



OKAPI CHILDREN CANCER FOUNDATION

PROFILE

BRIEF HISTORY OF

OKAPI



CHILDREN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Okapi Children Cancer Foundation (OCCF) is a Non-Governmental Organization founded in 2017 by like-minded friends passionate about humanitarian causes.

Formerly known as Friends for a Cause, the organization underwent a name change in 2018 and was officially registered as a Non-profit/Non-Governmental Organization with the Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria in September 2019 (CAC/IT/NO 135583).

The Foundation was inspired by the life of **Tunde Ogungbaya** who was popularly known as OKAPI. Tunde was born in 1966 and studied Accounting in the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University). He was diagnosed with Cancer in 2016 and sadly passed on to glory in May 2017. He was a devoted father, husband, brother, son, friend, and colleague. Everyone who knew him would testify to his love for children, fitness, and healthy eating. He ran four (4) marathons and was a triathlete.

The Foundation has been set up to assist children battling cancer and be a formidable voice in the childhood cancer advocacy sphere. Without reference to religion or ethnic affiliations, OCCF supports children receiving treatment in the following hospitals:

- **National Hospital Abuja**
- **University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Gwagwalada**
- **Federal Medical Centre, Abuja (Jabi)**

Over the period in which the Foundation has been operational, it has intervened in over 200 cases of children receiving treatment for different types of Cancer. Some of these Children are survivors of Cancer following her intervention and are now living normal healthy lives.

With your support OCCF hopes to extend her reach to save more Nigerian children.

OUR MOTTO:

Give Hope, Share Love

VISION

To be the support system for children diagnosed with cancer in Nigeria

MISSION

To inspire hope, provide emotional, psychological and financial support to children diagnosed with Cancer.



WHAT WE DO



FUND CHILDHOOD CANCER TREATMENT

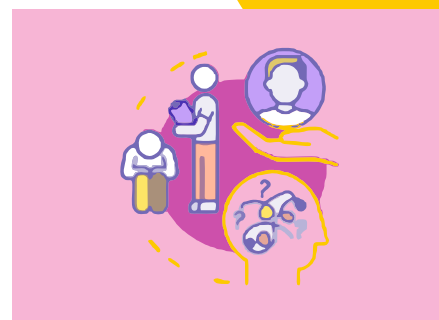
OkapiCCF allocates resources to fund medical treatments for children diagnosed with cancer.

This encompasses costs related to chemotherapy, surgeries, medications, and other essential medical procedures required for the treatment and recovery of the champs.

CAPACITY BUILDING

OkapiCCF invests in the development of healthcare professionals, caregivers, and communities involved in the care of children with cancer.

Capacity building initiatives may include training programs, workshops, and educational campaigns aimed at enhancing knowledge and skills related to Pediatric oncology.



PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

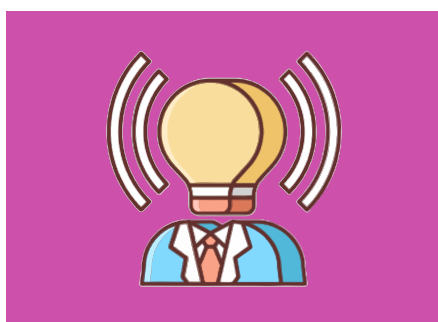
Recognizing the emotional toll that cancer takes on children and their families, the Foundation provides psychological support services.

This involves counseling, support groups, and other mental health resources to help children and their families cope with the challenges associated with cancer diagnosis and treatment.



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

We recognizes the toll childhood cancer takes on families and aims to contribute to the economic well-being of families dealing with the disease in a bid to provide financial stability during and after the treatment process.



AWARENESS/ADVOCACY/ SENSITIZATION

OkapiCCF actively engages in awareness, advocacy, and sensitization efforts to promote understanding and early detection of childhood cancer in communities and organised groups

These components collectively demonstrate the comprehensive approach of the Foundation, addressing not only the medical needs of children with cancer but also focusing on their psychological well-being, the capacity of those involved in their care, economic challenges faced by families, and the broader societal understanding and support through awareness and advocacy.



...give without expecting anything in return

- **Oluwakemi Sharifah Adekanye**

THE FOUNDER

Kemi is an accomplished professional serving as the Chief Volunteer, Founder, and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the Okapi Children Cancer Foundation.

Holding a Master's in Business Administration, a Bachelor's degree in Business Economics and Finance, a professional certificate in Business Accounting, and a Diploma in Public Relations, Kemi brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her role.

Currently engaged in the Nigerian energy sector, Kemi boasts over 17 years of experience in finance and service-related organizations. Her commitment to philanthropy extends beyond her role with the Okapi Children Cancer Foundation, as she also sits on the advisory boards of two other non-profit organizations.

The establishment of the Okapi Children Cancer Foundation was a deeply personal endeavor for Kemi, born out of the loss of her brother to cancer in 2017. Driven by a passion to serve humanity, Kemi dedicates herself to various causes, with a particular focus on children, women, and the less privileged in society.

In addition to her professional and philanthropic pursuits, Kemi is a devoted mother to three daughters and has embraced many adopted children into her life.

Her guiding principle - give without expecting anything in return.

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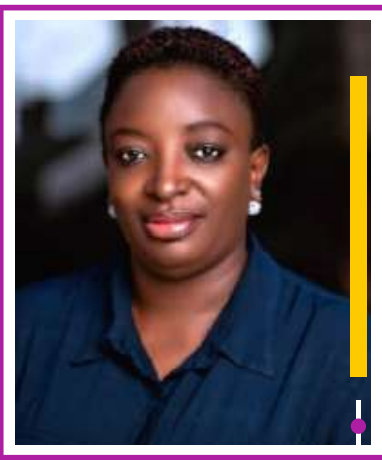


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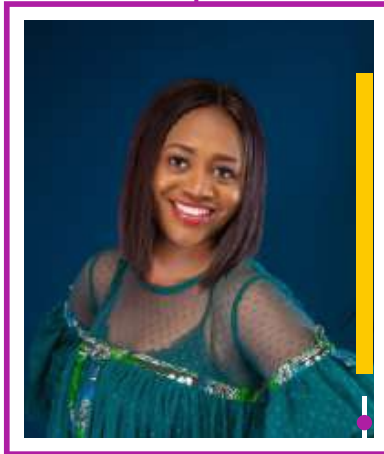
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- Dr. Ozy OKONOKHUA (FNOA)

HEAD, MANAGEMENT TEAM

Dr. Ozy Okonokhua is a highly accomplished Optometrist, having earned a distinction from the Abia State University. As a distinguished fellow of the Nigerian Optometric Association and a Resident of the Nigerian College of Optometrists, he has achieved significant recognition in his field.

Dr. Ozy's leadership extends to the the Nigerian Optometric Association where he has served as the President of the Association. He has also held many leadership roles in the Lions Club International and many other organizations.

Dr. Ozy is a seasoned Administrator and Director within the FCT Civil Service, beyond his administrative roles, Dr. Ozy is known for his eloquence as a communicator, coupled with a natural passion for training and public speaking.

His multifaceted expertise positions him as a valuable asset in the organization.

HEAD MANAGEMENT TEAM



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Dr. Ozy OKONOKHUA (FNOA)
Head of Management Team



Benjamin MICHAEL
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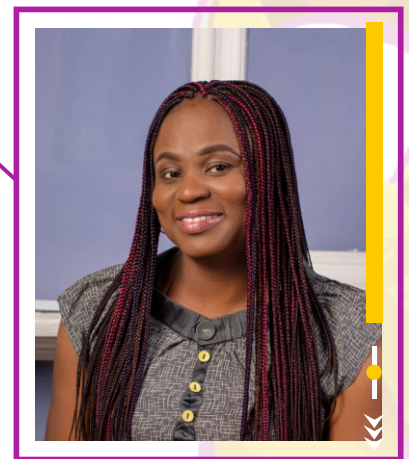
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Cancer survivor's STORY



SHITTU ADEWUNMI



My son was diagnosed with Cancer in 2017 at the age of 6. It started with constant fever and after a series of tests and time in and out of hospital, he was diagnosed with Leukemia.

This diagnosis shattered my world as I had never heard of cancer, I fainted several times and in my state of confusion, I contemplated running away.

Members of OkapiCCF showed up one day and encouraged me, they also provided financial assistance and this gave me hope, that my son could live again. We started the journey of chemotherapy and so many other medications and they never left my side, they supported us all through the treatment cycle and to God be the glory, my son is doing very well now and back in school.

He recently received 100% scholarship for his Junior Secondary Education from the Foundation and I have also personally received a lot of support from them as well. We are grateful to everyone.

-MOTHER



HOPE TOBI

My daughter was diagnosed with cancer neuroblastoma at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada. I received a lot of support emotionally from the staff of UATH. They introduced me to OkapiCCF who supported us tremendously throughout our treatments by providing the means to pay our bills and even providing provisions and other food items and parties during festive seasons.

I am a small ugwu seller, there is no way I or my husband would have been able to cater for the cost of our daughter's cancer treatment, but God sent us helpers through Okapi Children Cancer Foundation. We sincerely appreciate them and we pray more Nigerians and the government will support them to make life easy for children fighting cancer. Because it is not easy and it is not cheap.

- MOTHER



Cancer survivor



IDRIS MUHAMMED

My Son Idris was diagnosed of Nephroblastoma at UATH when he was 2 years old. The whole process of treatment was traumatizing and expensive but he survived it. He is now 11 years old.

Since then he has been attending clinic. The last time he was due for a review he was given series of investigation to be done including an MRI scan. I became quiet, but the Consultant Pediatric Oncologist (UATH) assured me that if it was funds there is no problem, she has sponsors.

The fund was provided and all investigations were done including the MRI scan. My son has also attended series of parties, End of Year parties, children's day parties and has received a lot of gifts and goodies courtesy OCCF.

Thank you to OCCF for all your gifts, financial, psychological and moral support given to the children fighting cancer as well as their families

- Mother



CYNTHIA FOMBO

My experience With Leukemia is the worst in the history of my life. On July 2022 after my daughter's Junior WASCE, same day she came back with her result, she complained of a headache and after three days she became seriously sick so I took her to Kuje hospital, from Kuje to Wuse Hospital to Asokoro Hospital to Air Force Base to Gwagwalada where she was finally diagnosed of blood cancer called Leukemia.

My daughter was 14 years old then, we were referred to National Hospital Abuja that's where I know what life is all about! But I thank God for Okapi Children Cancer Foundation intervention if not by now it will be another story,.

OkapiCCF wiped my tears and stood with me. Today my daughter is doing good, going to school through help from OkapiCCF also. Today I am a happy man again because I thought everything has ended for me to lose a girl of 14 years to cancer, God bless OkapiCCF and all Okapians.

- Father



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Date: 12th December, 2022

The Director,
Okapi Children Cancer Foundation.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The Hospital Board of Management at her 18th quarterly meeting held on 6th October, 2022 noted your valuable partnership with the hospital in the treatment and care of children being treated for Cancer.

(2) Worthy of mention is your regular mobilization of funds and donations to these children and their parents, thus providing the much needed succour and alleviating their suffering.

(3) I am to therefore convey the Board's sincere appreciation and good wishes to your foundation for choosing our hospital for partnership and support.

(4) Thank you and kind regards.

MODUPE K. ADEBAJO (MRS)
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION/
BOARD SECRETARY



THREE YEAR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Impact measurement	2022	2023	2024
Patients supported at Partner hospitals	17	21	17
Funds raised	N9.6M	N15.3M	N30.1M
No. of registered volunteers	22	81	110
Schools trained under the Secondary School Ambassadorial program	0	10	7
Estimated no. of youth trained	0	1800	1320
Monthly Donor Subscription	2	23	26



10 FACTS ABOUT CHILDHOOD CANCER

1 Childhood cancer does not discriminate and can affect any child

2 Childhood cancer is not contagious

3 Childhood cancer cannot generally be prevented or identified through screening.

4 Most childhood cancers can be cured with generic medicines and other forms of treatment, including surgery and radiotherapy.

5 Treatment of childhood cancer is expensive in all income settings.

6 *Avoidable deaths from childhood cancers in LMICs result from lack of diagnosis, misdiagnosis or delayed diagnosis, obstacles to accessing care, abandonment of treatment, death from toxicity, and relapse.*

7 Each year, an estimated 400 000 children and adolescents of 0-19 year olds develop cancer.

8 The most common types of childhood cancers are leukemias, brain cancers, lymphomas and solid tumours, such as neuroblastoma and Wilms tumours.

9 In high-income countries, where comprehensive services are generally accessible, more than 80% of children with cancer are cured. In low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), less than 30% are cured.

10 Childhood cancer data records are needed to drive continuous improvements in the quality of care, and to inform policy decisions.

Secondary School Ambassadorial Programme



**Okapi Children
Cancer Foundation**

In partnership with

Secondary Education Board

> Introduces you to the

FCT SECONDARY SCHOOLS

**CHILDHOOD
CANCER**

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Theme:

**YOUTH,
THE AGENTS
OF CHANGE**

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OkapiCCF introduced the FCT School sensitization program in 2023 which is aimed at educating school age children on childhood cancer in a bid to:

- reduce the stigmatization associated with childhood cancer
- reduce incidences of education abandonment for childhood cancer survivors
- Increase awareness on childhood cancer among school age children
- Increase early detection of childhood cancer

*120% average
percentage
increase in
awareness
post
sensitization
exercise*



VOLUNTEER WITH US

Join our team of volunteers!!!

Volunteering generally to me is giving back to society in my own little way. It is simply the ability to touch lives of people irrespective of their religion, tribes, skin colours and beliefs. Volunteering is the ability to give your time, resources, support and substances willingly towards a positive cause.

Volunteering with OkapiCCF has given me the opportunity to achieve one of my lifelong desires which is, service to humanity.

I have been volunteering with OkapiCCF since 2021.

Abdulkareem Halimat Oiza

My name is **Khabir Gcfr**, and I have been a volunteer at OkapiCCF since 2019.

Volunteering with OkapiCCF has been a wonderful experience. Interacting with diverse individuals united by a shared purpose and vision has fostered a sense of unity, eliminating any trace of discrimination or bias. We've cultivated a strong sense of comradeship, evolving into a close-knit family.

The collaborative efforts of each team member contribute to a fulfilling volunteer experience.

Muhammed Khabir Okatahi

I am a volunteer with the Okapi Children Cancer Foundation and the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year 2023 Award. Volunteering with the Okapi Children Foundation has been a deeply fulfilling experience for me, and I am privileged to have had the opportunity to contribute to positive impacts to support our community.

Volunteering with OkapiCCF has been a dream come true for me and has built my leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills. It has also given me the privilege to network with people from different works of life.

Volunteering in general is my passion as I see it as an avenue to give back to society especially being the voice of many underserved persons. As a serial volunteer with over 12 years of volunteering experience, I see it as a natural call to serve humanity.

Chukwuma M. Ogonnaya, SARC

Michael Benjamin Rotimi

Volunteering to me is a way of life, contributing my own quota towards a better society, reaching out to people who need help, this opportunity was presented to me by Okapi Children Cancer Foundation when I joined the team in 2021.

Okapi Children Cancer Foundation is the most organized and transparent NGO I have volunteered for in all my volunteering experience, it keeps an open and transparent record which is easily accessible to anyone who cares to ask.



YEARLY CALENDAR

S/No	Month	Specific date	Celebration
1	February	February 4 th	World Cancer Day
		February 15 th	International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day
2	April	April	OCCF leukemia Awareness Month
3	May	May 27	Children's Day
4	June	June	Cancer Survivor's Awareness Month
5	September	September	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
6	December	December	Thanksgiving

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2020

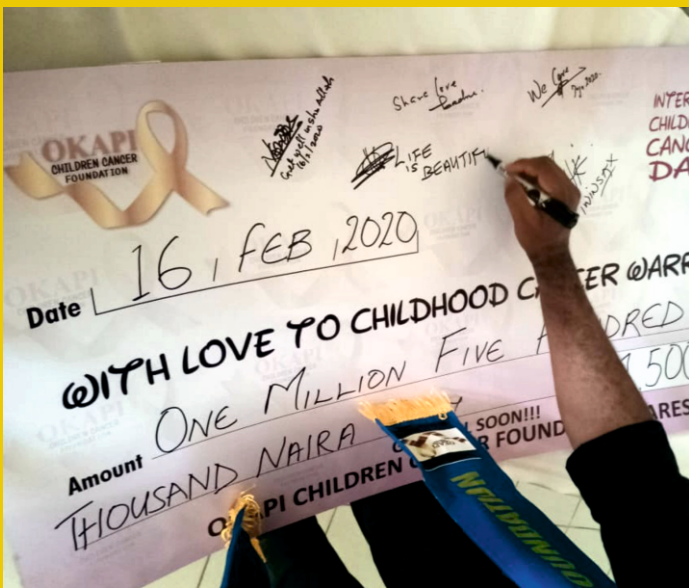


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2021



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THIS SEPTEMBER I PLEDGE TO SHOW LOVE TO CHILDREN FIGHTING CANCER

A portrait of a man with a beard is shown on the right side of the advertisement.



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2022



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2023 Steps to Survival
For CHILDREN FIGHTING CANCER

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