

NEWSLETTER VOL. 2

JAN. - JULY 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

2020 as we know it, has been full of surprises. The year has taught us many lessons and directed our lives in more ways than we could have imagined. As an organisation that receives its funding from individual sponsors/donors and corporate organisations, we have been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic in our efforts to fund raise for our activities and programmes. The Covid-19 pandemic has nonetheless, presented us with opportunities to further demonstrate care, love, support, innovation and the ability to effect positive and long lasting changes. Now more than ever, we need to step up for our most vulnerable children and their families.

Cancer has not stopped wrecking havoc on our little ones, neither will we stop doing everything in our power to make a difference in their lives. Please do kindly show up and support our "little heroes" at the time they need you most.

God Bless you.

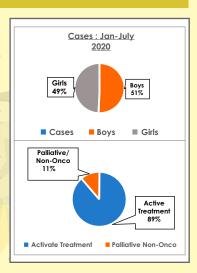
UPDATES ON OUR PATIENT COUNT

From January to date, we have received through our doors 124 children (+49.0% girls and +51.0% boys).

+89.0% have actively been treated at the Oncology Department. +11.0% of the cases presented, were either non-Onco or palliative.

2020 has been an extremely difficult year as we have been presented with too many late stage cases. Clearly, we need to do much more in creating awareness about childhood cancer and ensuring that parents/guardians/carers are able to identify the early warning signs to ensure early treatment and optimise survival rates. Childhood cancers are curable when detected early. To all our "little Heroes" who have attained their angels wings and flown off to Heaven, we ask the Good Lord to keep them in his bosom until we meet again.

May their Gentle Souls rest in Peace. +++



INITIATIVES AND IMPACT

WORLD CHILD CANCER/UBS OPTIMUM PROJECT

Thankfully, the WCC-LCCG programmes supported by UBS Optimum Foundation, have been unaffected by the Covid-19 pandemic. As at the end of June 2020, LCCG had received funding covering 3 quarters (January-September) towards the implementation of the programme.

The Covid-19 pandemic has however, slightly hindered the roll-out of programmes this year. We have had to delay the roll-out of core projects such as jewellery and craft making for the mothers and children, due to social distancing (2m) protocols. This (strict adherence to protocols) is of extreme importance as potential infections will significantly comprise the immunity of the children. As at the end of July 2020, we had treated 83 children and distributed 103 welcome packs to our new families under this project.

Each welcome pack contains the following;

2 bottles of Hand sanitizers

2 cakes of soap

A towel

2 toothbrushes and 2 tubes of toothbaste

1 plate, 1 cup

4 packets of biscuits

20 sachets of hot chocolate

DONATION OF EQUIPMENT BY GHANA REINSURANCE CO.LTD

At the beginning of the year, we were privileged to receive medical equipment from Ghana Re Ltd.

The medical equipment included;

- Ambulatory BP Monitors
- Pulse Auxometers
- Vital Monitors
- · Cardiac Monitors
- Thermometers

We are grateful to Ghana Re. for coming to our aid when we needed it most.







World Child Cancer

No child should suffer

LCCG DONATES PPE'S AND ENSURES SUSTAINABILITY

LCCG was able to support the mothers and children in the Mothers' Hostel with cash for sustenance (food and groceries) during the lockdown period.

Most of these families were unable to travel back to their towns and villages due to the travel restrictions imposed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We ensured that they were very well sustained over the period.

We also donated PPEs (veronica buckets, face masks and hand sanitizers) to the wards, day care

centres, children (mask for each child) and their families.



REHABILITATION WORKS IN THE ONCOLOGY WARD



LCCG was able to undertake major rehabilitation works in the bathrooms and toilets on the wards.

The project involved the changing of all the toilet bowls, sinks and faucets, fitting of new bathroom and toilet doors and the painting of the entire washroom.

Total Capital expenditure for this project was GHC 14.000.00

This has been made possible through your continuing support and donations to LCCG.

On behalf of all the children (users of these facilities), we say a very big THANK YOU for your generosity and love towards the "little heroes".



STAR OF THE MONTH- JEREMIAH NYADROVOR

Jeremiah Nyadrovor was a normal and happy 17 year old boy who completed his Junior High School at the Methodist Basic School in Tema in 2018.

He was an active football & volley ball player, and loved having fun like any other teenager. He also loved going to church and enjoyed meeting up with his friends. Towards the end of 2018, he felt this excruciating pain in his left leg. The pain lingered for a long time. He initially sought treatment at the Faith Medical Clinic in Tema and was subsequently referred to Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital for



further treatment. In Korle-Bu, he was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma (Cancer of the Bone). The news threw his world and life upside down. He immediately started treatment (chemotherapy) and was advised that, his left leg would have to be amputated due to the severity of his cancer. He never imagined it could happen to him. The amputation shattered his life. He couldn't do anything for himself. He felt his life was over.

With the support of LCCG, Jeremiah was able to successfully complete his treatment and acquire his new leg (Prosthetic). With the help of his new leg,

he has regained his confidence and is extremely happy he is now able to do all the things he has missed doing.

With hope fully restored, he is now confidently looking forward to the future and wants to become a medical Doctor when he grows up.

This is one of the several reasons why LCCG exists, and why your support is extremely important.

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

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2. Agricultural Development Bank Branch: Ridge Main Branch Account Name: Lifeline for Childhood Cancer Ghana Account No. 0501010136028301 (cedi) No. 0503040136028301 (forex dollar) No. 0503030136028301 (foreign dollar)

3. Online Payment - on our website at www.lccghana.org https://rave.flutterwave.com/donate/inmfco3jwkfp

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