

“The opportunity to live the best life possible”

A World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) visit to Botswana changed the life and work of Angela Forsyth, physical therapist at the Penn Comprehensive Hemophilia Treatment Center in Philadelphia.

“The trip really opened my eyes,” she says. “It’s so unfair that with our wealth of knowledge of hemophilia and advanced factor treatment, there are still places where care is not adequate. While we were visiting the Princess Marina Hospital in Gaborone, we heard of a young man with hemophilia who died from an uncontrolled nosebleed.”

Since her initial visit to Botswana, she’s worked as a volunteer in the WFH Twinning Program, which partners her center and the Princess Marina Hospital. “Our main aim is to help establish long-term hemophilia care that sustains itself,” says Angela. “I strongly believe the benefits of treatment should be available to everyone so they have the opportunity to live the best life possible.”



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As Africa struggles with HIV/AIDS, malaria, armed conflicts and other tragedies, the plight of people with bleeding disorders could easily be overlooked, were it not for World Federation of Hemophilia volunteers like Mirriam Mokwena.

The South African nurse adopted hemophilia care as her mission some 10 years ago when she found that many patients were often diagnosed or treated too late to prevent disability or early death.

“It’s heartbreaking to see a child who will never be able to walk again because his parents didn’t know what to do,” says Mirriam. “Information is vital for hemophilia patients, so I began outreach training and education for people in the black townships and villages.” Conducting workshops and information sessions often involved long and sometimes dangerous travel. She’s braved jungle tracks, dusty roads and floods to meet patients and their families, many of whom never heard of hemophilia. “We touch so many people on this journey,” she says.



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