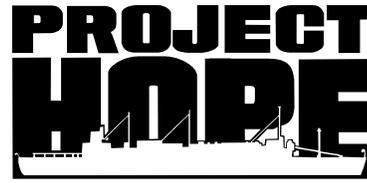




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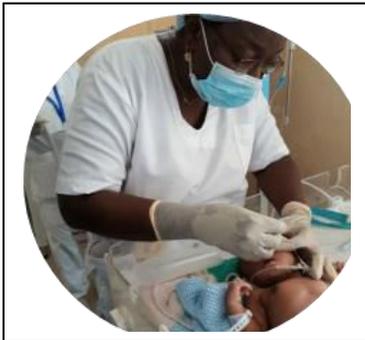
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Reports and Funded Programs:

THE LEE-OLIVE HARRISON GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROFESSIONAL NEONATAL NURSING ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP IN SIERRA LEONE AND MALAWI



CGH has approved funding from the Lee-Olive Harrison Grant to provide Neonatal Nursing Faculty membership in professional organizations in Project HOPE's target countries that are developing Bachelor of Science (BSc) in neonatal nursing programs in Malawi and Sierra Leone

There is a critical human resource gap for skilled nurses to care for sick newborns particularly in those countries which account for the highest

newborn morbidity and mortality rates such as Sierra Leone and Malawi. The continued gap in quality of care for small and sick newborns is being addressed by Project HOPE by supporting the establishment of a new cadre of neonatal specialists at the College of Medicine and Health Science at the University of Sierra Leone (COMAHS) and University of Malawi, Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHS). Project HOPE and CGH have been instrumental in the development of BSc curriculum and preparation of faculty.

In the past two years, CGH contributed to the development of the two BS.c programs in Malawi and Sierra Leone through its William B. Walsh Endowment and small grants programs. The WBW Endowment supported the Regional Neonatal Nursing position for coordination of the curriculum development and faculty preparation including seminars and clinical mentorship.

With the goal of supporting higher level concepts of curriculum and program implementation, a Fellowship Program was created by HOPE in partnership with Thomas Jefferson University College of Nursing. The Fellowship established 4 adjunct faculty positions for faculty at COMAHS and KUHS, providing access to guidance on course implementation and library resources on neonatal nursing care and practice. Continued on Page 2 – Funded Programs

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**Continued from Page 1 – Funded Programs** The recent 2022 grant from CGH Lee Olive Harrison Fund offers an opportunity for Fellows to become members of international professional nursing organizations by covering membership fees. This program will bring the capacity of the Fellows to a new level of understanding of professional neonatal practice and education at national and international levels and will contribute to their NN leadership, research and advocacy skills within their countries.

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## HOPE REMEMBERS

**We express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of:**

**Dr. Phillip “Bud” T. Fleuchaus, DDS**

Bud volunteered on the SS Hope, he served in Indonesia and Viet Nam (1961), Peru (1962), Guinea (1964), and Ceylon (1968), and was the Chairman of the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Section of the ship from 1962-1976.

**Kathleen Ann Rheingans Schneider**

In 1972 she was on the SS HOPE voyage from Baltimore to Natal, Brazil provided 10 months of updated medical care and education to Brazilian healthcare workers. Already an activist, Kathleen worked in the ship’s intensive care unit and took every opportunity to learn about and immerse herself in Brazilian culture.

**Burton G. "Burt" Kaplan**

Date of Death: January 12, 2021

Burt retired after 30 years of service as Facilities Director, at Project HOPE, Millwood, VA.

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## from Ukraine – April 2022

## Report

by Tom Cotter, M.P.H., Director of Emergency Response & Preparedness

Even before the war began, we were doing preparation and are now a major player in the region.

5 million people have fled Ukraine. Project HOPE has several pronged approaches. Medicine and Supplies – lot of the Ukraine health care system is intact. Many hospitals are up and functioning – doctors and nurses as well as the administration staff. We are making sure to help to meet needs. Working with the NGO ICU “Infection Control Ukraine” – we had a role in inception many years ago. Our business model is not to fill warehouses but delivering to the end users. 100 pallets delivered and will continue for some time.



Working with NGOs in Moldova, Romania, Poland Partner. Mental health assistance and provide direct support. Specialized care to people coming into the countries. There are hygiene needs, most coming across are elderly, women, and children. Giving them protection.

8,000 doses of insulin delivered in Ukraine, to hospitals in high-risk areas.

Delivering wheelchairs and hygiene kits and working with SAMU coming from Spain who are helping in Moldova and Romania mental health training and housing of refugees. Using telehealth – early in training programs for mental health workers. Poland working with Polish Children’s Hospital – supporting people.



Photos are from Irpin and Bucha, two cities in Kyiv's Oblast.

Donate to programs in Ukraine: GO TO: <https://www.projecthope.org/>



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1. Project HOPE CEO Rabih Torbay on the ground in Ukraine while visiting Irpin and Bucha, two cities in Kyiv's Oblast.
2. Chris Skopec at the major transplant hospital in Lviv, which performed Ukraine's first lung transplant, and the war has left it dangerously low on supplies. Project HOPE's team was able to procure some supplies
3. Nadiya and her son Dmitry, 10, a pediatric oncology patient at the University Children's Hospital in Krakow. Nadiya and Dmitry fled the war in Ukraine.
4. Branded first shipment into Lviv (22 pallets) Paracetamol, antibiotics, other meds, shipment will be half divided between Lviv Hospital and Kharkiv Hospital.
5. Humanitarian Assistance delivered to Poland for Ukrainian refugees.
6. SAMU (Spanish NGO), in partnership with Project HOPE, carrying out health checks on Ukrainian children at the Bulboaca Refugee Settlement in Moldova.

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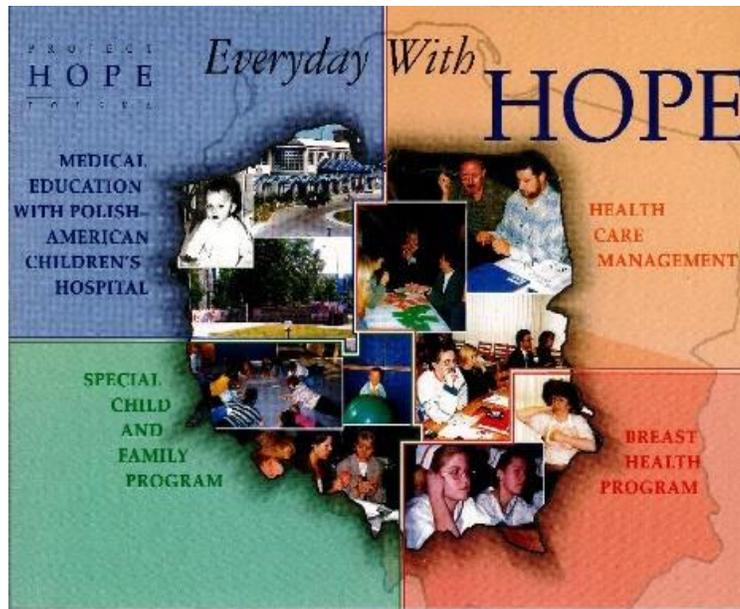
## HOPE GOES ON

The country list above shows the countries Project HOPE worked in since 1958, always with the Ministries of Health and with local counterparts. You as Hopies know this very well and probably is the reason you continue to have the inspiration to work on a program when a need arises. (If you worked in a country not listed above, please let us know.)

The essence of the HOPE philosophy: that “we in America do not have the obligation to take care of the world but rather, because of our blessings, to help the world take care of itself”. Many of us use the following proverb: “give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.”

This is the reason that Project HOPE programs often were ongoing and always changing to meet the needs of the countries and closed, but many needs have made HOPE go back when the need arose. This is the case in Eastern Europe.

In April 1974, after 11 voyages and nearly 14 years of medical teaching-treatment missions, the SS HOPE was retired. That same year a major effort was begun to train health personnel and to improve facilities at the American Children’s Hospital in Krakow, Poland. Using a similar format as with the ship, teams were formed to go to Poland for a week or more to do intense training and using the “see one, do one, teach one” method. The Poland programs developed over the years to working with the Institute of Public Health, working on Health Care Management, Breast Health, and other programs, usually with teams that were trained by teams of specialists and then returned to their facilities to introduce training and/or management skills. The program in Poland was closed in August 2019.



Ukraine had many humanitarian visits to help, beginning in 1991, following Chernobyl. Other programs began in 2004 with an HIV education program in Donetska and continued to develop a TB program. The ICU (Infection Control Ukraine), a local NGO, was developed to continue the work. The Project HOPE program closed in January 2020.

As we all know the world changes, and in February 2022, Ukraine was attacked by Russia. It became immediately apparent there was a need to assist our friends with medical supplies, materials and also training in both Poland and Ukraine. Many other countries we worked with in the past such as Hungary, Romania, and Moldova also needed assistance. Due to the history and experience in all these countries Project HOPE was able to quickly talk with Ministries of Health and counterparts to understand the needs and assist with material needs. Please see the HOPE website to see more information about ongoing activities.

## HOPIE UPDATES:

### Carol Fredriksen

In 1969, I was working as Chief Medical Technologist at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, NH. Students seemed more interested in things other than the profession. I decided to find a position in which my talents would be more appreciated. Another technologist from Hitchcock (Ann Scheriman Hamel) who had served with HOPE in Ceylon, suggested that I apply as there was a vacancy for a Chief Tech for the Tunisian voyage. I applied, was interviewed by Susan Shanley and was accepted. Thirty-one years later I retired from HOPE.

I served on four voyages of the ship, Tunisia, Jamaica, Natal and Maceio. I was also land based in Ethiopia, Egypt, and headquarters. The reason I stayed with HOPE was job satisfaction. Students and counterparts were seriously interested in learning. They knew the way to get ahead was to study and do well. The staff with whom I had the honor of serving were tops. The spirit was certainly working hard and “helping others to help themselves.”



### Marek Wójtowicz, MD - Lecturer, Health Care Management Program, Poland

For me coming time to retire this year. I'm working now as MD in Hospital and emergency dept in Pulawy. 3 years ago, I stopped my activity as Medical Director and CEO- now it is positions for younger managers, but as former president I keep activity in STOMOZ. After covid It is second hard time now in my region ...1 million Ukrainians children, women, elderly people arriving to my region during last 10 days and most of them travel via Lublin and Rzeszów to Warsaw, Berlin, Helsinki, and other places. A lot of them stop travel in my region and a lot of Polish families receive them to their homes. Yesterday we go by EMS several times to highway parkings and help Ukrainians from a lot of buses making break after 2-3 day travel from Lviv, Kyiv, small towns. They haven't normal cash, only Ukrainian money called hryvnia, which are now not good for payment, couple of them have some dollars. They haven't any medical documentation, don't know English, but I know Russian language so I can exam in this way. Our emergency Department in Pulawy near Lublin permanently admit and provide medical help for a lot of them- medical duty is very very hard each day. Additionally, we received 12 Ukrainian children with carcinoma and their mothers to hospital. War is 200 km from our polish border. We are afraid about future, inflation grow up, prices grow up, retired people received additional monthly retired salary because for them cost of living grow up quickly. I hope that it will be soon stop and Ukraine start rebuilding of everything. Yes...hope...name Project Hope it is a good name for the future times for Ukrainians, especially in health sector.

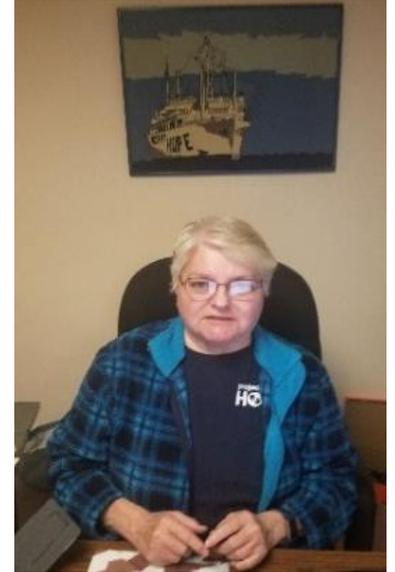
### Jean Kohn, MD, worked in Natal, Brazil

I live in a retirement home, though my two sons and my daughter live nearby. Of seven grandchildren, six have graduated from college, one is a freshman in college--all doing well--no Covid so far, fingers crossed to stay that way. All vaccinated and boosted. No great grands yet but one grandson married, one granddaughter to be married this year..

## President's Message – Debbie Reister

I am sure all of you know how difficult and sometimes overwhelming it is to put words to paper! So to prepare myself I went back to past Alumni Newsletters. It gave me great inspiration, but also made me remember all those that have gone before me. As many of you know it was always my dream to work with Project HOPE from the time I saw the first ad in a TIME magazine when I was 15 years old. I think I was guided by a larger power and think often of fate these days when I take my mother to church. Since August when I became your president I have really been even more immersed in activities of Project HOPE. In my home I am surrounded by the archives of Project HOPE, program reports and alumni documents were moved here from HOPE Center. The picture to the right is at my HOPE desk (in my mother's basement across the street!).

When I attend the Project HOPE Town Halls, I am transported back to all those meetings we had at HOPE Center. Now with the use of virtual meetings, so many more people are able to attend from all over the world. I am truly amazed at the work that is going on by all departments especially since the beginning of the Ukraine events. I would be lying if I did not tell you I wanted to go to help with the ongoing activities there. I know many of you are also inspired to volunteer to get in and help people, but age overtakes us!!



The CGH Board has been working very hard and have met with many of the departments at HOPE, now located in D.C. In this issue of the CGH Newsletter the newest funding is discussed on the front page. It is such a pleasure to keep the education of nurses continuing in Africa. Project HOPE has been working in Africa since the beginning. The Colleagues are very interested in continuing this activity and supporting HOPE Programs. Dr. Jean Kohn wrote to me recently saying she had some archival material and she has sent me documents for the alumni files, see her personal notes on page 3. Please write to me with your memories and aspirations.

I am looking forward to our Town Hall, a ZOOM meeting to be held on June 23, 2PM EDT. An e-mail will go out to all of you to join on your computer or even by phone. We have a good one hour planned: Carolyn Kruger will talk about the grants and reports, James Ginther will talk about the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene, Kansas (HOPE Archives were transported there when HOPE Center was closed) and we will have a report from a HOPE Leader.

If you know other Hopies who would like to get Colleagues Information, please send us the following information: Name, Address, e-mail address through the Project HOPE website link: <https://www.projecthope.org/colleagues-in-global-health/>

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