



Annual Report

2019



ABOUT US

Lifeline for Childhood Cancer Ghana (LCCG) is a non-profit organization dedicated to amongst many others: making cancer control a national health priority, facilitating and increasing access to optimal medical care/treatment for children with cancer, providing support to affected families, creating awareness among the general public, promoting capacity building in childhood cancer for health workers and advocating for accessible high quality diagnostic and treatment facilities in Ghana.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to optimize access to the best possible care for all children affected by cancer in Ghana, ensuring that no such child suffers needlessly.

Specifically, LCCG will;

- Raise funds for the treatment and care of children with cancer and their families.
- Facilitate access to medical care for children with cancer including effective palliative care.
- Create awareness among the general public about childhood cancers in Ghana.
- Promote the development of training materials for health workers which will be integrated into pre-service and in-service training to ensure early detection and optimal treatment.
- Advocate for accessible high quality diagnostic and treatment facilities in Ghana.

OUR VISION

Our vision is that every child with cancer, no matter where they live in Ghana, will get the treatment that they need to achieve a cure, and that their families will get the support (both financial and emotional) that they need for timely diagnosis and treatment.



HOPE

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Dear Partners,

With our heart full of gratitude, We would like to say a big thank you to you for riding with us on this journey for the last year and a half. And what an incredible journey it has been so far. We have been awed and overwhelmed by your support and your show of love towards our children who are currently undergoing treatment. 2019 was a wonderful year. Together with your contributions, we were able to raise funds in excess of Ghc300,000.00 which went into treatment of our children, awareness creation efforts, training on jewelry making for our mums and supporting our families in various welfare activities.

Every day through our work at Lifeline for childhood Cancer Ghana, we get to salute and honour these children who are fighting the biggest fight of their lives. What stands out most to me in this journey is the resilience of these children as they battle with their disease. We watch them with pride at how stoic they are in handling their pains, their fears and look forward to their future. For many of these children, we are uncertain what the future holds for them. But together, we are committed to fighting with them.

For me as a parent who lost a daughter to childhood cancer, I can share in the anguish of families that have to go through this every day, going on their hands and knees praying that that their child will get through this. We cannot guarantee or promise any outcome of their diagnosis and treatment. However what we can promise is we will give them the treatment that they need to achieve a cure, and that families will get the support, both financial and emotional that they need for timely diagnosis and treatment.

To us, every child matters. No child has to die simply because their parents are unable to cover their treatment costs. With your continuous support, we hope 2020 will be a superb year full of positive stories and more reason to be grateful.

Thank you so much

Akua Sarpong





MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH WITH WORLD CHILD CANCER, UK

In January, 2019, Lifeline for Childhood Cancer signed a three year memorandum of Understanding with World Child Cancer UK.

The objective of the agreement is to reduce the number of patients who abandon treatment, improve quality of life of children and their families during treatment and provide specialized support at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital

Under the agreement, World Child Cancer UK is supporting Lifeline for Childhood Cancer with \$25,560.00 each year for three years to undertake these activities.

At the end of 2019, we are pleased to say that the project has been a success. In 2019, LCCG was able to support treatment cost to 278 children in both diagnosis, drug treatment and surgical procedures. Under the welcome pack component, a total of 301 bags have been supplied to families. A total of 27 women have been trained under the beads training component. These mothers have all completed their training and now have an alternative avenue of income to support their families.

We are so grateful for the support from World Child Cancer Uk and look forward to chalk more successes under this programme in subsequent years.



World Child Cancer
No child should suffer

Activities under the programme includes;

- Supporting childhood cancer patients' treatment costs
- Provision of 'Welcome Packs' to families new to the ward containing items such as basic hygiene and food items
- Provision of a 'Christmas Party' once a year to be held near to Christmas for current patients, survivors and their families
- Livelihood training for guardians of childhood cancer patients in jewellery making

WELCOME PACKS FOR PATIENTS AND GUARDIANS

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Some of our families arrive with only the clothes on their back and a few Cedis, with no idea of how long they may have to stay.

LCCG, with the support of World Child Cancer UK, provided welcome packs for the new families who had just discovered that their children would have to be admitted immediately for medical treatment. For most parts, these families come to the hospital on a referral to undertake further investigations on the back of symptoms the children were exhibiting. The welcome packs have proved invaluable. They contain essential supplies that help the families settle in well during their first few days of unplanned admission at the wards.

Three Rolls of toilet paper
Two cakes of soap
A towel
Toothbrush and toothpaste
A cup with spoon
A plate
Ten sachets of hot chocolate
Ten sachets of milk
Four packs of biscuits
A small toy.
A total of 301 welcome packs have been distributed

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JEWELRY AND BEADS TRAINING SECTIONS

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WOMEN TRAINED
IN BEAD AND
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SEPTEMBER – CHILD CANCER AWARENESS HEALTH WALK

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to acknowledge the thousands of children and their families who are dealing with a cancer, raise awareness about the reality of childhood cancer in Ghana, and emphasize the importance of supporting children who are affected by this disease and are unable to receive the necessary treatment due to financial constraints.

Lifeline for Childhood cancer Ghana utilized the month to raise massive awareness across the country through various media platforms, including live interviews at CitiTv, metroTV, organized a health walk to educate the public on the disease as well as organize a fundraising Gala to raise funds for the treatment of children affected by Cancer in Ghana. The Health walk had representation from all walks of life-doctors, nurses, technicians, mothers, friends, groups etc. The walk attracted over three hundred people





Gala and Fundraising

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On November 2nd, Lifeline for childhood Cancer held its first fundraising Gala at the Alisa Hotel. The event was a resounding success and raised an amount of Ghc115,000.00. We are so grateful to our patron , the 1st Lady of the Republic of Ghana, Mrs Rebecca Akuffo-Addo, our Board of Trustees, patients, partners of the medical fraternity, families who were able to attend the event and helped make it a great success.

FUNDRAISING GALA



Deputy Minister For Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Freda Akosua Prempeh, speaking at the event

Deputy Minister For Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Freda Akosua Prempeh speaking at the event, underscored the need for children with cancer to be given the opportunity to stay alive through access to life-saving essential medicines and appropriate and quality medical treatments.

"My ministry, the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection pledge our full support for children living with cancer. I want to assure LCCG that you have the full support of the First Lady Rebecca Akufo-Addo since she is passionate about the welfare of children and has personally been actively involved in various projects that provide care for children," the minister assured.

Hon. Freda Prempeh commended LCCG for this initiative meant to touch families and the lives of children affected by cancer.

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Speaking at the Fund Raising Gala, Prof. Lorna Awo Renner, a Member of the Board of Trustees of LCCG and Head of the Paediatric Oncology Unit at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, lamented that cancer treatment is very expensive,

hence there was a critical need to raise funds through diverse activities to provide treatment and diagnosis for Children with Cancer.

"Due to the expensive nature of the treatment processes and drugs, childhood cancer has often led to huge financial burdens on families, and in most cases, the deaths of infants," she bemoaned.

She further revealed that Ghana was selected among countries by the World Health Organization (WHO) when the WHO set new targets under its Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer – with the aim of reaching at least a 60% survival rate for children with cancer by the year 2030.

"This new target represents a doubling of the global cure rate for children with cancer. The aims of the Initiative are two-fold: to increase prioritization of childhood cancer through awareness raising at global and national levels, and to expand the capacity of countries to deliver best practice in childhood cancer care. Concretely, WHO will support governments to assess current capacities in cancer diagnosis and treatment including the availability of medicines and technologies; set and cost priority cancer diagnosis and treatment programmes; and integrate childhood cancer into national strategies, health benefits packages., and social insurance schemes," she revealed.







END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Our Heroes

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Our Super Heroes



Our Lil ' ' Soldiers



OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

We would like to say thank you to our all our corporate sponsors who have stood with us and made a difference to the lives of these children under our care. And to the countless individual donors who have contributed to ensure we keep operating and do what we do, we celebrate you, salute you and cherish you from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you all

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How You Can Help

Monthly Support



Join our league of super Heroes who make regular donations to LCCG for the treatment and care of children living with cancer in Ghana.

Fundraisers



As a company, church or even family, Plan Your Own Fundraiser; hold a car wash, plan an art auction, organize a gala, canoe across a lake, bake cookies or flip pancakes. There are countless ways to raise funds for children affected by cancer and each fundraiser makes a difference.

Volunteer



Volunteer Your Time. Whether you enjoy working with children, prefer the allure of special event planning or the quiet of an office, we have a place for you.

Donations can be made through

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