



Global Advocacy for Children

WHEREAS, 6.6 million children under the age of five die annually, primarily from preventable and easily treatable conditions (World Health Organization); and

WHEREAS, while focused efforts to prevent leading causes of child death in under-resourced countries (related to perinatal/neonatal complications, HIV/AIDS, pneumonia, diarrhea and other infectious diseases) are being addressed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), World Health Organization ("WHO"), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund ("UNICEF"), and philanthropic stakeholders, there remain enormous unmet needs related to management of complex health conditions, access to basic surgical care, comprehensive orthotic services, trauma management and care; and

WHEREAS, investments in public health infrastructure and health system strengthening have the greatest potential for reducing the burden of global disease and disability to children; and

WHEREAS, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago has made longstanding contributions to global health research in areas that include HIV/AIDS, infectious diseases, cardiology, emergency medicine and development of international consensus guidelines for care delivery; and

WHEREAS, Lurie Children's is engaged in global educational partnerships that include Haiti, Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana, China and Southeast Asia and is pursuing other teaching collaborations; and

WHEREAS, Lurie Children's is a member of the Global Alliance for Surgical, Obstetric, Anesthesia and Trauma Care (G4 Alliance) that advocates for policies that extend access to these services in under-resourced countries; and

WHEREAS: Lurie Children's provides care to children from outside the United States and has established a thriving International Patient Services Program that currently supports navigation to institutional care and services to families from more than 50 countries globally; and

WHEREAS, Lurie Children's has launched a Telemedicine Program that can support global tele-mentoring activities in under-resourced countries; and

WHEREAS, A recent institutional survey indicates that 165 Lurie Children's faculty and staff have volunteered in global health activities in 54 countries within the past 5 years and encourage formal institutional engagement in this area; and

WHEREAS: Lurie Children's has the expertise to be a leader in mentoring and convening other children's hospitals to advance - and transform - pediatric health beyond borders.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago align and coordinate its global activities in education, advocacy, research, international patient care and systems-strengthening as a cohesive hospital initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Lurie Children's support efforts to procure government, foundation and other philanthropic funding to advance global health efforts