

AAWC GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS

Within the mission of the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC), the AAWC Global Volunteers program is dedicated to creating and sustaining partnerships with other not-for-profit organizations and groups in order to bring wound care education in “train the trainer” format to developing areas of the world and North America. The program began in 2006 under the leadership of AAWC Past President, Dr. John Macdonald. It is the first organized outreach program focused on wound care in the history of global volunteerism.

Strategic Global Partnerships

AAWC establishes strategic partnerships that assist volunteers to disseminate wound care education and information around the globe. AAWC’s first partnership was with Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO). Within this partnership, AAWC Members conduct site assessments and help HVO to develop the educational programs and training materials. AAWC Members also apply to and volunteer at various established sites. HVO administers the wound and lymphedema management programs and coordinates volunteer applications and travel. AAWC Members have volunteered in Cambodia, Haiti, India, Peru, and St. Lucia. To learn more about the AAWC and HVO partnership, visit www.aawconline.org/aawc-global-volunteers.

US-Based Efforts

AAWC anticipates partnerships that will be based in the US in the near future. These collaborative efforts will allow AAWC members to volunteer “here at home.” AAWC eagerly awaits responses from other organizations that have been contacted in order to assess their interest in collaboration, as well as AAWC invites any entity with an interest to contact our business office. See below for details.

Propose a Partnership with AAWC Global Volunteers

Not-for-profit organizations and other groups with the interest and capability to promote and/or manage international or US-based wound care awareness and/or educational programs are encouraged to send partnership proposals to the AAWC at info@aawconline.org.

The Significance of Volunteerism

Volunteers are essential to any culture. They freely give time and/or expertise in order to help advance society. It all starts with a passion for a cause, which often leads to crossing a threshold into volunteerism in order to make the world a better place.

In the arena of wound and lymphedema management, members of the AAWC Global Volunteers program have the opportunity to bring their perspectives, passion and knowledge to those who need it most. Our volunteers learn a great deal from helping others understand how to best adapt modern wound care practice into their lives. It feels good to make a difference, and many cite their experiences as “life-changing.”



How to Volunteer

To volunteer at an HVO Wound and Lymphedema Management Program overseas, you must be an AAWC Member. Please join or renew at www.aawconline.org. Next, visit www.hvousing.org for a list of the current sites that are accepting applications.

For US-based opportunities, please contact info@aawconline.org. AAWC Members are routinely alerted to volunteer opportunities via emails, news in the journals OWM and WOUNDS, newsletters, social media (such as Facebook and LinkedIn), and SAWC conferences.

Financial Aid for Volunteers

Financial support may be available from AAWC (and possibly other organizations) for AAWC Members who apply to volunteer at an HVO Wound and Lymphedema Management Program. Inquire to HVO regarding the availability of these funds. AAWC also offers assistance for other types of efforts, including scholarships for teaching, learning and travel/exchange programs. See www.aawconline.org/scholarships/ for more information, application guidelines and enrollment dates.

The Importance of Donors

If you cannot volunteer, your kind donation to AAWC helps to support:

- Grants from AAWC to HVO, which are then specifically set aside for wound care programs. Be sure to donate directly to “AAWC Global Volunteers” – see back cover.
- Pilot studies to assess needs in developing regions
- AAWC Scholarships to offset volunteer travel costs

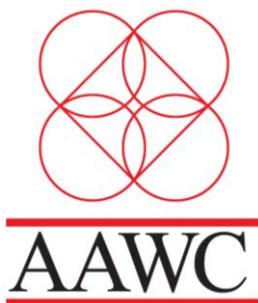
Association for the Advancement of Wound Care

Mission Statement: To advance the care of people with and at risk for wounds.

Who We Are: AAWC is a not-for-profit, interprofessional membership organization. We are dedicated to building a collaborative community to facilitate optimal care for people with wounds.

Membership: Membership is available to everyone in the wound care community, including clinicians and other healthcare professionals, researchers, students, VA/Military personnel, retirees, facilities, clinics/centers, and industry. Individual trial memberships are also available. Modest annual dues vary by membership type. Free memberships exist for patients and lay-caregivers.

Benefits: AAWC offers something for everyone! For more information about AAWC, including all volunteer and leadership opportunities, professional and patient resources, membership and benefits, please visit www.aawconline.org.



Attend informative **AAWC Global Volunteers** sessions at SAWC Spring and SAWC Fall conferences.

Be sure that your kind financial contribution is set aside for wound care programs and supports AAWC Member volunteer travel by donating directly to **AAWC Global Volunteers**:

www.aawconline.org/donate/

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