

# Fall 2019 Newsletter

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## Pos+Abilities

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Healthcare and Education

It's been a busy few months! Although we have been quiet about it, we've been very busy behind the scenes preparing for the coming year and the rollout of the Tanzania Rehabilitation Initiative. Read on to see what we've been up to.

### Africa School Assistance Project (ASAP)





Over the past several months, GPN's Pos+Abilities program has partnered with three new organizations to help reach children in need of rehabilitation so that they may lead to more fruitful lives. We have formalized an agreement with the Africa School Assistance Project - ASAP Africa, specifically to support girls to complete high school and, in some cases, begin college-level education.

This September, we will be sponsoring eight young women as they complete their advanced secondary school levels. Best of luck to Alicia, Bahati, Domitira, Laurencia, Lega, Lucia, Nadhifa and Rosemary in their continued studies.

### Hands on Health Australia (HoHA)



Hands on Health Australia aka HoHA is “dedicated to ensuring lasting and sustainable change whilst bridging gaps in healthcare and collaboratively responding to the needs identified by local communities.” HoHA partners with local NGOs to provide students and volunteers the opportunity to practice and share knowledge while working side-by-side with local community health workers. We are thrilled to be working with HoHA and looking forward to bringing volunteers from this organization to our clinical network as early as January 2020.

Welcoming Dr. Ryan Takagi!!



**Dr. Ryan Tagaki, of Vancouver BC, has accepted the role as clinician from November until the spring of 2020, when he will be relieved by our next full-time clinician. Dr. Takagi's role will be to provide direct patient care, supervise our short-term volunteers, and give direction to local clinicians enrolled in our educational program in musculoskeletal rehabilitation.**

**If you are interested in joining us as a short-term clinical volunteer or as a supervising clinician, please contact [brian@posabilities.org](mailto:brian@posabilities.org).**

**SOS Children's Villages**



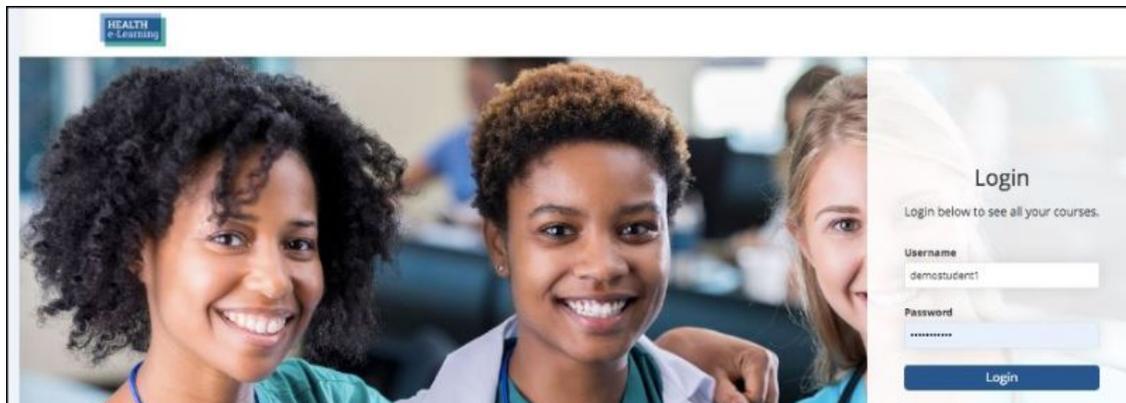


**SOS Children’s Villages became a partner in early spring. SOS Children’s Villages are the largest orphan-focussed charity in the world, providing orphaned and abandoned children with a loving care-giver, a home and a normal home environment.**

**As many children are abandoned due to disability, Pos+Abilities is a natural partner and we look forward to helping many children through TRI, the Tanzania Rehabilitation Initiative.**

**Working with partners on the ground enables us to make the greatest impact with local communities to create better lives for kids and their families.**

## Advanced Clinical Education





**We are thrilled to launch an in-depth program in musculokeletal rehabilitation for clinical officers in Tanzania. The program is built on Absorb, a professional learning management system used by many universities, and is accessible on any internet-capable device. Interactive online modules are supplemented by teleconferencing and hands-on learning in our four affiliated clinics in Tanzania. This is the first professional program in musculoskeletal rehabilitation in Tanzania and is made possible by the generous donation of time and energy by volunteers in Canada. If you would like to join our volunteer faculty, please contact us at [brian@posabilities.org](mailto:brian@posabilities.org).**

### **Playing Trivia in Toronto!**

Thank you to Trisha Dela Cruz for organising Trivia Night at Pauper's Pub! We had so much fun and are looking forward to the next great fundraiser.

If you would like to help out with events or administration in Canada, please contact us [@info@posabilities.org](mailto:@info@posabilities.org) We'd love to have you on board.

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