Diabetes Discourse

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Quarterly Newsletter of the Bovell Cancer Diabetes Foundation (BCDF)

This Free Newsletter is a Vital Resource for Diabetes Prevention and for anyone Living with Diabetes

Our Vision

Enriching lives, one person at a time

Dur Mission

 To enrich the lives of people living with or at risk for cancer and diabetes by providing financial resources, support, preventive and management education.

BCDF Activities Include:

- Modest grants to individuals/families affected by cancer or diabetes to enhance their quality of life
- Prevention and management education, and small-group workshops
- > Advocacy and referrals to resources for individuals/families affected by cancer or diabetes
- Writing grant proposals and fundraising

BCDF relies on donations to carry out its mission. We are an incorporated, charitable Foundation in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. BCDF functions with volunteers only and no paid staff. To contact us with comments, questions or articles, phone 868) 667-2576 or e-mail: adelia@bovellcancerdiabetesfoundation.org; http://www.bovellcancerdiabetesfoundation.org

Disclaimer: This newsletter is meant to educate and inform. It is not to be used as medical advice. Please consult your doctor for medical advice.

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JAMBOREE 2016 WHAT A SUCCESS! SO MUCH LEARNING AND INTERACTION!



^{8th} Annual Diabetes in the Limelight Jamboree

commitment Our persistent enthusiasm paid off big time this year; at least the numbers were at its highest. Hundreds adults children of and participated in our annual Jamboree. Everything was high - numbers, booths, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn. There were so many learning exchanges, so much interaction among participants and Jamboree host, so much excitement about the posters mounted, so much fun when Festus, our King of the Woods mascot appeared in the children's booth. They have been hearing about Festus in their story time over the past seven years!

JAMBOREE 2016 SNAPSHOTS

Beginning at Registration Booth



Blood Sugar Testing



Blood Pressure Testing



Thanks to our Volunteer Nurses, Student Nurses & EVERYONE WHO HELPED

JAMBOREE 2016 SNAPSHOTS

School Children Story Time



Multimedia Booth



Weight Clinic



Cholesterol Testing Booth



Both cholesterol lines were long

JAMBOREE 2016 SNAP SHOTS

Foot Care Booth



Children's Booth - Festus, King of the Woods has been spreading diabetes awareness messages to Tobago's children for 8 years. Festus appeared in 2016!



Spin to Win with exercise was a hit!



Section of the registration line at an early hour



JAMBOREE 2016 SNAP SHOTS

Assistant Secretary for Health and Social Services Mr. Sheldon Cunningham was the 2016 Jamboree Speaker



Education Booth worked by volunteer student nurses



Look who was at Jamboree 2016, our favourite elderly



HbA1c Booth run by Western Scientific



JAMBOREE 2016 SNAP SHOTS

Zumca© Time with Dr. Mac, Darius & Children



Tatil was there. LeBron James receiving his trophy from Mr. Brendon Gray for the most innovative poster depicting the theme "Eyes on Diabetes"



LeBron James poses with his winning poster



Poster excitement at Jamboree 2016!



FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Board of Directors of the Bovell Cancer Diabetes Foundation would like to thank the companies, organisations schools, and individuals who supported the Jamboree whether financially, morally or in-kind. The event could not have been a success without your support.

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- Tobago Regional Health Authority, Community Nutrition (Dietitian and Team, Nurses)
- Tobago Eye Clinic (Dr. Oghai)
- Tobago Baking Service
- ♣ Tobago Today News
- Tobago News
- Newsday Tobago
- ♣ Tobago Channel 5
 - Newsday
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The Participating Schools

Thanks to all the school children, teachers and Principals who helped to make this a success. BCDF is still waiting to **ADOPT** a healthy school! Teachers, please look out! We are evaluating the most responsive school to the Foundation's diabetes education programme; the school that is making the best use of the available resources and expertise at the Foundation: the school that is involving its Parent Teachers Group and working hard at identifying those with and at risk for diabetes; and the school that is putting healthy, sustainable systems in place to prevent diabetes and obesity! Send in your proposal to be evaluated by contacting us directly by phone, e-mail, Facebook or our website.....

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THANK Yolunteers!

Some of our dedicated volunteers 2016

Our dedicated volunteers who come year after year: Dr. Eastlyn McKenzie, Esla Davidson, Keturah Marcelle-Fraser, Marv Boucher-Hercules, Simona Jackson, Lisa Horsford, Leah Newsam, Carla Newsam-Blake, Lois Alleyne, Merle John, Judith Trim, Brian Nurse, Marc Anthoni Bovell-Hector, Jennifer Antoine, Tessa, Lestel Moore, Orville Moore, Tulani Murphy, Catrina Hoffman, Debra McIntosh, Darius Stanley, Joan Phillips-Pierre, Petronella (Ann) Allick, Margaret Phillips, Gisanté Thompson, Selwyn (Tom) Thompson, Roxanne Seaforth, Elvis Dumas, Sandra Hercules, Allison George, teacher, Whim AC, who volunteered at the sales booth that day, all the medical doctors, Mrs. Sitaball and all the student nurses.

Individuals who supported BCDF

Kweku & Alice, Elaine Bromfield, Jo Valentine, Dr. Roslyn Alfred, Kathleen Owens, Kinga Sherril, Matthew Hund, Michael Ingram, Kathy Moyer, Daphne Hunt, Tony Adibe, Heather Dickenson, Paul Kelly, Shelton Austin, Jim Unger, Peter Balogan, Steve Hart, Oscar Watts, Andy Chapman, Dianne Chapman, Lewis Friedrich, Roger Cipriani, Mrs. Melville, Kenrick Andrews, Archdeacon Phil Isaac, Nicolle James, Burnice Caesar, , Kitson Powder, Sydelle Gibson, Michael Stewart, Elizabeth Martin, Sandra Bonas, Sylvia Beckles, Ethylene Lewis and the others from Night Nurse Elderly Activity Centre, our Jamboree Speaker (Assemblyman Sheldon Cunningham).

BCDF ANDROID APP

Download our BCDF Android App. We have made an Android application to help you keep up to date with our activities. Go to: http://www.bovellcancerdiabetesfoundation.org/ for our app, and to donate - help us stamp out diabetes!

Help us to help you stamp out diabetes!





Kudos to our official photographer, Marc-Anthoni Bovell-Hector



BCDF Board member receives cheque from Mr. Brendon Gray, Tatil Tobago



Newsday Thursday November 17, 2016 Cancer Education and Awareness Workshop



Excerpts from the Chief Secretary's (THA) Address at **BCDF's First Annual Cancer Education & Awareness** Workshop held at the Scarborough Public Library on 15th November, 2016

Newsday Thursday November 17, 2016

London: Alarming prevalence of cancer, diabetes in Tobago

By VINDRA GOPAUL

diabetes do not discriminate and can attack anyone at any time, regardless

This was the warning from Tobago House of Assembly Chief Secretary Orville as he spoke at a Cancer Awareness Workshop on Tuesday hosted by the Bovell Foundation at the Scarborough Library.

Stating that too many Tobagonians were dying from cancer and lifestyle diseases, London said, "If we observe what is happening, we will recognise that the prevalence of diabetes and cancer has in fact become quite alarming in Tobago and throughout this country.

Noting that everyone has been touched by these diseases, either through having contracted one or by knowing someone who has, he said some of his classmates have died before age 65 after having contracted these diseases.

London said persons must be prepared to take the correct action to not only prevent getting cancer and diabetes but also to improve their quality of life. He said while young people may believe they cannot get cancer and diabetes, they must recognise that they can and therefore look to change bad habits

He also said that said too many women, and men, were not proactive when it comes to their health "When you get the symptoms, then you start to respond and we need to treat with being proactive," he advised, noting that too many men believe it is not "macho" to be concerned about their health and only start taking care of themselves when it is too late. London said he gave up smoking after witnessing a close friend succumb to lung

"I'm saying if good sense don't

work, try fear," he said. Tobago East MP and Minister in the Office of

the Prime Minister, Ayana Webster-Roy, also speaking at the event said there was a great need for open discourse around cancer. She said the subject was often treated as taboo and consequently many persons were denied the opportunity to learn from each other's experiences. Webster-Roy, saying that government remains fully committed to ensuring that health care remains available to everyone, said there must be a collective effort to ensure greater support

She said a proactive approach must also be taken to limit risk factors for cancer and that more emphasis must be placed on public education as statistics show that among men, the five most common types of cancer diagnosed for 2012 were lung, prostate, colorectal, stomach and liver. Among women, the most common cancers were breast, colorectal, lung, cervix and stomach cancer. She said one third of all cancer deaths were as a result of dietary and behavioural risks that include having a high Body Mass Index, a low intake of fruits and vegetables in the diet, low physical activity, tobacco use, alcohol use and stress

Webster-Roy said tobacco use was the most significant risk factor for cancer, causing 20 percent of global cancer deaths and 70 percent of lung cancer deaths. She noted that cancer causing viral infections such as HPV were responsible for 20 percent of cancer deaths in low and middle income countries.

Adelia Bovell-Benjamin, spokesperson for the Foundation, noted thatthe two most common cancers prevalent in Trinidad and Tobago were breast cancer and prostate cancer. She said both cancer and diabetes were a major problem n Tobago, and that families have been impacted by



Diabetes Jamboree and Cancer Education & Awareness Workshop met their goals

Diabetes and cancer jamboree a 'success'





Cholesterol testing





CLERGYMAN WHO HAS LIVED WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES FOR 70 YEARS AWARDED MEDAL



A man who has lived with type 1 diabetes for 70 years has been awarded a medal for his "courage and perseverance". Rev. Richard Chapple was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when he was six years old. His success in managing the condition for 70 years has been acknowledged with the John MacLeod medal from charity Diabetes UK. Rev. Chapple who resides in Yeovil, told Somerset Live that managing type 1 diabetes as a youngster was considerably more exasperating than it is now. "I was diagnosed with it when I was six and in those days it was pretty laborious." "Every day I would have to give my mother a urine sample and she would boil it in a pan with Benedict solution. "You would then have to compare the colour it went with a chart to determine if your blood sugar level was too high or too low." Depending on the result Rev. Chapple would either be fed sugar cubes to bring his sugar level up or have to undertake strenuous activity to bring it down. On receiving his award from Diabetes UK, the father of two dedicated it to all the people who have supported him over the years. "I feel a bit embarrassed really - it should be going to all the people who have supported me over the years - doctors and family, my parents, my wife. "I have been lucky to have a good support network who know me and know the danger signs." Over the years Rev. Chapple has witnessed many advancements in the treatment of diabetes and says that being able to test blood sugar levels regularly and easily has made life a lot easier. His advice to others living with type 1 diabetes is to look after your diet properly and stock up on hypo treatments if you know you are going to have a busy day.

BCDF 2017 RAINBOW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2016 -Complimentary Foot Care - "So in Love with my Feet" Project December 2016 Diabetes in the Limelight Jamboree Cancer Education and Awareness Workshop **Children & Teen Hangout** Life for a Child Project **January - December** Patterned after the International Diabetes Federation's program, this project meets the immediate needs (testing strips, assistance and support for doctors' visits, monitoring and education) of a child with diabetes. **Application for First Quarter Funding Deadline** 20th January Our mission is enriching lives of people living with cancer and diabetes by providing financial and educational resources Diabetes Discourse **February** Distribution of the free Quarterly Newsletter of the Bovell Cancer Diabetes Foundation **Board of Directors Retreat** Complimentary Foot Care - "So in Love with my Feet" Project March 13th April **Application for Second Quarter Funding Deadline** Complimentary Foot Care - "So in Love with my Feet" Project April 29th April **Breakfast and Diabetes Awareness Dialogue Morning** Market Square, Scarborough, Tobago Teachers' Workshops May Hands-on workshops that will provide current information to help teachers learn about diabetes identification, prevention and management among students. Children & Teens Hangout Complimentary Foot Care - "So in Love with my Feet" Project June 21st July **Application for Third Quarter Funding Deadline Diabetes Discourse August** Distribution of the free Quarterly Newsletter of the Bovell Cancer Diabetes Foundation 20th October Application for Fourth Quarter Funding Deadline Primary School World Diabetes Day Poster Competition October/November Poster design is an expression of creativity and technical aptitude. BCDF presents its sixth annual primary school poster competition for the occasion of World Diabetes Day 2017. 10th November 9th Annual Diabetes in the Limelight Jamboree BCDF joins the World Diabetes Day campaign emphasising diabetes education and prevention 14th & 15th November Children & Teens Hangout Cancer Education & Awareness Workshop **Diabetes Discourse** Distribution of the free Quarterly Newsletter of BCDF

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RESULTS **2016 Primary School Poster** Competition on Diabetes Prevention

Most Innovative Depiction of the 2016 World Diabetes Day Theme (Eyes on Diabetes)

Le Bron James - Montgomery Government School

AGE GROUP - 6 - 9 YEARS

DRAWING

1st Prize Shaniah Benjamin Belle Garden AC

2nd Prize Abriella Roberts Scarborough SDA

Charlotteville SDA 3rd Prize Fia Kent

 \overline{AGE} GROUP - 10 – 15 YEARS

1st Prize Joshua George St. Patrick's AC

2nd Prize Tayshaun Joseph Speyside A.C. 3rd Prize **Aziel Wright** Roxborough AC

COLOURFUL

AGE GROUP - 6 - 9 YEARS Kieneal Dillon Goodwood Methodist

1st Prize

2nd Prize Laura Hanlon Castara Government

3rd Prize **Ebenezer Methodist** Mia King

Merit Malick Laptiste Montgomery Gov't

AGE GROUP - 10 - 15 YEARS

1st Prize Kenaldo Melville Roxborough AC

2nd Prize Khristiana George Speyside AC

3rd Prize Janea McKenna Charlotteville Methodist

OTHER

AGE GROUP - 6 - 9 YEARS

1st Prize Isabel George Speyside AC

2nd Prize Rondelle Daniel Delaford AC

3rd Prize Alexa Campbell Roxborough AC

AGE GROUP - 10 - 15 YEARS

1st Prize Shaneik Alleyne Roxborough AC

2nd Prize Dejah Mark Montgomery Government

3rd Prize Joelle Miller Whim AC



The Board of Directors of the Bovell Cancer Diabetes Foundation would like to say 'thank you' to all who participated in the Cancer Education and Awareness Workshop on 15th November, 2016.

- Chief Secretary, THA, Hon. Orville London
- ♣ MP Tobago East and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, Hon. Ayana Webster-Roy
- Ms. Raelene Lindsay, Advisor to the Secretary of Health & Human Services
- ♣ The following MDs: Drs. Frank, Alfred-Dumas, Thompson and Garbar
- ♣ Archdeacon Phil Isaac, Ms. Nicolle James
- ♣ Mrs. Joan Phillips-Pierre, Ms. Tulani Murphy
- **♣** Dr. Eastlyn McKenzie & all the participants
- **♣** Staff & Management, Scarborough Library



4TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST MORNING & DIABETES AWARENESS DIALOGUE

Saturday 29thAPRIL, 2017

Market Square, Scarborough 6:00 a.m.—12 Noon

TRADITIONAL TOBAGO BREAKFAST... +++ Choose one from:

- Buljol, herring, eggs, sausage or black pudding
- . Cassava bread or bakes
- . Chocolate "tea", black tea, cocoa or

