

2018 ANNUAL REPORT OF OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA FOUNDATION GHANA **(OIF-GHANA)**

INTRODUCTION

Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation is an organization that exists to help people living Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) with care, management and support within Ghana.

OI also known as brittle bone condition is a rare genetic bone condition, which causes the bones of some individuals to be brittle and break easily with or without any apparent reason. This condition makes individuals with such conditions to be physically challenged and thus need assistance and support from society.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the organization;

- To educate and create awareness of OI in Ghana.
- To help people understand, respect, accept and improve the quality of life of people living with Osteogenesis Imperfecta.
- To advocate for quality health care and treatment for OI patients.
- To help solicit for adoptive aids and mobility equipment for people living with OI.

The organization's vision is to advocate for the establishment of Osteogenesis Imperfecta treatment Centre in Ghana since there is none in the country.

OFFICE

The foundation operates from its office at house number 2 at Pedu, Abrewa Gyimisiwa close in the Cape Coast metropolis.

COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| a. Director | Mr. Harold Stewards Amonoo-koufi |
| b. Director | Nicole Ama Abrahm |
| c. Director | Justina Yiadom-Boakye |

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION

The foundation is affiliated to Heart foundation – USA, OIF Europe and OI parents Group.

STAFFING

The foundation has nine (9) voluntary staff members.

The organization though very young was able to undertake some activities during the year under review.

ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

- In February 2018, Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation organized health program dubbed 'Pamidronate Infusion Treatment' at the Cape Coast Teaching hospital. The pamidronate medication treatment was administered every three months throughout the year. The beneficiaries were Marvin Okyere, Eugene Okyere and Mary Aklugu. The treatments were given via intravenous. The purpose of the treatment was to help improve the bone density of the OI children to reduce bone pain and bone fractures. The treatment was very successful as laboratory tests were conducted before and after the process to examine the general wellbeing of the children living with OI.
- The organization organized a campaign exercise to create awareness of the existence of the disease from the 1st -6th May 2018. The 6th of May was the International Awareness for Osteogenesis Imperfecta also known as Wish Bone Day.
- Activities included, donation of wheel chairs and books to three children living with OI on the 4th of May,2018. The exercise was done at Mudek hotel at Pedu, Cape Coast. The beneficiaries were Eugene Okyere, Marvin Okyere and Mary Aklugu. Rebecca Okyere, the mother of Eugene Okyere and Marvin Okyere was given cash donation to assist the boys.
- A free car wash campaign was also organized on the 5th of May, as part of the week celebration. The free car wash was done at Jekam car wash at Adisadel, adjacent Adisadel School Park, Cape Coast. In the morning before the free car wash campaign, OI Awareness Walk was also organized from 7:00am to 9:00am through the principal streets of Cape Coast starting from Bakaano to Adisadel where Jekam car wash is situated. At the end point of the walk, the free cars wash began where drivers washed their car for free. The purpose of the free car wash was to take opportunity to educate drivers and the general public about Osteogenesis Imperfecta condition.
- May 6th 2018 was the Wish Bone Day Thanks Giving Service at Calvary Charismatic Centre, Cape Coast. During the church service, the president of the foundation in addressing the congregation took the opportunity to talk about the OI and its management.

FUND RAISING

The organization was able to raise meagre funds through social Media-WhatsApp and Facebook.

CHALLENGE

The organization's major challenge is funding as OI condition requires huge financial resources to treat.

FUTURE PLANS

The organization's future plan is to bring all parents and people with OI together to form a formidable Association to advocate for quality treatment and center for OI patients

COMMENDATION

We would like to thank our social media friends, donors and partners who in diverse ways supported the foundation.

CONCLUSION

We are pleased with the progress we have been able to see the past year, and look forward to reach more people with our advocacy and programs. Above all we thank the Lord for strength He has given us to do the work and His hand of blessings in the work.