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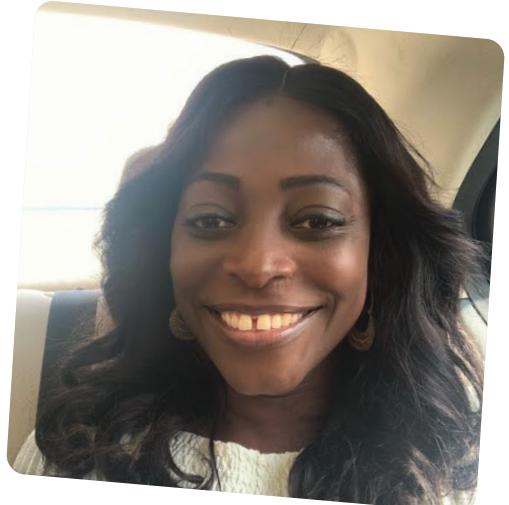
Message From The Executive Secretary

Dear Partners (Corporate Sponsors/Donors, Societies & Associations, Individuals & Volunteers)

The year 2020 as we know, was full of challenges. The past year taught us many lessons and directed our lives in more ways than we could have ever imagined. As an organisation that sources a sizeable portion of her funding from its partners in order to carry out its programmes, projects and activities, the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic led to a significant disruption of our plans and programmes for the year 2020.

Programmes such as our annual fundraising gala/dinner dance, annual Christmas party and some of the children's favourite fun activities such as playtime, learning zone and craft sessions amongst many others, all had to be cancelled due to the introduction of social distancing protocols. Also impacted were very important programmes such as the jewellery & accessory training for mothers of affected children which served as an avenue for therapy (sharing their challenges and supporting each other) whilst enhancing their human capacities through learning a new trade.

The Covid-19 pandemic, also presented us with an opportunity to demonstrate innovation, perseverance, boldness, determination and our ability to go the extra mile in caring for the health and well-being of affected children in Ghana. We are extremely grateful to you our partners who helped make this possible.



In 2020, we received through our doors, 253 children with different forms of cancers including Leukaemia, Soft tissue sarcomas, Retinoblastomas, Neuroblastomas, Wilms Tumors, Brain cancers, Burkitt lymphomas and Osteosarcomas. Approximately +95% or 240 of the children, received varying levels of support from LCCG towards their treatment programmes. We are positively and excitedly looking forward to seeing them get back to full health.

During the year 2020, we also increased our "awareness creation" campaign through the use of multiple platforms to educate the general populace about childhood cancers, early warning signs/benefits of early detection and reporting. Early detection and reporting is extremely important in this fight, as it greatly improves the survival rates for paediatric cancers. Wrongly assuming the signs in children to be related to that of malaria, fevers, eye problems etc, could prove fatal if presented at a late stage.

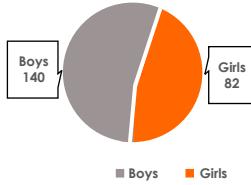
Regardless of the onset of a pandemic or otherwise, cancers will not stop disrupting the lives of our children, and neither will we at LCCG, stop working extremely hard to give them a LIFELINE back to potential full health. However and crucially, we can't win this fight on our own. We need you our partners! Together and working as a team, we can win this fight! Together, we can give a lot more Ghanaian children, a LIFELINE to potential full health.

As we start this new year 2021, we are again extending our hands out to you our partners in friendship. Please do kindly join us. Please do kindly continue supporting us. Let's team up again and make a positive difference to another child's life. Let's team up and put a broad and happy smile on the face of another child, another family and another community in Ghana. Thank you and I wish you a happy, healthy and successful 2021

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Supported Cases 2020



Updates on World Child Cancer/LCCG Programme

In spite of the Pandemic, the project was implemented without any great change to it. All the major components achieved all its outputs with the exception of the jewelry training and craft component which needed to be halted. This was necessary as there was a need to eliminate all activities that required convergence of patients and families.

Updates

- A total of 222 children were supported under the treatment component. Of the total number of patients, 140 were boys and 82 girls.
- A total number of 204 welcome packs were distributed. 196 care packs in Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital and 8 at the Ridge Hospital where they have a new paediatric oncology centre.
- Due to the Pandemic, we were unable to have our annual Christmas party. Nevertheless, were able to give the children a good Christmas experience by giving away presents and treats. 220 Christmas presents were distributed to the children at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital and the Ridge Hospital

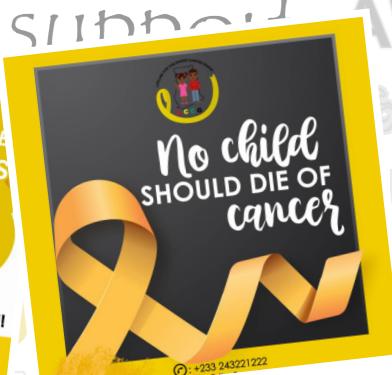
Lifeline for Childhood Cancer Ghana is grateful for the partnership with

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is recognized every September by childhood cancer organizations around the world.

With a goal to increase awareness and raise funds for those affected by childhood cancer, Lifeline for Childhood Cancer Ghana encourages everyone to Go Gold during September to advocate, donate and support the cause in honour and memory of kids with cancer.

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Fundraising Campaign For 2020

As a foundation, we were unable to undertake our annual fundraising gala which has been one of the main ways of raising funds and creating awareness of childhood cancer. This was mainly because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We however took on a new challenge. Our major project for the year, was to raise funds to complete the construction of a three (3) story hostel facility capable of housing thirty (30) families undergoing treatment for Childhood Cancer at any particular time. This project which was started by the Ghana Parents Association of Childhood Cancer has been largely financed by First Lady of the Republic of Ghana (Mrs. Rebecca Akuffo-Addo), for which we are eternally grateful.

Decent and affordable accommodation within close proximity of the children's ward at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, for the growing number of families whose children have been affected by cancer, has been and continues to be highly inadequate. The Pediatric oncology department has no proper accommodation for the many families who are forced to live in squalid houses simply because they cannot afford treatment and decent accommodation at the same time. One will have to be sacrificed for the sake of the other.

We at LCCG, want to support the parents because they are extremely important stakeholders. We want to solve this problem so that parents will have decent and very affordable accommodation, emotional and psychological stability, whilst being close to their children. Our support is for the operation and management of the hostel, provision of furnishings and essentials to make the hostel liveable and child friendly for our families.

With your support, we will be able to engineer the very important emotional and psychological need of affected families through the provision of a safe, affordable and comfortable place of rest whilst solving one of the key bottle necks encountered by families over the treatment journey..



Corporate Corner & Impact Assessment

Corporate: Ghana Reinsurance Co. Ltd.

LCCG was privileged to receive support from Ghana Reinsurance Company. This is the second year in a row where Ghana Re. has stepped in to support Lifeline. Ghana Re donated a total of Ghc21,000.00 for the procurement of beds, baby cots and bedside drawers for the new extended Day Care Unit.

The Day Care centre is where affected out-patient children come for their day treatment.

Previously, the Day Care centre had six (6) beds and two (2) baby cots

Currently, this has increased to ten (10) beds and six (6) baby cots.

Thanks to Ghana Reinsurance Co Ltd, we are now able to treat a lot more children than before.

LCCG is truly grateful for the support from Ghana Reinsurance Co Ltd.



Mr. George Mensah
CEO, Ghana Re.



Friends of Lineline for Childhood Cancer

Bakeshop Classics Ghana



We are grateful to Bakeshop Classics for providing a birthday cake to every child, nurse and doctor on their birthday. For our children, birthdays are celebrated during treatment and in times of pain. Bakeshop was able to lift the spirit of these little ones and to make their fight with cancer even more bearable.

Rotary
Club of Accra - Ring Road Central
District 9102



Thank you, the Rotary Club of Accra Ring Road Central for celebrating Christmas with us and showing us so much love. We are so grateful.

Sweettooth Desserts



Our friends from Sweettooth Desserts brought us cupcakes, sweet and toys every other Wednesday. Because of you wednesdays are our favorite days. Thank you sweettooth desserts

Ghana NCD Alliance/Childhood Cancer Strategy.



GhNCDA
Ghana Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance



Earlier in 2020, LCCG was invited by the Ghana Non Communicable Disease Partners Group set up by the Ghana Health Service, to participate in a two day conference which was to culminate in the development of the NCD Navigator Data Collection Tool. This tool was to populate the profiles and details of all organisations within the Non-Communicable Disease Space.

The intention was to identify all the specialists within the space, to enable efficacy and establish synergies where necessary. This was an important step for Lifeline for Childhood Cancer Ghana as we were seen as a key player within the childhood cancer space. This gave us the opportunity to speak with other players and identify ways of collaborating our efforts.

Following the first conference, and the first round of Data Collection and analysis, we had the opportunity to validate our information in the Navigator.

We also had the opportunity to participate in a Stakeholder meeting on the Draft Childhood Cancer Strategy and Action Plan for Ghana from the 16th-18th of December 2020. This is part of the Broader WHO initiative to establish Ghana as a Centre of Excellence in Treatment and Cure of Childhood Cancers. It was an important programme and we (LCCG) believe it will lead to the development and implementation of a number of very important policy changes which will impact positively in the fight against childhood cancer in Ghana.

The Ridge Hospital - LCCG support towards Childhood Cancer Treatment



Dr. Nihad Salifu
(Paediatric Oncologist)
Ridge Hospital Accra

Survivor's Corner



This year, we shine the spotlight on one of our many survivors.

Bright Duut was a scared little nine year old boy when he was transferred to us from the Tamale Teaching Hospital. Bright is one of three children. He lost his father when he was three years old. He moved to his Grandmother's home in Nalerugu in the North East Region. When Bright turned 7 years, his grandmother noticed that his stomach had gotten enlarged. He was subsequently sent to the traditional healer for treatment. The traditional treatment lasted for two years until the family realised the situation was getting worse. He was first sent to the Nalerugu Medical Centre, and subsequently re-directed to the Tamale Teaching Hospital for further treatment.

At the Tamale Teaching Hospital, he was diagnosed with bilateral Wilms tumour. After the initial diagnosis, he was rushed to the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital to begin immediate treatment. This was in September of 2019.

At Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, a full diagnosis was performed and treatment immediately started. Bright Duut underwent thirteen cycles of chemotherapy to help reduce the size of tumor. After the final cycle, surgery was performed to remove the tumor to save his life. Six more cycles of chemotherapy were done after surgery and ten (10) rounds of intense radiation treatment.

In all, Bright and his family lived in Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital for a total of 17 (seventeen) months. That is how long the treatment took. Bright Duut is now back with his family in Nankpanduri and enjoying a normal life. He is back at school and growing up as a normal 11 year old boy.

We are proud of Bright Duut and his amazing journey. Bright has shown strength and such bravery in his treatment.

LCCG was both extremely sad and happy at the same time, to see Bright discharged. LCCG gave Bright Duut, his first air travel experience on an airplane back to Tamale. This gesture was to show him and his family, how proud we are of him. Together (our partners inclusive), we shine the spot light on a now very healthy Bright Duut....Great News..Yay!!



Christmas Cheer

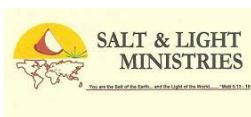


On behalf of all the children at Lifeline for Childhood Cancer Ghana would like to say a big thank you to our donors, our sponsors, patrons for your immense support and love, ensuring that we get the treatment, care and cure for childhood cancer.

we are eternally grateful to you.



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Support Us & Make A Donation

Lifeline for Childhood Cancer Ghana relies on the generosity of partners like you to provide funds that will offer the support, information and services to families going through one of the toughest fights of their lives. With your donations we can reach more families to ensure they are not alone.

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