

Q. WHEN WAS THE ECCT REGISTERED?

The ECCT was registered on 13 May 2011 by the Public Registrar of Deeds, in Harare, Zimbabwe. Its official registration no. is MA425/2011.

Q. WHAT DOES THE ECCT DO?

The ECCT supports marginalized cancer patients in Zimbabwe who cannot afford cancer-related treatment. Because nutrition and health are intrinsically linked, the ECCT also provides practical, nutritional tools for better health.

Q. WHAT IS THE "SPONSOR A CANCER PATIENT" CAMPAIGN ABOUT?

The ECCT introduced the Sponsor a Cancer Patient campaign in 2012. In light of the exorbitant cost of cancer-related treatment, the economic, social and financial impact on marginalized patients and their families are huge. We will be supporting 5 cancer patients and their families for at least 2 years with monthly prescription costs, medical consultation fees, food and school fees for some of their children.

Q. WHY WAS IT SET UP?



After suffering a seven year battle with breast cancer, which then spread to the brain, liver and lungs, Elizabeth Chanakira lost her life to cancer on 23 December 2010. Throughout her illness, her daughter – Teurai Chanakira – realized how difficult it was for her mother to get treatment due to the exorbitant costs. Teurai

began to think of how marginalized cancer patients in the country could possibly afford it. For example, a Dr's consult costs \$60 whilst many marginalized cancer patients earn approximately \$100/month or are unemployed (the unemployment rate in Zimbabwe is 95%). In Zimbabwe, cancer patients do not receive subsidized or Government-funded medical treatment.

Upon further research, she discovered that cancer had become not only the leading cause of death globally, but that the Zimbabwe National Cancer Registry confirmed that it was the leading cause of death in Zimbabwe and the statistics are worsening. It was then she decided to do something about it and so the Elizabeth Chanakira Cancer Trust (ECCT) was birthed in May 2011.

DONATIONS

\$5 = 
provides a family with 5 loaves of bread

\$50 =  educates a child for 1 school term

\$100 = 
supplies medications to a cancer patient for 2 months

\$500 = 
feeds a family of four for 5 months

\$1000 =  provide five cancer patients with one Dr's visit/month for 3 months

Q.WHO ARE THE PATIENTS AND FAMILIES ITS SUPPORTING?

Please see our website to see the stories and images of the families we are supporting.

Q.WHY ARE YOU NOT PAYING FOR THEIR CHEMOTHERAPY COSTS?

The patients we are supporting have already had chemotherapy treatment or are currently receiving support for it from other sources. Before implementing our programs, we have spoken to the patients as to their most urgent needs, which we have included in our campaign. Furthermore, because nutrition and health are intrinsically linked, the ECCT's vision is to support them with that basic need to aid their recovery and provide sustainable solutions for their whole family.

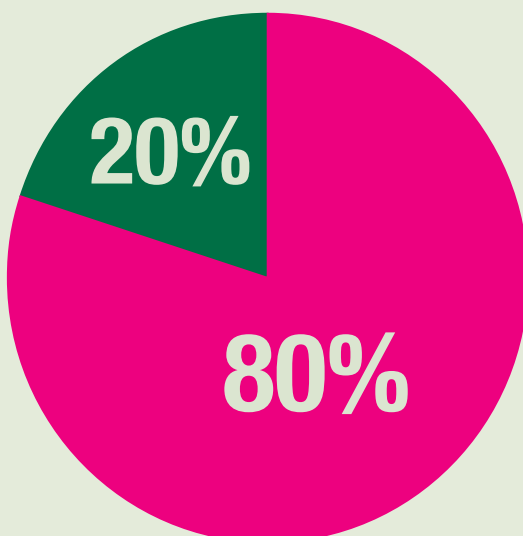
Q. HOW WILL MONEY BE USED TO SUPPORT THE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES?

Besides access to medical requirements, the five cancer patients and their families will be supported through nutritional intervention programs such as the planting of vegetable patches and access to self-employment programs which will enable them to sell the food they grow. Children will have access to education for 2 years. To get more information about the ECCT's program framework, please visit our website.

Q.WHY ARE YOU NOT FOCUSING ON PAIN MEDICATION SINCE PAIN IS A HUGE FACTOR FOR CANCER PATIENTS?

We are providing the patients with monthly prescriptions, which include some pain medications. Because evidence from bodies such as the World Health Organisation stress the importance of nutrition for cancer patients, we focus more on Nutrition programs.

Q. HOW DO I KNOW THE MONEY IS GOING FOR ITS INTENDED PURPOSE?



The ECCT divides its costs as follows:

80% goes to the ECCT patients for Medical needs, Nutrition & Education.

20% goes to the ECCT Administration costs.

We are independently audited at the end of each year by Grant Thorntons Camelsa, with our first audit occurring at the end of 2012.

For legal confirmation of the ECCT's status, please contact enquiries@elizabethchanakira.org