



Glenys Chapman Scholarship



About Open Heart International

We like to call Australia the lucky country, but when it comes to healthcare, we're not just lucky, we're world leading. So we believe it's not only our privilege, but our responsibility to share surgical best practice with the most disadvantaged communities on the planet.

By bringing modern surgery, training, equipment, and community education to where they are needed most, we're not just saving lives today, we're transforming a whole community's ability to save lives ongoing. And we believe this is truly the most valuable gift we can possibly give other human beings.

We understand that volunteering your time on top of an already hectic work schedule is a huge commitment, taking you away from work, patients, friends, and family. That's why we make sure all our opportunities benefit our volunteers both personally and professionally. Just some of the reasons why volunteering with us might be a good fit are:

- **You benefit along with the patient.** At Open Heart International, we undertake complex surgery in some of the world's most challenging locations. From heart valve replacements, burns scar contractures to cataracts and uterine prolapse, the project we tackle are enough to challenge even the best of the best.
- **Join the best bandwagon.** We've been taking surgical best practice to some of the most disadvantaged communities since 1986. Our proven and safe programs are run between 10 to 50 people at a time, who often count the lasting friendships they make as much a reward as the work they complete.
- **You get to transform whole communities.** We don't believe in a one-off miracle – instead we commit to long-term community-wide change; usually spending between 5 and 20 years in a community up-skilling and educating so you'll know your impact doesn't end when the trip does.

While saving a life today is amazing, the greatest thrill we get is hearing that operations are being performed long after we've left.

If you fit the eligibility, we can't wait to receive your application, and hope you'll be joining our team very soon. Feel free to visit www.ohi.org.au to find out more about who we are.



Glenys Chapman – A life well lived

Glenys' life was defined by how she could serve those around her. Whether it was in her work as a NUM at Sydney Adventist Hospital, or as a Project Coordinator for Open Heart International, service to others was not a throwaway line, but something that defined who she was.

Her annual visits to Nepal were a non-negotiable event in her calendar, and the hundreds of hours that she freely gave in fundraising, planning and preparation to the team and the team's goals in Nepal typifies the person that she was.

Glenys was a senior member of our volunteer team, regularly committing her time and willingly donating her expertise to assist developing countries. The benefits to the health systems and the clinicians in developing countries that she mentored were immense.

Glenys led our Burns Surgery team to Nepal since 2014, after many years volunteering within the team as a Registered Nurse. She also volunteered with our Cleft Lip and Palate team prior to the Burns Surgery team.

As a Project Coordinator, Glenys was ultimately responsible for the leadership of the team and all aspects of the team while it is deployed, for ensuring patient outcomes are best practice, managing strategy, liaising with our partners, and for recruiting suitable volunteers to work in Nepal within her team.

Glenys first volunteered her services to Open Heart International in 1996, and continued to be an active volunteer until her passing. She volunteered on 22 individual trips (all in Nepal). In addition she would have volunteered hundreds of hours each year in Australia to project planning and evaluation activities. She also donated and fundraised over \$75,000 since she began volunteering.

Glenys' work with Open Heart International was also a catalyst to help the people of Nepal in other ways. She has been a key fundraiser and donor to support education improvement initiatives for young children in Nepal. This has involved sponsorship to enable a significant number of children to attend school, plus other financial support for upgrades to facilities.

Glenys passed away on 17th May 2017 surrounded by family in Geraldton, Western Australia, shortly after completing her last visit to Nepal with the Burns Surgery team. Throughout Glenys' life she demonstrated selfless dedication and generosity in giving both to the Open Heart International, and to other communities through her work and volunteering. Glenys will be remembered as an amazing colleague and friend who has left her mark on Open Heart International and all who knew her.



About the Scholarship

The Glenys Chapman Scholarship was established in 2017 to honour the tremendous contribution that Glenys made to Open Heart international.

Through the scholarship it is our intention to provide a San “new grad” nurse an opportunity early in their nursing career to experience how working and volunteering in a developing country is life-changing.

With teaching and capacity building in mind, Open Heart International usually recruits volunteers with years of experience, so an opportunity within a new graduate year is an opportunity worth applying for!

We also hope that the recipient will continue to volunteer with Open Heart International in years to come.

Open Heart International will fund the cost of the recipient's travel and participation in an Open Heart International project visit to Nepal. Our Nepal project visits normally occur just prior to Easter each year.

Costs of flights, accommodation and travel insurance will all be funded. Most meals are also be included in line with the way that meals are organised in the country of travel. You can read more about this in Open Heart International's volunteer guide.

The recipient will still have some minor out-of-pocket expenses such as incidental meals, and any vaccinations/health requirements for the country they will travel to.



Scholarship Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered you must:

- Be currently working in the Sydney Adventist Hospital New Graduate Nursing program at the time of your application.
- Not have previously travelled with Open Heart International in any capacity.
- Be willing and able to take two weeks leave for the purposes of travel to Nepal – this will normally be just prior to Easter (March/April).
- Abide by the Code of Conduct and policies that all Open Heart International volunteers must adhere to. (<http://www.ohi.org.au/code-of-conduct.html>)
- Be willing to the best of your endeavours raise funds for the project you will travel to using our online fundraising platform called GoFundraise. (<http://ohi.gofundraise.com.au>).
- Provide feedback to Open Heart International on your experience.
- Submit an application prior to the due date.

Application Procedure

To apply for the scholarship, you must email to us three documents:

- A response no longer than one page that addresses the following topics.
 - **Why you are applying for the Scholarship, and how you think being awarded the Scholarship will impact your career.**
 - **In today's fast-paced world, explain why volunteering is important in a nurse's career.**
 - **Explain the one personality attribute that you possess that would be most important when working as a nurse in a developing country context.**
- A brief written reference from a SAH staff member that is/was your direct supervisor or an educator within the area that you are/were working.
- An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae.

The three documents should be emailed **all together** to admin@ohi.org.au prior to the due date.

Due Date

Applications must be received prior to 5pm on 30th September 2017.

Selection Panel

The selection panel consists of the Open Heart International General Manager (Michael Were), along with representatives of Glenys' family, and San Education.

Questions or Extra Information

Additional information about volunteering with Open Heart International can be found on our website here: <https://www.ohi.org.au/volunteer.html>

If you have questions about the Glenys Chapman Scholarship, please contact our office on 02 9487 9295 or admin@ohi.org.au

