

# **ALLIANCE FOR CANCERCARE EQUITY**



## **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

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## Message From the President & CEO

Cancer remains a leading cause of morbidity and death world-wide. In sub-Saharan Africa, the number of people who are dying from cancer every year is projected to reach 1 million in 2030. It is also projected that, approximately half of the global childhood cancers will occur in Africa by 2050.

Although, early diagnosis and treatment can cure many cancers, in developing countries, approximately 80% of all cancer patients have advanced, incurable disease at the time of diagnosis due to late presentation which is as a result of financial challenges to seek early diagnosis.

In Ghana, the estimated yearly number of new cancer cases is 24,000 and more than 50% of patients who receive treatment are not able to afford to complete their treatment due to financial challenges. Furthermore, many underserved populations with cancer, including low-income individuals, rural populations and those who are uninsured are not even seeking diagnosis and treatment due to inability to pay for these services.

A diagnosis of cancer is unquestionably very difficult for every patient and family, but it can feel very overwhelming for cancer patients who cannot afford to pay for their treatment.

Thus, the Alliance for CancerCare Equity was founded to take on this very ambitious cause to pay for the cancer treatment of patients in Canada and Ghana who cannot afford to pay for their treatment and related costs.

The organization firmly believes that the financial situation of a patient's family should never dictate their chances of surviving a cancer diagnosis and that no person should die of cancer just because the family cannot afford to pay for their treatment.

However, our organization needs more partners like you to help achieve our goals, and we would greatly appreciate your support for cancer patients' treatment.

With your assistance and generous donations, we could continue to do what is best for cancer patients who cannot afford to pay for their treatment: that is to completely pay for patients' treatment and related costs so that patients and families can focus on getting well.

Thank you and I encourage you to join this Alliance to advance equity in cancer care

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernest Osei", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Ernest Osei  
Founder, President & CEO

## **Our Mission:**

To advance equity in the cancer care continuum from prevention to survivorship and to serve patients battling cancer and their families with the financial, emotional and educational support necessary to cope with the life-threatening illness.

## **Our Vision:**

No cancer patient is denied high-quality cancer care based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay.

## **Who We Are**

Alliance for CancerCare Equity (ACCE) is a registered charity organization in Canada and Ghana to advance equity in cancer care. We firmly believe that no person should die of cancer because the family cannot afford to pay for their treatment. Moreover, the financial situation of a patient's family should never dictate their chances of surviving a cancer diagnosis. Thus we have taken on a very ambitious cause to pay for the cancer treatment and related cost of patients who are without the financial means to pay for their treatment.

## **Our Purposes**

- To fund the treatment, travel and related costs for patients with cancer who are without the financial means to receive adequate healthcare services, in Canada and Ghana
- To provide medical equipment for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients in non-profit community healthcare centers
- To provide cancer patients and their families with access to mutual support groups and related counselling
- To conduct research into the causes, prevention, screening, diagnosis, control, and management of cancer and other diseases, in Canada and Ghana

## **Program Activities**

ACCE achieved the following milestone activities in 2023

- ACCE applied for charitable status with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and we received our charity status effective February 13, 2023
- ACCE registered with CanadaHelps, Paypal Giving Fund and Benevity
- ACCE opened a bank account in Ghana with the First Atlantic Bank

- ACCE fully paid for the cost of treatment for 18 cancer patients in Ghana

## Financial Statements

ACCE INCOME STATEMENT DECEMBER 31 2023	
Donations (2023 opening balance)	5,602.36
Total Revenue Receipted	18,487.83
Total Donations un-receipted	1,984.88
Total Expenses	-21,805.37
Ending Balance January 4 2023	4,269.70
ACCE BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 2023	
Cash	4,269.70
Equity	4,269.70

## Special Mentions and Thank Yous

Special thank you to all our donors in 2023. We also would like to thank all our dedicated board members for their commitment and support throughout 2023.

## Future Goals

To open a MoMo account in Ghana to facilitate donations in Ghana

To look for opportunities to make ACCE known to more patients and the public

To look for opportunities to increase ACCE revenue so we can reach more cancer patients

To look for opportunities to recruit more volunteers to support our cause and help with ACCE activities