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has been a strong advocate for people with physical challenges across her 30+ year physical therapy career. Following completion of her Bachelors of Science in Psychology, she served 2 years as a Peace Corps volunteer in remote Zaire, Africa beginning her fascination with the mechanics of human movement and physical challenges. She returned to the US to complete a Masters in Physical Therapy in the Navy in 1987. This afforded her with focused training and implementation opportunities in diverse conventional and integrative health practices as well as a variety of transformational administrative and leadership trainings. She went on to obtain her clinical doctorate in 2011. Today she applies her passion and skill in an intergrated approach towards improving sustainable well-being for individuals and communities. Life experiences such as organizing and implementing a Health and Wellness Promotion program for a target population of 68,000 people at a major US military hospital, establishing a 3-year comprehensive rehabilitation program for post-operative orphans in Romania, founding a community-based alternative Montessori school in northern Thailand, supporting AIDS orphan work in Botswana, pursuing a certification study in spiritual and mystical philosophies and practices, and working for geriatric and dignified end-of-life options in non-profit home health scenarios have been some of the factors contributing to her worldview, non-profit and business practices, therapeutic modalities and teaching relationships.