

NEWS PEACE



“THE TIME IS NOW”

by James E. (Jamie) Morgan, Chief Executive Officer

March 8 is designated as International Women’s Day. This year’s focus is The Time is Now: Rural and Urban Activists transforming Women’s Lives.

Merriam-Webster defines an activist as one who uses or supports direct, vigorous action. Our healthcare volunteers – our International Medical Educators (IMEs) - are activists in the truest sense, sharing knowledge and experience to enhance skills and empower trainees.

Anyone who has witnessed Carolyn Ramwell, RN, in training mode knows she personifies direct, vigorous action! At the new Mercy James Centre for Pediatric Surgery and Intensive Care in Blantyre, Malawi, Carolyn leads trainees in multiple renditions of the Bee Gees’ song, Stayin’ Alive, while they hone and perfect their CPR skills. She and her nursing colleagues have fun while learning and they build strong bonds as a team to alleviate suffering and transform the lives of the young patients in their care. Post-operative intensive care is essential to successful surgical outcomes, and we are humbled to be a part of the action Carolyn and her colleagues are taking to ensure surgical capacity in Malawi.

On International Women’s Day, we also recognize and celebrate our Board Chair, Nancy Jallo, PhD. Dr. Jallo is a women’s health nurse practitioner whose activism with Physicians for Peace (PFP) started in 2009 when she first traveled with PFP to India. A strong believer in the strength of women in shaping their communities, Nancy’s direct action has continued over the years with multiple training missions to the Dominican Republic. For the past three years, Nancy chaired our Medical Advisory Committee to guide and support the essential work of our programs.

This past October, Nancy became the first woman elected as Board Chair of Physicians for Peace. We salute Nancy for her direct, vigorous action working alongside our partners in under-resourced communities to improve lives. And we are grateful to Nancy for her passion and dedication to lead PFP in our mission to transform lives.

I encourage you to follow the lead of these women and take direct, vigorous action to transform lives. Make a donation to fund the costs of travel and work of our volunteer IMEs. Spread the word about PFP by inviting friends and colleagues to connect with us online.

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PFP IME Carolyn Ramwell, RN, MSN, PNP, instructing on the use of a digital infant scale to nurses at Mercy James Centre for Pediatric Surgery & Intensive Care in Blantyre, Malawi.



Dr. Nancy Jallo, PFP IME, (center) with pediatric nurses in India, 2010.

“I am in awe of women’s resilience and perseverance to shape their communities and realize their full potential. As women around the world understand, there is a need for peace of mind, peace of body, and harmony in relationships... all critical components of health and well-being. I believe that this is the spirit of Physicians for Peace.

- Nancy Jallo, PhD
Physicians For Peace Board Chair

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