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# 2024



# Directors' message

**Welcome to Sunflower 2024 our annual report highlighting the year's impacts and successes in a milestone year for children's palliative care in Asia**

Behind every statistic shared in this report are a child and family who can access palliative care for the first time; a healthcare provider empowered through education and a palliative care community; and visionaries who believe in our mission, supporting us with their time and resources.

Last year marked a significant milestone for the **Sunflower Children's Network** – five years of expansion and transformation of children's palliative care. We are excited to share our collective impact made possible through our dedicated volunteers, global partners and sponsors, and the generosity of our donors.

The **Sunflower Children's Network** has become a dynamic network linking teams of healthcare providers supporting children with life-limiting conditions across Asia and beyond. The network includes partners in India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Philippines, Malaysia, and Vietnam. Today, our reach extends to more than 40 countries enabling regional education, and mentorship including support for programs in Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean.

A 2024 highlight was the launch of the first-ever **Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program**. Led by the **Sunflower Children's Network**, this program empowered a dynamic group of 19 emerging healthcare leaders from six countries – developing dedicat-

ed local palliative care leaders. The impact of their 19 transformative, year-long palliative care projects: Training more than 1200 health care providers which enhances care for more than 155,000 children with serious illnesses.

Five physicians joined our **2024 Pediatric Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program**. After graduating, the fellows fill a critical gap where their expert knowledge can be the difference between suffering and comfort for a seriously ill child. A key component of the program's success is a dedicated faculty of more than 70 global experts. Combining clinical training at regional centres of excellence and online training by these experts, the fellowship provides high-quality specialist training – while minimizing the time away from patient care.

Last year, the **Sunflower Children's Network** trained and mentored more than 2000 healthcare providers – giving them essential knowledge to provide holistic palliative care for children. Through **ECHO** online education, we move knowledge across borders – bridging the distance between regional and global experts and those caring for children in rural, remote and underserved areas. This is transformative for palliative care provision.

The success of the **Sunflower Children's Network** is a testament to what becomes possible when our generous donors and a network of dedicated healthcare providers unite around a shared vision: Compassionate care for every child who needs it – no matter where they live.



**Dr. Megan Doherty**

Director

Sunflower Children's Network



**Dr. Spandana Rayala**

Associate Director

Sunflower Children's Network



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# Sunflower Children's Network ---



## Vision

We envision a world where all children with serious illness and their families have access to holistic and compassionate palliative care.

## Mission

Our mission is to develop and support a regional network of global partners to expand access to high-quality palliative care for children with cancer, and other serious illnesses, and for their families.

## Pillars

Clinical care, Education,  
and Mentorship Networks.

# What we do

The **Sunflower Children's Network – a Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration** initiative – connects and supports healthcare professionals across South and Southeast Asia to help ensure that children with cancer, and other serious illnesses, are able to access essential palliative care.

Palliative care is needed to address physical, emotional, social and spiritual suffering. Providing palliative care ensures improved quality of life for children and their families.

In 2015, The **Sunflower Program** was launched as a pediatric palliative care initiative in Hyderabad, India. Since then it has grown into a network of more than 400 healthcare providers – doctors, nurses, counselors, social workers and allied health professionals.

Today, the **Sunflower Children's Network** includes healthcare providers and health facilities in India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Philippines, Vietnam, and Malaysia.



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# Pediatric Palliative Care Education



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The **Sunflower Children's Network** has created an expansive and diverse community of regional and global pediatric palliative care experts from multiple healthcare disciplines – doctors, nurses, pharmacists, researchers, counselors, and community health volunteers.

These experts help develop and deliver specialized course content through our in-person, hybrid, and online education and mentorship initiatives:

## Leadership programs

► Our transformative **Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program** brings together emerging healthcare providers from nursing, medicine, and allied health fields to build leadership skills and peer community.

## Fellowship programs

► The **Sunflower Children's Network** offers a year long hybrid, specialist training program which combines online and in-person clinical training. The

**Pediatric Palliative Medicine Fellowship** is a joint initiative of **Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration** and **Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care**.

## ECHO online education

► Since 2018, the **Sunflower Children's Network** has been using **Project ECHO** to provide training online. In 2024, our 75 volunteer faculty members provided more than 100 online palliative care training sessions reaching healthcare professionals in 40 countries.

## In-person education

► **Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration** volunteers provided in-person workshops, training courses, leadership programs, and mentorship supporting children's palliative care programs in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Bhutan.

# First Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program



Photo courtesy Dr. Spandana Rayala

**The Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program is an innovative and transformative training program uniting emerging healthcare leaders from nursing, medicine, and allied health fields**

This year-long training and mentorship program aims to equip these leaders with the necessary skills to foster innovations in children's palliative care in South and Southeast Asia, with the support of regional and international experts.

## The Need

- ▶ Globally, 21 million children need palliative care each year, 98% of these children live in low- and middle-income countries.
- ▶ South and Southeast Asia, is home to 25% of the world's population, yet only 0.4% of children in the region who need palliative care are able to access these essential services.

## Program Goals

- ▶ Train and mentor healthcare professionals to address the critical shortage of pediatric palliative care leaders in South and Southeast Asia.
- ▶ Expand access to children's palliative care through partnerships to catalyze the development and strengthening of palliative care service to support children and their families.

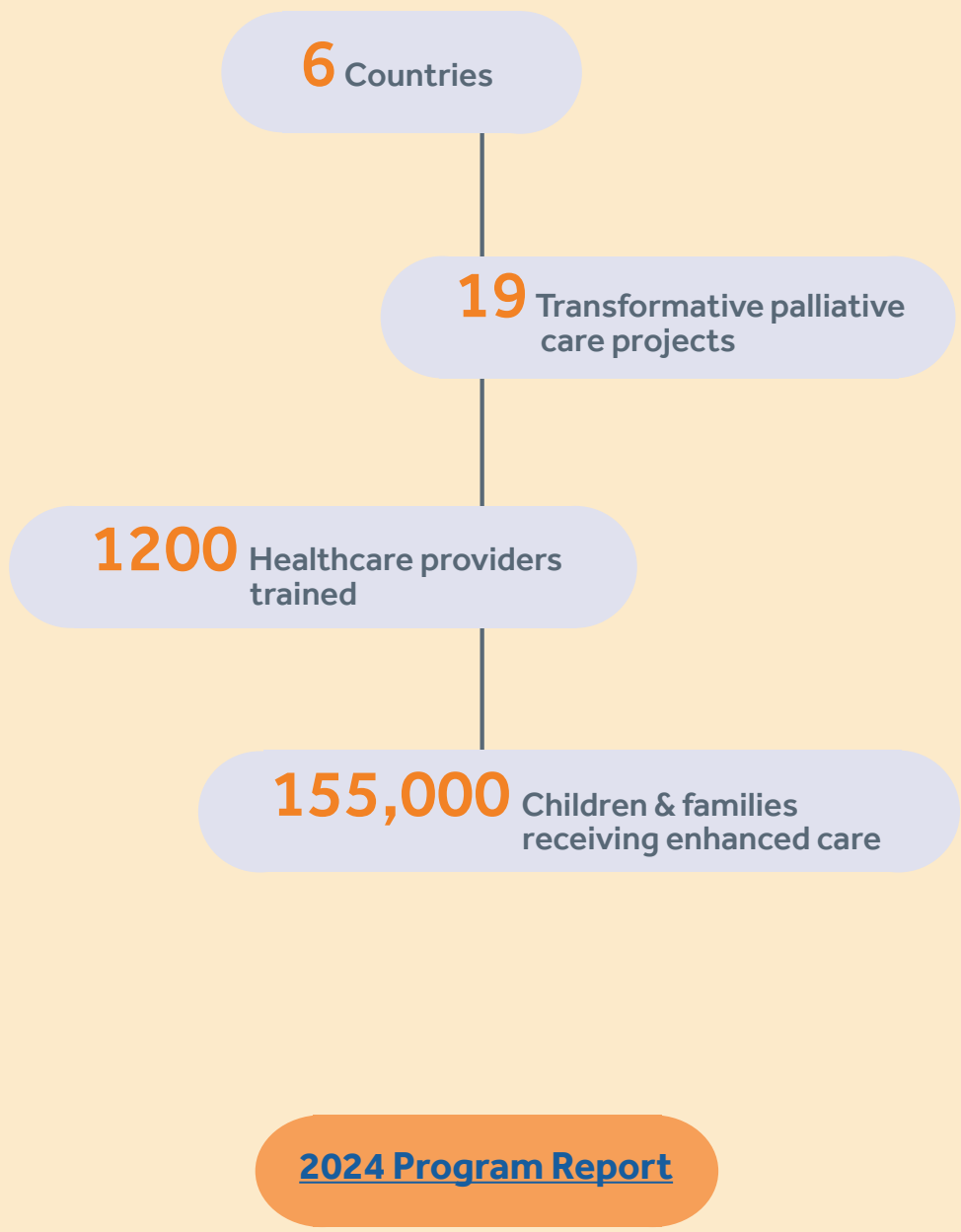
## Program components

- ▶ In-person leadership workshops.
- ▶ Online sessions with teaching and discussion.
- ▶ Individualized global mentoring and coaching.
- ▶ A leadership change project designed to expand access to palliative care for children.
- ▶ Visits to the **Mandara Hospice** (Hyderabad, India) which is recognized as a centre of excellence for pediatric palliative care.

# 2024 Leadership program impact

The Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program was developed with a focused curriculum presented by regional and international experts in pediatric palliative care

Last year, 19 leadership scholars from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Philippines, and Sri Lanka successfully completed the program and local project initiatives.





## Spotlight quotes

“

Thank you, dear mentors and scholars, for an incredible, life-changing experience in the Leadership Program. Initially, I aimed to start a palliative care program in my hospital, but the global exposure, high-quality training, and unwavering support taught me to think big and act proactively. My goal is now to establish pediatric palliative Care in Kerala.

”

Dr. P G Hariprasad  
(India)

“

It has been a wonderful journey alongside brilliant, inspiring, and warm-hearted mentors, incredible companions, and dedicated pediatric palliative care leaders. Together we have achieved remarkable results, proving the power of unity in advancing care.

”

Dr. Thushari D. Hapuarachchi  
(Sri Lanka)

“

At Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital, the Leadership program has enabled formation of a core pediatric palliative care team and has led one of the senior pediatricians to join the Fellowship in Pediatric Palliative Medicine.

”

Dr. Tara Devi Laabar  
(Bhutan)



Photo courtesy Dr. Spandana Rayala

## Thank you to our supporters

The **Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program** is a transformative global collaboration bringing together like minded organizations – **Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration** (Canada), **Pain Relief and Palliative Care Society** (India), **Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care** (India), **St. Jude Global Palliative Care**

(USA), **Canuck Place Children's Hospice** (Canada), **Cipla Foundation** (India), **Stanford University** (USA), **International Children's Palliative Care Network** (UK), and **Global Tree House Foundation** (UK).



# Pediatric Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program



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## This program is a joint initiative of Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration and the Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care

In 2024, five physicians participated in this one-year specialist training program which combines online and in-person training.

In total, 18 physicians have been trained since this program began in 2022 and five new fellows began training in January 2025.



Our fellowship was an incredible journey of learning and growth, surrounded by brilliant and passionate mentors and peers. It was rich in academic and clinical experience and also a time of deep camaraderie and friendship. The kind and supportive environment fostered both professional excellence and personal resilience, shaping me into a more compassionate and skilled clinician.



Dr. Avinder Kaur  
2024 pediatric palliative medicine fellow





## Fellowship Program Highlights

- ▶ Endorsed and showcased by the **Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health (UK)** reinforcing the high quality of the program
- ▶ More than 100 teaching sessions each year with national and international experts
- ▶ In-person and virtual mentorship from regional and international experienced clinicians
- ▶ Clinical training at the **Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care**, an established centre of excellence for pediatric palliative care, supported by the **Pain Relief and Palliative Care Society**
- ▶ Experience in developing clinical research and quality improvement with guidance from experts



## Congratulations 2024 fellows

### Our sincere congratulations to the 2024 Pediatric Palliative Medicine Fellows

The 2024 graduating class: **Dr. Avinder Kaur**, Hospital Sultanah Bahiyia, Malaysia; **Dr. Anuradha Ganigara**, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bengaluru, India;

**Dr. Huma Zafar**, The Children's Hospital, Lahore, Pakistan; and **Dr. Krishnapriya V**, St. John's Medical College and Hospital, India.

Your hard work, dedication and perseverance paid off – Wishing you continued success!



Dr. Avinder



Dr. Anuradha



Dr. Huma



Dr. Krishnapriya

# Welcome 2025 fellows

## The 2025 cohort joining the Pediatric Palliative Medicine Fellowship

The 2025 Fellows: **Dr. Nguyen Thia Anh Thu**, Children's Hospital No. 2, Vietnam; **Dr. Nusrat Jahan**, Rangpur Medical College, Bangladesh;

**Dr. Rateena Rajbhandari**, Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Nepal; **Dr. Manjusha Nair**, Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum, India; and **Dr. Tashi Choden**, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital, Bhutan.



Dr. Anh Thu



Dr. Nusrat



Dr. Rateena



Dr. Manjusha



Dr. Tashi



# In memoriam – Dr. Jerry Pua

## We honour Dr. Jerry Pua, 2024 pediatric palliative medicine fellow, who passed in early 2025

Dr. Jerry completed his medical school at the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery in the Philippines and undertook residency at the Philippine Children's Medical Center. This experience instilled in him the values of providing compassionate, committed and competent medical care to children in need.

Dr. Jerry was a truly valued friend and member of our 2024 fellowship cohort.

"I met Jerry when he interviewed for the pediatric palliative care fellowship program, which he later joined as a fellow in 2024. As the fellowship program director, I watched as Jerry's palliative care knowledge and skills increased as the year went on. I was struck by his commitment to palliative care – he was already a pediatric oncologist – a field which takes many years of training to complete."

– Dr. Megan Doherty



Dr. Jerry (lower right) with his characteristic smile and his fellowship cohort during one of their many online sessions.

"Jerry told us once, 'Always believe in kindness rather than ambition and things will fall into place.' This is probably why he always brought a fresh perspective to things that we greatly appreciated. He was a very kind, gentle, caring friend and brother to us and always looking for ways to help."

– Drs. Krishna, Avinder, Huma and Anuradha

"Jerry was one of the kindest and sweetest persons I have met. He was a champion of children's care, always wanting to make a difference and help them."

– Dr. Mohammad Ishak

"For the duration, we knew each other it was only online. We never knew what was going on in the background for you for a long time. You kept it very professional, never complained, and probably did much more than your health allowed. You would crack jokes, laugh, and share your astute thoughts on the WhatsApp group on real-life issues we face as doctors. I wish you had more time. You wanted to do so much good and share so much love. My deepest condolences to his loved ones. Rest in peace Jerry."

– Dr. Spandana Rayala

**Our sincere condolences  
to his family, friends  
and colleagues**



# Education and training initiatives



## ECHO virtual education

**Project ECHO is a model of online training which connects specialists with other healthcare professionals for education and support**

Since 2018, the **Sunflower Children's Network** has been using **Project ECHO** to provide training online to healthcare professionals.

In 2024, our volunteer faculty provided more than 100 online palliative care training sessions. These sessions reached more than 2000 healthcare providers in rural, remote and under served areas.

This teaching and mentorship enhances their knowledge and skills in palliative care, allowing them to provide improved care for children with serious illnesses and their families.

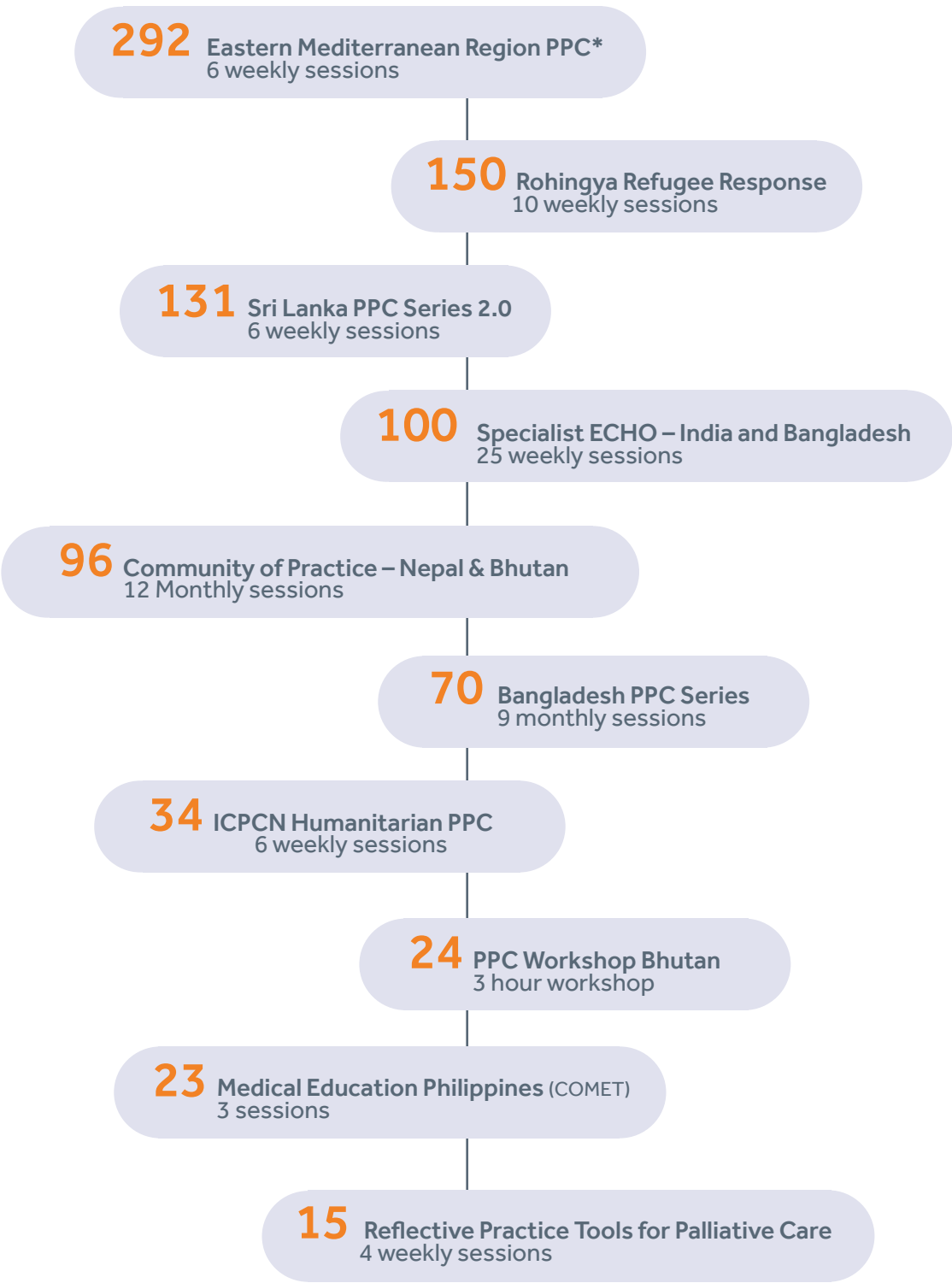
The curriculum for the sessions is developed and updated by a faculty of regional and international palliative care experts overseen by **Dr. Spandana Rayala** the **Sunflower Children's Network** education director.

**[Project ECHO explained](#)**

# 2024 Project ECHO Course Spotlight

The Sunflower Children's Network collaborated with the Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care and other partners to facilitate one-time training workshops as well as online courses consisting of weekly or monthly sessions.

**00** Represents # of participants  
PPC\* Pediatric Palliative Care



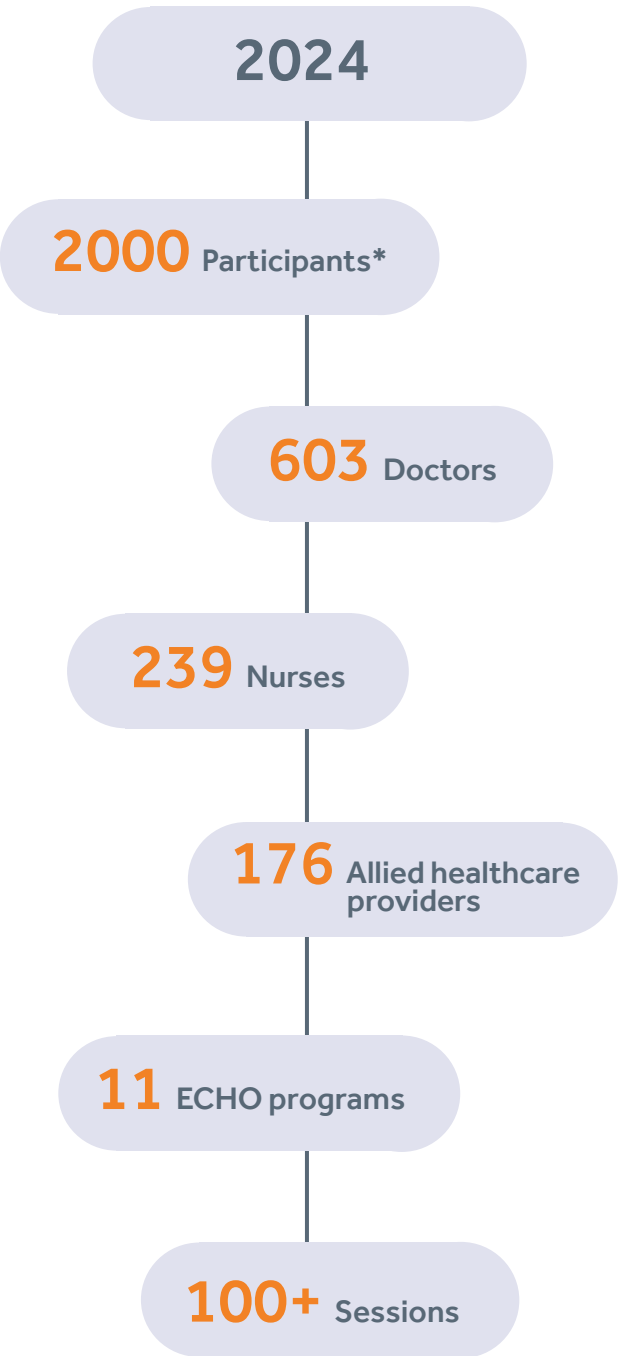
# Project ECHO impact

ECHO (Extension of Community Healthcare Outcomes) has a transformative and far reaching impact well beyond the online sessions

Training a single healthcare provider in South and Southeast Asia has the potential for that individual to provide palliative care to 1000s of patients each year. In turn, those providers become trainers and advocates for palliative care in their communities – increasing equity and access to care.



Since the **Sunflower Children’s Network** started online training more than 5000 healthcare providers have participated in our programs. In 2024, our online education and mentorship reached 1018 participants – doctors, nurses and other allied healthcare professionals and providers including community volunteers.



\* Total number of participants includes participants who took part in multiple, unique ECHO series



# 2024 Spotlight

During 2024, we shared news on social media of some significant appointments and highlights of in-person training and conferences. Here are some more

## February

### Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program

► The Leadership Program took place in Hyderabad, India hosted by **Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration**, **Pain Relief and Palliative Care Society** and **Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care**.

This innovative leadership training institute brought together a diverse group of 19 emerging healthcare leaders from across South and Southeast Asia for three days of workshops as this one-year program started.

### Building Grief and Bereavement Programs workshop

► Sponsored by Two Worlds Cancer, the **Building Grief and Bereavement Programs Workshop** took place last week as a pre-conference workshop at **IAPCON 2024** in Ahmadabad, India.



Photo courtesy Dr. Spandana Rayala

**Dr. Spandana Rayala**, Education Director for the **Sunflower Children's Network**, coordinated the one-day workshop prior to the **Indian Association of Palliative Care** annual conference bringing together an international faculty and participants from across South Asia.

## March

### Medical education in the Philippines

► The **Sunflower Children's Network** has partnered with experts from the **University of Ottawa** and the **National Children's Hospital (NCH)** in the Philippines to develop an online course that focuses on the best practices in medical education.

**Collaborative Online Medical Education Training (COMET)** aims to provide medical education specialists from Canada and the Philippines with the necessary skills and knowledge to offer high-quality education and training to students and residents.

**COMET** consists of 11 interactive group sessions that improve the effectiveness of training for residents and medical, nursing, and social work students. The course was completed successfully by 16 participants from **NCH**, including physicians, nurses, and social workers.

The final **COMET** session was an in-person training session in Manila facilitated by **Timothy J. Wood** (Ph.D.) from the University of Ottawa.

## April

### Perinatal and neonatal care at Niloufer Children's Hospital

► Seven years effort culminated in the signing of a MOU with **Niloufer Children's Hospital** in Hyderabad, India expanding the scope of children's palliative care including perinatal and neonatal care, and pediatric palliative care training, capacity building, and research. Congratulations to the Hyderabad Team!

## May

### World Health Assembly

► **Dr. Megan Doherty**, Sunflower Children's Network director, attended the **World Health Assembly** in Geneva, Switzerland as a delegate for the **International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care** this week along with colleagues from **IAHPC** and **pallCHASE**.

Dr. Doherty presented a constituency statement outlining the importance and urgent need for palliative care in maternal child health planning and raising the voices of children with serious health-related suffering, particularly those in humanitarian emergencies.

## June



Photo courtesy Dr. Spandana Rayala

### Dr. Spandana Rayala appointed Associate Director of the Sunflower Children's Network

► **Dr. Spandana** is a palliative care specialist at **Kuwait Association for the Care of Children in Hospital** and **Bayt Abdullah Children's Hospice**. From Hyderabad, India, she did her pediatric palliative care fellowship at **MNJ Institute** supported by **Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration** in 2016-2017 and then worked as a pediatric palliative care consultant at **MNJ**

**Institute** and with the **Pain Relief and Palliative Care Society** supporting hospital, neonatal ICU, hospice, and home-based palliative and end-of-life care.

Today, Dr. Spandana leads the **Sunflower Children's Network** development of online education curriculum, supporting ECHO sessions, and mentoring the hybrid **Pediatric Palliative Medicine Fellowships**.

## Dr. Megan Doherty appointed as WHO palliative care Consultant

► In June, we were excited to share that **Dr. Megan Doherty** was appointed as a palliative care consultant for the **World Health Organization**.

Dr. Doherty's role with the **WHO Integrated Health Services** in Geneva, Switzerland focuses on the development of palliative care training to support the integration of palliative care services for countries where this care is not readily accessible.

She remains an integral part of the **Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration** team as she has been since 2017, helping grow and sustain the **Sunflower Children's Network**.

## Teaching and Mentorship in Bangladesh

► During her June visit to Bangladesh, **Dr. Spandana** conducted site visits to Rangpur, Sylhet, Khulna, and Dhaka. These visits were aimed at assessing the progress of ongoing projects, providing on-the-ground support, and strengthening collaborations with local partners.

She actively engaged with **Dhaka Medical College Hospital** and **BSMMU**, reinforcing and maintaining the strong previously established partnerships. Dr. Spandana Rayala provided dedicated support and mentorship to former pediatric palliative medicine fellows, **Dr. Mohammad Shaidur Rahman** and **Dr. Zannat Ara**, helping them advance their professional journeys.

July



Photo courtesy Dr Spandana Rayala

## Teaching and Mentorship in Bhutan

► During her July visit to Bhutan, **Dr. Spandana** met with key stakeholders, including the **Bhutan Ministry of Health**, **WHO**, NGOs, and local healthcare providers. The visit resulted in significant agreements and commitments, especially in pediatric palliative care.

Dr. Spandana facilitated interactive teaching sessions for the Department of Pediatrics at the **National Referral Hospital** (Jigme Dorji Wangchuck). These sessions covered essential topics including pain assessment in children, pain management, prescribing morphine, and basic communication skills for children's palliative care.



## September

### World Cancer Congress

► **Dr. Megan Doherty** joined global colleagues in cancer control in Geneva to share lessons learned on integrating palliative care into cancer programming. **The Global Handbook of Palliative Care**, was released during the conference with endorsement from the **Union for International Cancer Control**.



## October

### 6th Maruzza International Congress on Paediatric Palliative Care

► **Dr. Megan Doherty** joined more than 450 participants at the congress in Rome, Italy. Dr. Doherty facilitated a training workshop on serious illness communication. She also presented scientific abstracts describing the leadership program and grief and bereavement workshop – sharing with other palliative care professionals about how to adapt these innovative program to their regional contexts.

## November

### First Regional Interdisciplinary Pediatric Palliative Care Workshop in Morocco

► **Dr. Spandana** attended as a faculty member for this landmark event which brought together health-care professionals and charitable foundations from more than 15 countries from the Eastern Mediterranean Region and North Africa.

The workshop, sponsored by St. Jude's Global Palliative Care, provided hands-on training by regional and international experts, collaborative discussions, and invaluable action planning activities to address regional needs. This initiative marked a pivotal step in building a network of professionals dedicated to advancing children's palliative care in the region.

### Celebrating International Children's Day

► **Dr. Spandana** contributed a blog for Pallium India: [Every Child Everywhere](#)

## December

### Online palliative care reflection

► **Dr. Megan Doherty** shared her reflections as a woman in global palliative care with the Indian Association of Palliative Care: [Navigating the river](#)

### Global Handbook of Children's Palliative Care

► **Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration**, in partnership with **Globalhealth Dynamics**, announced the upcoming release of the **Global Handbook of Children's Palliative Care** in early 2025.



# Publications

The Sunflower Children's Network shares its experiences and transformative impact through journal and online publications



[Visit eHospice](#)

**18** eHospice articles

**15** Podcasts

**11** Scientific publications

Last year, the **Sunflower Children's Network** contributed 18 feature articles to **eHospice**, a leading news site for palliative care which reaches an international audience..

Topics included: *Launch of Children's Palliative Care Leadership Institute*; *Revolutionising Pediatric Care: Bangladesh's Leap into Palliative Care Education*; and *Enhancing Paediatric Palliative Care: Bhutan's Ground-breaking Virtual Workshop*.

[Scientific articles](#)

# The Sunflower – Palliative Care Podcasts

In July 2023, we debuted *The Sunflower – Palliative Care Podcasts* conversations centred on the intricacies of palliative care

The podcast is available on Spotify, Apple, and YouTube. From education and advocacy to self-care and leadership, we cover topics relevant to nurses, counselors, pharmacists, doctors, and all intrigued by children's palliative care worldwide. Join us as we explore the joys and challenges of this vital field.

In 2024, we released 15 episodes including two series titled ***Through a Nurse's Lens*** and ***Cultivating Leadership***:

- ▶ ***Through a Nurse's Lens***: *Adapting to pediatric palliative care* (part 1); *Pearls and Pitfalls after Years of Experience* (part 2); and *Using Palliative Nursing Skills in an Oncology World* (part 3).
- ▶ ***Cultivating Leadership***: *Cultivating future leaders through the Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program* (part 1); *India Developing a Perinatal Palliative Care Program* (part 2); *Nepal Advocating for Nationwide Pediatric Palliative Care* (part 3);

*In Bangladesh - there are no limits to caring* (part 4); and *Nepal- Challenge, Inspiration and Support lead to great impact* (part 5).

Other episodes included:

- ▶ *Living Well: Project ECHO as an Innovation to Reduce the Burden of Global Suffering*
- ▶ *Building a Global Children's Palliative Care Movement*
- ▶ *Nursing Leadership: Advancing Pediatric Palliative Care in Bangladesh*
- ▶ *How harmonies help - Music therapy as a tool to support children with serious illness*
- ▶ *Building Compassionate Communities: Engaging Volunteers, Creating Awareness and Fundraising in Kuwait*
- ▶ *Empowering the Leaders of the Future: Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program*



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# Our partner organizations

Our partnerships with institutions and organizations around the world support and strengthen palliative care across South and Southeast Asia.

## Bangladesh

- ▶ Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU)
- ▶ Dhaka Medical College and Hospital
- ▶ Palliative Care Society of Bangladesh
- ▶ Compassionate Communities Bangladesh

## Bhutan

- ▶ Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital

## India

- ▶ Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care
- ▶ Pain Relief and Palliative Care Society
- ▶ Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital for Children
- ▶ Karunashraya Hospice, Bengaluru
- ▶ Indian Association of Palliative Care
- ▶ St Mary's Hospital, Karnataka

## Malaysia

- ▶ Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah

## Nepal

- ▶ Kanti Children's Hospital
- ▶ Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital
- ▶ Nepalese Association of Palliative Care (NAPCare)

## Pakistan

- ▶ Aga Khan University, Karachi
- ▶ University of Child Health Sciences, Lahore

## Philippines

- ▶ National Children's Hospital (Quezon City)

## Sri Lanka

- ▶ Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children
- ▶ National Cancer Institute Maharagama
- ▶ Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians
- ▶ Sri Lanka Medical Association

## Vietnam

- ▶ Oncology Hospital, Ho Chi Minh City

## Canada

- ▶ **Canuck Place Children's Hospice, Vancouver**  
Canuck place has been a keystone supporter of the Sunflower Children's Network with expert staff providing teaching and mentorship online and through in-person visits..
- ▶ **BC Children's Hospital, Vancouver**  
Working with the **Centre for International Child Health** at BC Children's Hospital, this partnership with **Kanti Children's Hospital** includes nurse training, and establishing a centre of excellence for palliative care to increase access to palliative care across Nepal.
- ▶ **University of Ottawa, Ottawa**  
Together with **National Children's Hospital** (Philippines) we have partnered with the University of Ottawa to develop **COMET** an online medical education course sharing best practices in teaching and training of health professionals.
- ▶ **Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto**  
Our collaboration with the **SickKids Global Children's Health** supports enhanced nurse training and leadership in palliative care across Bangladesh, reaching nurses in rural and remote areas where access to palliative care is extremely limited.
- ▶ **McGill University, Montreal**  
Together with **BSMMU** in Bangladesh, we have partnered with a team from McGill University to assess the impact of community-based palliative care for children with serious illnesses in Bangladesh.

## United Kingdom

► **Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health**  
The Royal College supports the **Sunflower Children's Network** through review and endorsement of training programs as well as linking with experts for teaching, mentorship, and program development.

► **International Children's Palliative Care Network**  
ICPCN in collaboration with the **Sunflower Children's Network** and the **Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care** has helped launch the **Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program** aimed at cultivating future leaders. ICPCN also partners with us to publish our ECHO Program articles on their **eHospice** website.

► **Global Treehouse Foundation**  
In collaboration with the **Sunflower Children's Network** and the **Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care**

has helped launch the **Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program**.

## United States

► **Stanford University School of Medicine**  
Stanford University has partnered with the **Sunflower Children's Network** and the **Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care** to develop the one-year Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program to train emerging leaders in South and Southeast Asia.

► **St. Jude Global Palliative Care** has partnered with the **Sunflower Children's Network** and the **Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care** to develop the one-year Children's Palliative Care Leadership Program.



# Our faculty volunteers

**We are thankful for the 75 volunteers who give countless hours to the Sunflower Children's Network. The Network relies on this incredible team to help develop curriculum and deliver online and in-person education and mentorship.**

**Dr. Alden Uyvico**, National Children's Hospital, Philippines

**Dr. Andrea Cuvillo**, Phoenix Children's, USA

**Anthony Lau**, Pharmacist, Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration

**Dr. Archana Iyengar**, Pain Relief and Palliative Care Society, India

**Dr. Chakrapani Vasudevan**, Bradford Teaching Hospital, United Kingdom

**Camara Van Breemen**, Nurse practitioner, Canuck Place Children's Hospice, Canada; Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration

**Dr. Christina Vadeboncoeur**, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Canada

**Dr. Dave Lyseki**, McMaster Children's Hospital, Canada

**Dr. Douglas Archibald**, University of Ottawa, Canada

**Dr. Danielle Bourque**, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Canada

**Dr. Erin Kwolek**, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Canada

**Dr. Fatima Ladha**, Pharmacist, Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration

**Dr. Fraser Black**, Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration

**Dr. Fyeza Hasan**, SickKids Global Health, Canada

**Dr. Gayatri Palat**, Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care, India; Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration

**Dr. Gillian Fyles**, Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration

**Dr. Hunter Groninger**, MedStar, USA

**Dr. Isabelle Desjardins**, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Canada

**Joan Marston**, Nurse, PallCHASE, South Africa

**Professor Julia Downing**, Nurse Scientist, ICPCN, United Kingdom

**Dr. Jason Frank**, University of Ottawa, Canada

**Dr. Julianne Postma**, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Canada

**Dr. Julia Amber**, Umduduzi, Hospice Care for Children, South Africa

**Dr. Joanna Humphreys**, SickKids, Canada

**Dr. Justin Baker**, Stanford University, USA

**Dr. Kathryn Richardson**, MSF, Switzerland

**Kelly Oldham**, Nurse practitioner, Hummingbird House, Australia

**Dr. Krithika Rao**, Kasturba Medical College, India

**Dr. Liza Naranjo**, National Children's Hospital, Philippines

**Lailatul Ferdous**, Nurse, BSMMU, Bangladesh

**Laura Fielding**, Child Life Specialist, Canuck Place Children's Hospice, Canada

**Dr. Lynn Straatman**, BC Children's Hospital, Canada

**Dr. Lannie Fofue**, National Children's Hospital, Philippines

**Dr. Marta Salek**, St Jude Global, USA

**Dr. Manon Ranger**, Nurse Scientist, University of British Columbia, School of Nursing, Canada

**Dr. Megan Doherty**, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario; Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration

**Melanie Hameluck**, Nurse, BC Children's Hospital, Canada; Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration

**Dr. Michael McNeil**, St Jude Global, USA

**Dr. Michelle Mullen**, Clinical Ethicist, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Canada

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