).

## Many Thanks to our Amazing Donors

### WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK:

**Peachtree Road Rage 10K** for donating race proceeds to the National Hospice Foundation for the second year in a row.

**Tom Bihn, Inc.** for becoming a new NHF donor.

**Grand Lodge Benevolent, Patriotic Order of Does of the USA** for your continued support for four years.

**Fuller Family Charitable Fund** for your continued support for four years.

**McKesson Technology Solutions** for your generous donation to the Lighthouse of Hope Fund.

**Legal and General America** for your continued support for two years and counting.

*When I was a patient at Regent Care Center in Reno Nevada, my daughter gave birth to my first grandchild, Peyton James Amburgey.*

*Although I was ecstatic to become a grandma and excited for my daughter, I became sad and depressed because I was unable to leave Regent Care to be with her for the birth.*

*My social worker, Amy Center, saw how sad this made me. So, after I left Regent Care, Amy applied to National Hospice Foundation with a request to assist me with travel to see my family.*

*Within an hour after the Foundation met, the decision was made to fund a trip to Monterey so that I could meet my grandson and spend time with my daughter.*

*The experience was priceless. My daughter, Monica, was still on maternity leave, so she and Peyton stayed with me at the motel.*

*We talked a lot, ate a lot and hung out by the pool but most of all, we admired and loved on our little Peyton.*

*This trip was probably the most meaningful thing I have ever done. The memories of holding my grandson in my arms and smelling his little baby smells are so significant; but even more significant was watching my little girl, my baby, as she navigated her life around motherhood.*

*Thus, our relationship has changed. We are no longer just mother and daughter we are comrades in motherhood.*

*I admire and appreciate the staff at Infinity Hospice Care for making this happen for me. Thank you so much. Thank you for making it possible for me to go to Monterey – the city that holds all I love.*

*Teresa Lord*



Teresa Lord and her grandson, Peyton.

I am writing this for Lisa Brizendine. My name is Kevin Holt, Power of Attorney for Lisa. We recently took a trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, which is the one, or should I say one of, the places Lisa loves to visit most. She wanted to see and experience the Smokies and Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge one more time before her demise.

As we drove across the mountains seeing the beautiful colors of the leaves and the awesome views from atop the beautiful mountains, I could tell that Lisa was enjoying herself by the expressions on her face. While in Cherokee, N.C., we saw a couple of different tribes of Native Americans, one of which performed a prayer and healing dance for her. She was overwhelmed with gratitude.

One of the main reasons for going to Gatlinburg was the attraction called Ober Gatlin. This was one of the few things Lisa wanted to experience just one more time. She had tears in her eyes as we started up the mountain and an expression of peace and tranquility overtook her near the top, what with the view we had of all the leaves' colors and beautiful peaks and valleys.

She loved seeing people out having a good time as we rode up and down the parkway looking at Christmas lights.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your help in making this (the last of her bucket list) come true. I know if she could say it, she would sing it, that she is forever grateful.

Thanks so much,  
Kevin Holt i.e. Lisa Brizendine

Lisa Brizendine



## Donor Feature – Why I Support Hospice & Palliative Care



Frish Brandt

Frish Brandt is a hospice and palliative care champion. In addition to supporting NHF, she helps those facing end of life challenges write letters to their loved ones. Here she tells us why she supports hospice

and palliative care, and what her volunteer practice entails.

**We thank Frish for her support of NHF and the hospice and palliative care community!**

*“Supporting hospice/palliative care and the NHF is supporting life in all its nuances.*

*The process by which we and our loved ones leave the world we know, and leave the ones we love, is increasingly ‘the conversation.’ Supporting NHF is a strong vote toward expanding that conversation and those who are in it.*

*I have a volunteer practice which I call Last[ing] Letters. In short, I am a letter midwife. With all the technologies we’ve invented, there is still nothing that replaces paper and the magic of the contemporaneous note, and everyone has a letter in them.*

*A Lasting Letter is a letter written to someone you care about, someone who you wish to hear your voice and read your words long into the future. Each letter is unique; each voice, each intention is different. A letter can be a memento, a statement of values, a guided instruction, a story, a love letter for all time, and more. People write letters to children, to grandchildren, to spouses, to friends.*

*The process is fluid and collaborative. Conversation flows, questions arise. Informal in process, it is a collaboration in which I am the medium and our work is often joyous, poignant, thought-filled and more -- all of which results in a letter that is lasting.*

*We are all mortal. I have worked with people who have diagnoses, and others who do not. And, what has perhaps surprised me most in this practice is that the process is always inspired, and inspiring. Regardless of the person’s situation, the process of writing to someone they love is affirming. At a time when life is so much about numbers and prognoses, and technical necessities, this is creative and it is for the future.”*



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# 2017 NATIONAL HOSPICE *Gala*

IN CONJUNCTION WITH NHPCO'S  
32ND MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

WASHINGTON HILTON - WASHINGTON, DC

6:30PM - MIDNIGHT

COCKTAIL RECEPTION, AUCTION, AND PROGRAM



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