



# Caring Partners Global

## 2017 Annual General Report





# President's Message

Welcome and thank you for being part of CPG's 2017 Annual General Meeting!

Since inception, Caring partners Global (CPG) Canada has worked with 21 partner organizations, 210 volunteers including 150 Canadians who have travelled internationally to work with and support Matangwe Community Health and Development Programme (MCHDP) in Kenya.

Our AGM provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the hard work with our partners, volunteers and staff of CPG as well as MCHDP and to envision a desired path toward results for the coming years. It is also an opportunity for our partners and supporters to hear about and to celebrate with us, some of the highlights of our past work.

In the past year, we realigned our mission and vision to mirror our work and to reveal the future that we hope to evolve with communities that we work with. Our new mission, simply put is: to facilitate development in impoverished communities through strategic partnerships and a vision of co-created, engaged and equipped communities for change that last.

In 2016, several stories and news from the field encouraged our team and affirmed the positive impact of our work in this rural community including:

1. Lives saved at birth;
2. Matangwe hospital achieving a top score of 96%, in the district, on a Ministry of health facility standards inspection;
3. Education sponsorship program's 85th postsecondary graduate and a reported 65% employment rate among our graduates compared to a reported national youth *unemployment* rate of 70% (May 6, 2016, Kenya Daily Nation) for university graduates, and a reality anticipated to reach a crisis point by 2020.



Losing women and babies at birth is not a new reality in rural Kenya, however, the knowledge and awareness that this reality is preventable has created an urgency and new hope. This past year, a skilled clinician (Lorraine) and timely access to an ambulance transport saved the life of a baby girl, 'Ayoo' (meaning 'born on route') and her mother. The skilled Matangwe hospital nurse recognized that her young labouring patient was experiencing high risk complications and initiated an ambulance transfer to a tertiary centre and accompanied the patient. During the ambulance transfer, baby Ayoo made her debut in the back of the ambulance, and Nurse Lorraine safely delivered the baby and stabilized the haemorrhaging mother.

Before MCHDP acquired the ambulance, this mother would have had to transfer to the district hospital on a motorbike or bicycle taxi and without a skilled clinician to accompany her. We are grateful to Rotary International for funding an ambulance that provided a medically equipped and safe environment to carry out good and informed practices that save lives!

Implementing the Kenyan Ministry of Health Facility Practice Standards, Matangwe hospital positioned them to achieve a top score in the district out of more than 48 health facilities. We are proud of the staff and continue to work with them to ensure that they have tools and supplies necessary to deliver good care and to maintain a safe practice environment for over 5,700 hospital visits annually!

The Education sponsorship was a star program with Ron Bell, CPG director at the helm. The total cost for our Education Program in 2016: \$151,225 for a total of 102 students including uniforms, feeding and room and board for postsecondary students.

- 3 students in Primary School (special needs)
- 35 students were in Secondary School
- 13 recent (2016) secondary school graduates waiting admission
- 17 students in College
- 34 students in University

We were incredibly blessed to be able to provide 650 meals a day to students at the Matangwe Primary School, the staff at Matangwe Community Center and hospital at a cost of .25 cents per meal, per day. For \$50 a year we fed 200 meals to each child over the 3 school terms. For some families, this would have been the only meal the child received in a day.



CPG continues to support equal educational opportunities for girl children in order to give all youth a hope and a future. That is very important to us. We also believe that the high quality education that is provided in schools with attentive and dedicated CPG and MCHDP support staff that step up alongside each student to mentor, counsel, monitor their progress, has served us well and increased the graduation success rates and employability well above the Kenya youth unemployment rates of 70% reported in May 2016. Thank you to our dedicated team!

2016 was also a year that CPG paused to refocus our attention to work that creates a path to realizing our vision of lasting change. Ongoing drought in Kenya, a dependency on rain water and repeated crop failures, cemented water security as a priority. Water security is synonymous with food security and wellness. Lack of adequate clean water increases risk of poor health and wellbeing.

A long term solution to water security will enable year-round crop cultivation, reduce malnutrition and enable most families to farm and produce food year round. Finding a right partner is a CPG priority that will allow us to effectively build an infrastructure that responds to large scale as well as complex issues of crop failures and poor nutrient intake. This would set us on a path to community self-reliance.

When a community hurts and is devastated, we come alongside them to partner, learn, nurture and encourage them to find solutions to that get them back on their feet. This is the role CPG envisions for our team. One of my favourite quotes by Margaret Mead, an American Anthropologist, is a reminder to the work and commitment we aspire towards.

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”*

I'm so grateful to CPG board members, volunteers and donors for your commitment to supporting the work of building a community for lasting change.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sylvia Scott  
Co-founder and President



# Secretary Report

In 2016, the CPG Board Members held meetings as follows:

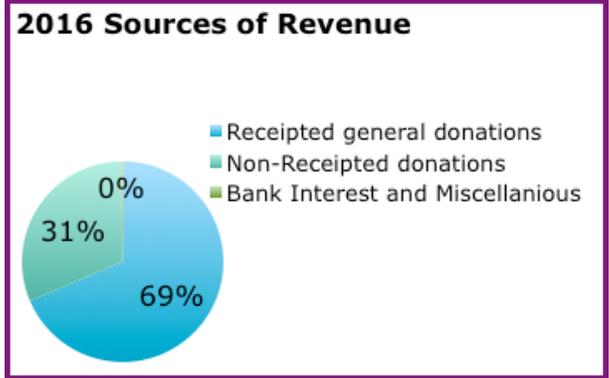
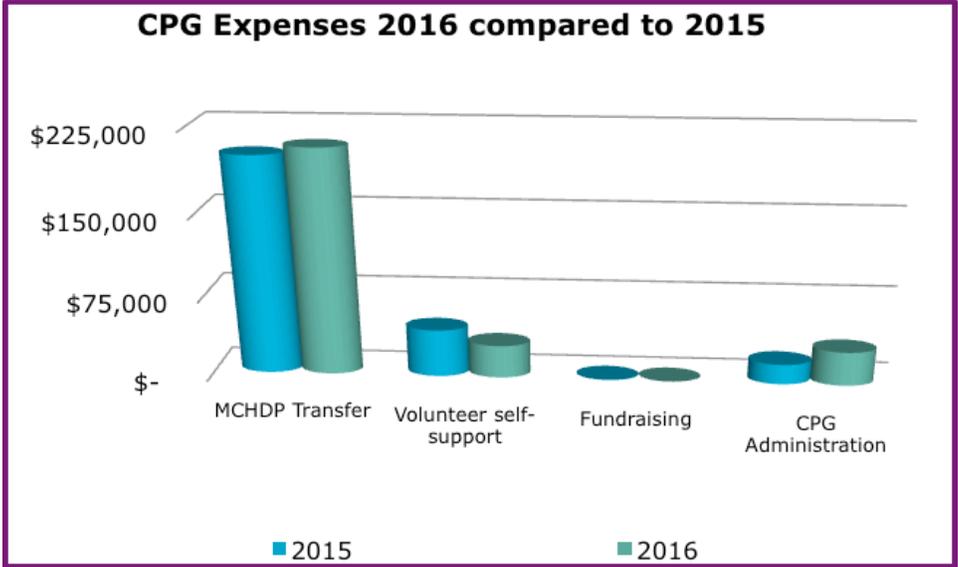
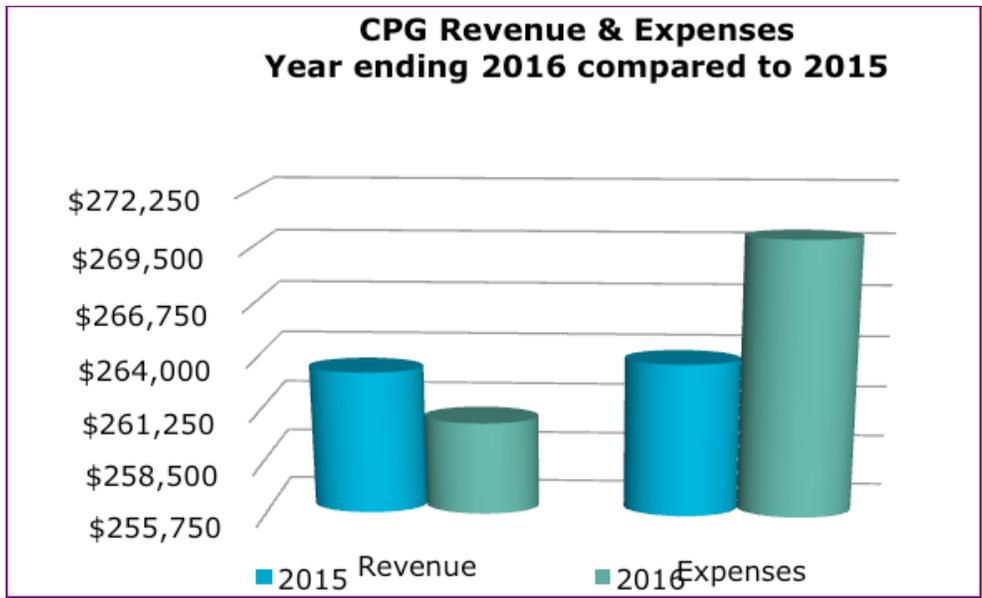
1. Meetings in January, March, April, May; September, October, November (February meeting was cancelled because less than 50% quorum available);
2. Strategy Planning and development meeting in June to discuss the changing vision and mission of Caring Partners Global;
3. We held our Annual General Meeting in April which was followed by a General member Board of Directors meeting to nominate and confirm existing Directors and nominate new directors before summer recess;
5. Many of the Board members were able to speak on behalf of CPG and the MCHDP at several public functions, included but not limited to the Long Family Piano Fundraiser and the World Mission Focus at Benton Street Baptist Church.
6. Co-Founder and President Sylvia Scott and Secretary of the Board Chelsea Roy were invited to attend a Conference in Ottawa organized by the Canadian Network for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health;
4. We were in recess in July / August and resumed our meetings for September, continuing in October and ending in November until the new year.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Roy



# Financial Summary





**Caring Partners Global Inc. – Year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**  
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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

### **To the Board of Directors of Caring Partners Global Inc.**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Caring Partners Global Inc. which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016 and the statements of operations and changes in fund balance and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements.***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.



In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

KPMG LLP, is a Canadian limited liability partnership and a member firm of the KPMG network of independent member firms affiliated with KPMG International Cooperative (“KPMG International”), a Swiss entity. KPMG Canada provides services to KPMG LLP.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### ***Basis for Qualified Opinion***

In common with many charitable organizations, Caring Partners Global Inc. derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. We were not able to determine whether, as at and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the year ended December 31, 2015, any adjustments might be necessary to donations revenue and excess of revenues over expenditures reported in the statement of operations and changes in fund balances reported in the statement of cash flows and assets and fund balances reported in the statement of financial position. This caused us to qualify our audit opinion on the financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2015.

#### ***Qualified Opinion***

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Caring Partners Global Inc. as at December 31, 2016, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants  
March 6, 2017  
Waterloo, Canada



# Volunteers in 2016

From all of us at Caring Partners Global, we would like to recognize and thank all of our hardworking volunteers who have made a tangible difference in the lives of many, whether locally in Kitchener-Waterloo or in Matangwe, Kenya.

## Board of Directors

Sylvia Scott, Co-Founder & President

Ron Bell, Education Coordinator

Phil Dick, Board Chair

Jaye Rice, Director

Chelsea Roy, Secretary

Glenn Pascoe, Treasurer

Patricia Pascoe, Member at Large

Sue Robertson, Director

## Program Planning & Evaluation Committee

Leslie Roberts

Elizabeth Rideout

Jean Wessel

## Local Volunteers

Colleen Voisin, Bookkeeping Support for MCHDP

Chris van Laren, Bookkeeping Support for CPG

## International Volunteers

Waterloo Region School of Medicine

Research Elective

1) Seema Imami

2) Samuel Yoon

3) Sylvia Scott - Supervisor

## Capacity Building / Skills Dev't

Ruth Mathieson, Physician

Ron Bell, Education Monitoring

Jaye Rice, Pastoral Training

The Long Family



# Local Partnerships and Volunteers

Every year, Caring Partners relies on the hard work and dedication of local volunteers. There are numerous tasks that make our organizations (Caring Partners Global, and the Matangwe Community Health and Development Programme) run smoothly – and we make sure to formally thank our volunteers who tirelessly work to help us make a difference in the lives of many whether abroad in Kenya or locally!





## Volunteer Spotlight: The Long Family

### "5 People. 3 Weeks. 1 Dream."

The Long family, pictured below in Matangwe, kept a blog during their three weeks in Kenya – here are excerpts from Janice and George's three children – Gabe, Rachel and Jordan.



Someone told me how Kenya would be in my heart before I leave and I think it already is. Signing off – Gabe

If there's one thing that I have learned from the people that we have met here, it's the importance of living in the moment, of appreciating what we have now-not letting the

We made memories together which will stay with us for the rest of our lives. The only guilt I feel is that as much as we tried to give to them, they gave us back ten times the amount.

Where we showed them a life of convenience, they showed us the value of hard work done together. Where we showed them the beginnings of a path to musical greatness, they showed us that each one of us is musically great already. Where we showed them the glory of competition in soccer, they showed us the bliss of playing for the sake of playing.

Where we showed them the efficiency of living in a time based society, they showed us the attractiveness of living in the moment. And above all, they showed us love. – Jordan