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Who are we?

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.

Childhood cancer can be cured provided the known effective treatments are made available, affordable and are utilised.

What we believe

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.

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.

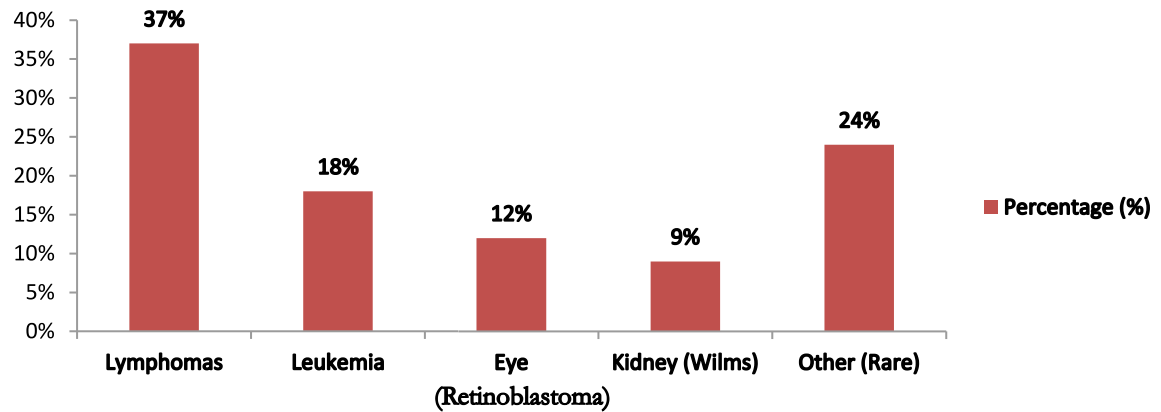
Specifically, **LCCG** will;

- 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.

Every child, no matter where they live, should have access to treatment and the chance of a cure and effective palliative care when necessary.



Most Common Paediatric Cancers in Ghana



Wilms tumour



Retinoblastoma



Rhabdomyosarcoma
(soft tissue or muscle cancer)



Lymphoma



SURVIVORS STORIES



Franklin is a 16 year old boy who lives in Labadi, Accra. In March of 2016, when he was 13, he discovered a small boil/mole on his leg. There was nothing unusual about the boil. Together with his mother, they sought treatment at the Rabito Clinic in Accra. He was treated with a boil ointment for three days which showed no apparent progress. Following that, he sought further treatment at the SSNIT hospital in Accra. A number of tests were conducted and it was agreed that the boil was going to be removed surgically.

With his mother unemployed and Father struggling financially to even support the family, it was agreed to seek treatment from a herbal clinic in Amasaman, a suburb of Accra, as they could not financially afford to undertake the surgery. After consulting two herbal clinics for treatment, the condition had only worsened which left him in constant excruciating pain. Following that, he sought treatment at the Amasaman Hospital and was thereafter referred to the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital.

After an extensive examination and investigation was conducted, Franklin was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in May of 2016. Osteosarcoma is a bone cancer that begins in the cells that form the bone. It is predominant in the long bones that make up the arm and leg. Franklin begun chemotherapy treatment immediately for close to a year and a half. In August of 2017, his first surgery was performed and his right leg amputated up to his thigh level. A second correctional surgery was performed to remove the bone that was still growing out of his stub on the 8th of December. Franklin endured a total of twenty cycles of chemotherapy which he completed in January of 2018.

Today, Franklin is a normal happy sixteen year old boy who is studying to be a doctor in the future. With his prosthesis, he is able to live his life like a normal sixteen year old.

His advice to everyone is to seek immediate medical attention as soon any usual symptom is detected. He strongly advises against seeking medical treatment from unauthorized herbalists and prayer camps.

Franklin was able to cover all his treatment from the benevolence of individuals and groups. He is eternally grateful to Professor Renner and the team for their immense support throughout his journey.



Praises Nkansah was only eight years old when she felt unwell – an unusual heaviness in her mouth, accompanied by excruciating pains in her joints. The next day, her mother took her to a local hospital in Kumasi. Praises was treated for malaria but the symptoms worsened. After four more hospital visits, Praises was referred to Korle–Bu Hospital where she was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (**ALL**), a type of blood cancer. **ALL** is one of the commonest types of childhood cancer. Symptoms include body weakness, bone pain, low blood levels, bleeding, fever and frequent infections.

Praises **ALL** diagnosis was emotionally and financially devastating for a family already struggling to make ends meet – her father was unemployed and her mother was doing her best to provide their basic needs. Now they needed thousands of cedis that they did not have, to give their daughter a fighting chance.

Without the support of Professor Lorna Renner, who helped raise funds from donors to cater for chemotherapy costs and living expenses at Korle–Bu Hospital for the next three years, Praises would have been another statistic of children who did not make it through childhood cancer. Today, Praises has completed a Bachelor's degree from the University of Ghana and She is married and a proud mother of a beautiful girl.



HOW TO DETECT EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF CHILDHOOD CANCERS

S

SEEK

Medical help early for persistent symptoms

I

EYE

White spot in the eye, new squint, new blindness, bulging eyeball

L

LUMP

Abdomen and pelvis, head and neck, limbs, testes and glands.

U

UNEXPLAINED

Prolonged fever over two weeks, loss of weight, pallor, fatigue, easy bruising or bleeding.

A

ACHING

Bones, joints, back and easy fractures.

N

NEUROLOGICAL SIGNS

Change or deterioration in walk, balance or speech, regression of milestones, headache for more than a week with or without vomiting, enlarging head.



HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS:

Every little bit counts. Your financial support will go a long way to bring a smile on a child's face

€100

could provide a welcome pack of basic supplies for a family new to the ward at Korle-Bu

€200

could pay for one out of six cycles of chemotherapy for a child with retinoblastoma

€500

could pay for a head CT scan with contrast for a child with brain tumour.

€1000

could cater for pre-surgery chemotherapy

€1500

could support an MRI scan of the torso

€2500

could cater for the cost of surgery of a child with Wilms tumour.

€5000

could pay for essential paediatric equipments and consumables at Korle-Bu



Our children deserve a Lifeline, a very strong fighting chance to live and also contribute to the development of Ghana.



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LCCG believes that, all affected children in Ghana have;

- The right to early and proper diagnosis;
- The right to access life-saving essential medicines;
- The right to appropriate and quality medical treatments;
- The right to have access to sufficient palliative care where necessary and;
- The right for their families to be supported emotionally and financially (prohibitive treatment cycle costs). Cancer is bad enough, but childhood cancer is particularly devastating on families, communities and nations.

Our Promise

- to work tirelessly for all children with cancer in Ghana and their families to achieve a cure as well as ensuring effective palliative care;
- to create awareness among the general public;
- to promote education of health workers on childhood cancer in Ghana;
- to make childhood cancer a national health priority and;
- to serve our donors with the utmost integrity and transparency

LET US ACT NOW FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER IN GHANA!



MAKE A DONATION

Lifeline for Childhood Cancer Ghana relies on the generosity of people and companies 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.

Donations can be made through

1. MTN MoMo

MoMo Number: 0555751377

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