



Profile

For lack of Knowledge our people are dying

Website: www.dwib.org - Email: dwib@dwib.org

GHANA:

Tel: +233 (0) 21 763361 Mob: +233 (0) 244 282 249 / +233 (0) 277 446573 Fax: +233 (0) 21 763365
P O Box 14031, GP, Accra, Ghana.

UK:

Tel: +44 (0) 20 7274 5745 Mob: 07751 790 406 / +44 (0) 7951 355 949 Fax: +44 (0) 870 160 3922
277b Milkwood Road, London, SE24 OHE, UK.

Introduction

Leukaemia is a cancerous disease of the white blood cells in the body. It begins in the blood-forming cells of the bone marrow. Treatments include chemotherapy and in many cases bone marrow transplant to kick-start production of red blood cells.

Leukaemia affects both Black and White people and strikes at random while chronic varieties may exist for years before they are diagnosed. It is neither contagious nor hereditary but extremely fatal in most cases.

There are more than a dozen varieties of leukaemia, but the following four types are the most common:

- acute lymphocyte leukaemia (ALL)
- acute myelogenous leukaemia (AML)
- chronic lymphocyte leukaemia (CLL)
- chronic myelogenous leukaemia (CML)

In the Black Community, leukaemia is not thought of as a black disease. The Anthony Nolan Trust in the United Kingdom is the biggest bone marrow register in the world with 361,000 donors. Of these, 8522 are of African Caribbean origin, 9159 are Indians and People of mixed race and the remaining 343,319 are White people. The current global bone marrow match statistics sourced from the BBC website (www.bbc.co.uk) show that for every 1 in 5 white people, a match is found while for every 1 in 250,000 black people, a match is found. As far as research shows, there is no such register in sub-Saharan African, which is the gene pool of Black People.

The lack of black donors can be attributed to poor awareness of the disease, as a result, majority of black people who are diagnosed with the disease end up dying.

DWIB (Danny Whyte and Ivor Burford – two living people of African origin who have been diagnosed with the illness) Leukaemia Trust has been set up in the United Kingdom and Ghana initially, with the aim to increase awareness of leukaemia in the West African sub-Region, and improve access to effective diagnostic and treatment resources for low-income sufferers.

Objectives

- (i) To set up the first Bone marrow register for a Sub-Saharan Country in Africa at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital
- (ii) To embark on advocacy programmes that focus on creating awareness of the disease to the public in general and second cycle and tertiary education specifically to encourage participation
- (iii) To establish a website for the Trust to enhance its activities in areas of information and education.

- (iv) Get Ghana's Bone marrow Register linked to the Global Bone marrow Register
- (v) Acquire Ultra-modern Equipment for Korle- Bu Teaching Hospital Haematology Department
- (vi) To set up a fund to assist leukaemia patients go through their treatment at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital
- (vii) To mirror all the above objectives in other developing countries around the world

Current Activities*

- Credibility drive – search for credible, well respected, distinguished people to become patrons of the trust
- Awareness campaigns in the electronic and print media
- Further development of website (www.dwib.org) set up for the Trust
- Organize fundraising events to raise funds to pursue activities to realize objectives of the Trust (an initial target is to raise one million pounds £1,000,000.00)

Projected Activities*

- Set up an ultra-modern bone register – the first of its kind in sub-Saharan Africa – at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital.
- Broaden awareness campaigns by including visits to Secondary and Tertiary Institutions specifically to encourage participation
- Acquire ultra modern equipment for Korle- Bu Haematology department
- Set up a Fund to assist leukaemia patients go through their treatments at Korle-Bu Hospital
- Seek support from other Countries in the sub-Saharan region of Africa
- Link Ghana's bone marrow register - once it is set up – to the global bone marrow register.

*** In conjunction with City 2000 Youth Action International – the Trust's Implementing Partner Organization in Ghana**

Current list of Executive Council Members - Ghana

Mr. Danny Whyte (CEO of Whitesys Ltd)	- Executive Director/Founder
Justice Mrs Helena Abban	- Chairperson
Mr Ed Gerber (Chairman of Alliance Media)	- Deputy Chairman
Mr Ladi Nylander (CEO of Johnson Wax)	- Treasurer
Mrs Thyra Riby-Williams Effah (CEO-Headlines Hospitality Ltd.)	- Public Relation Person
Ken Brookman Amissah (CEO of Brookman Amissah & Associate)	- Public Relation Person
Ambassador Chris Kpodo (Former Acting High Commissioner to UK & Ambassador to Congo)	- Secretary
Sarah-Lynn Mansaray (Back-Up & Byte Management Service)	- Memeber
Mr Kofi Ansah (CEO of Artdress)	- Member
Dr Ivy Ekem (Head of Korle-Bu Hematology)	- Member
Chief Dele Momodu (CEO of Ovation Mag)	- Member
Prof K. Frimpong-Boateng (Head of Korle-Bu)	- Member
Constance Swaniker-Boateng (Mrs) (CEO of Accent & Art)	- Member
Mr Paul Quaye (Commissioner of Police)	- Member
Mr Kwame Young-Gyampo (CEO-Golden Beach Hotels)	- Member
Mr Kwaw P. Ansah (CEO of TV Africa)	- Member
Mr Sammy Adjepong (CEO of Ayton Drug Co Ltd)	- Member
Mr Essam Odaymat (CEO- Rana Motors Co. Ltd.)	- Member

Current list of Patrons - Ghana

RT Hon. Ebenezer Begyina Sekyi-Hughes	- Speaker of Parliament
Hon Nana Akomea	- Member of Parliament
Dr Yaw Fiagbe	- KNUST, Kumasi
Prof. Agyeman Badu Akosa	- Director-General, GHS
Dr Godfried Asiamah	- Police Medical Service
Mr Alex Mould	- Standard Chartered Bank (Hqrs)
Dr Shirley Owusu- Ofori	- Komfo Anokye Blood Bank
Mrs Setor F. Apaloo	- Manager, Stanchart, Osu Branch
Dr Andrews	- Neurosurgeon, Accra
Mrs Efua Asabea Yeboah	- Ghana Telecom Headquarters
Minister Lincoln Donkor	- CEO Lizdon Fabrics and Garments and Writer of Lincoln Donkor Excellence Motivation Powerline. North. Legon
Esther D. Ofori	- CEO, Ghana Trade Fair Co Ltd
Dr Hiadzi	- Lister Hospital, Airport Hills
Mr Mawuli Okudzeto	- MKOGH, North Ridge
Mrs. Mansa Nettey	- Standard Chartered Bank, Ghana.
Mr David Asante Apeatu	- Director of CID
Mr Harry Sintim Aboagye	- Reha Medical Supplies
Mr Edmund Bampoh	- Abba Scientific Promotions Ltd.
Mr R. Kofi Nyantakyi	- TV3 General Manager Corporate Service

Current list of Executive Council Members – United Kingdom

Danny Whyte	-IT Consultant & DWIB Founder
Ivor Burford	-DWIB UK Public Person (IT Business Analyst, Restaurateur & Business Man & DWIB Joint Founder)
Kojo Oware-	-DWIB UK Chairman (Property Consultant & Business Executive)
Ann-Marie Burford	- DWIB UK Public Person (Restaurateur & Businessman)
Stella Appiah-Kubi	- DWIBUK Treasurer (Haematology Doctor & Registrar)
Ish Osei	- Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Nurse
Melvin William Quartey	-IT Consultant
Richard Frimpong	-Senior Charge Nurse & Ward Manager
Kwami Christian Agbodza-	DWIB UK Secretary (Economist)
Prince Buer Aryee	-Civil Servant & Case Worker

Donation Details

Donate to bank

Account Name: DWIB Leukaemia Trust(Ghana)

Account Bank: Standard Chartered Bank

Account Branch: Any Standard Chartered Bank Branch Nationwide

Account No: 0100103398100

Send us a donation by post

You can send a cheque or money order by post to mailing address:

DWIB Leukaemia Trust

P.O Box 14031, GP, Accra, Ghana

Donate by phone

We accept most major credit and debit cards. To donate by phone, call:

Tel +233 (0) 21 763 360

Mob +233 (0) 244 282 249

Donate by fax

We accept most major credit and debit cards. To donate by fax, call:

Fax +233 (0) 21 763 365

Donate In PERSON:

Location 3 Osu/La Road, Near Castle Junction

Registration Details

Register General Number

G-15,215

Accra Metropolitan Registration No

A.026/10/231

Conclusion

DWIB Leukaemia Trust intends to make a difference in the lives of people who will be unfortunate to suffer from this unpleasant disease. We hope that all who associate with the noble aims and objectives of the Trust will join us to convert this tragedy into hope for future generations.