



# ANAMBRA STATE ASSOCIATION WOMEN IN USA, INC.

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## ASA WOMEN USA CANCER COALITION APPEAL FOR SPONSORSHIP

Anambra State Association, Women in USA, Inc. known as ASA Women USA Cancer Coalition, a registered 501-C-3 non-profit national organization, is headquartered in Laurel, Maryland in the United States of America, and dedicated to raising awareness and implementing programs to address health and educational issues that affect men, women, children, youth, and physically challenged individuals in Anambra State in Nigeria and in the USA.

Since its inception in 2011, ASA Women USA Cancer Coalition in collaboration with her partners have sponsored four (2012, 2014, 2016 & 2018) Cancer & Maternal health medical missions across the three Senatorial Zones in 27 towns in Anambra State, Nigeria. Medically treated over 25,000 underprivileged men, women, children & physically challenged Individuals and sponsored the hospital bills of over 150 successful breast, cervical, prostate cancer & Gynecological post medical mission surgical cases; Donated diagnostic equipment, such as GE AMX4 Portable X-ray Machine, Pulse Oximeters etc. to General Hospital Onitsha, Nigeria for sustainability of the programs. Donated funds for Breast Cancer to Betty Lou Ourisman Breast Health Center at Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Treatment Center at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington D.C The team has also sponsored the Feasibility & Viability Studies of the Proposed Cancer Treatment/ diagnostic Center in Anambra State.

The biennial Cancer & Maternal Health medical missions to Anambra State are in collaboration with Anambra State Government, Medical College of Wisconsin, Department of Surgery, Milwaukee, USA, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, department of Breast Surgery, Washington, D.C, Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital (NAUTH), Nnewi, General Hospital, Onitsha, St Charles Borromeo Specialist Hospital, Onitsha, Breast Without Spot (BWS) Initiatives, Cancer Prevention Advocate Group and other local and national organizations.

Findings from the medical missions supported general data by indicating a high incidence of mortality from preventable breast, cervical and prostate cancer, linked to underreporting, lack of appropriate diagnosis, limited access to Healthcare, differences in technical manpower, and lack of infrastructure.

For this reason, ASA Women USA Cancer Coalition has set goals for the next few years: to make healthcare accessible to cancer and maternal health indigent members of our various communities in Anambra State -Nigeria, who cannot pay for the care they need in a country with under-resourced healthcare system. ASA Women USA Cancer Coalition Team believes that cost should not stand between families and the medical care they need. ASA Women USA Cancer Coalition has provided screening, medical and surgical Services to the underprivileged individuals in Anambra State-Nigeria

In 2018 alone, there were about 116,000 new cases of cancer in Nigeria and over 70,000 deaths. Many patients cannot afford the costs and they often abandon hospital tests and treatments. One study estimated that at least 72% of breast cancer patients in Nigeria pay out-of-pocket for their treatment. Only about 2.4% of Anambra residents were covered by health insurance in 2018, because many residents were not able to pay and enroll into the State's own health insurance scheme and had no access.

ASA Women USA Cancer Coalition, Community Adoption Partnership Program will cover the health insurance premium of the adopted indigent members of our various communities in the State's Health Insurance scheme for a sustainable and cost-effective means to accessing quality and affordable health services from the State's accredited public, mission and private hospitals across Anambra State-Nigeria and also support the expansion of a community's Health Center into a Cancer diagnostic Centre.

ASA Women USA Cancer Coalition, Community Adoption Partnership Program will enable the indigent members to easily access healthcare, be healthier, reduce avoidable deaths and this will promote economic productivity in the State and the Nation at Large. **Our Funding amount is from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and our goal is to enroll 100 indigent members a year for 5 years in the State's Health Insurance Scheme, while supporting the expansion of the community's health center into a cancer treatment/ diagnostic Centre in Anambra State-Nigeria**

ASA Women USA Cancer Coalition's exciting news is that we have been selected by the Global Giving Foundation to participate in its online fundraising opportunity for nonprofits around the world. In order to succeed, we must raise at least **\$5,000 from 40 donors by June 26, 11:59 p.m. ET**. If we meet this threshold, we will be permanently featured on Global Giving's website, can continue fundraising for additional projects, grow our network, and access online fundraising tools. Please help us reach the threshold of \$5,000 from 40 donors! Be one of the first people to make a donation at <http://goto.gg/47430>.

**We're also going to need your help spreading the word!** Please share this opportunity with your family and friends. Now, more than ever, our community needs us. And we need you. **DONATE TODAY:** <http://goto.gg/47430>

In times like this, we're reminded of how interconnected we all are. Thank you for being part of our community.

**Without you, none of it is possible.**

## **ABOUT US**

Founded in 2011, ANAMBRA STATE ASSOCIATION, WOMEN IN USA, Inc. known as ASA WOMEN USA Cancer Coalition is a registered 501(c) (3) national non-profit organization located in the United States dedicated to raising awareness and implementing programs to address health and educational issues affecting women, children, youth and physically challenged persons in Anambra State Nigeria

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership to the ASA WOMEN- USA is through affiliate Chapters, or by Members at Large. The association is open to all Anambra State Women in the United States of America. An Anambra State Woman is one who, by birth, marriage, naturalization, or adoption, is a native of the area delineated as Anambra State in Nigeria. . A Chapter of the organization can be constituted by at least five people of Anambra State descent resident in any one town, city or geographic area in the United States.

## **VISION**

ASA Women USA is committed to the transformation of Anambra state into a state that provides quality healthcare, a free and safe environment and improved living standards for underprivileged, rural community women, widows, children and youth through innovative and empowerment programs that focus on maternal health, breast, cervical & prostate cancer awareness among women and men in Anambra state, Nigeria. Anambra is a state in southeastern Nigeria, West Africa

## **MISSION**

ASA Women, USA overarching mission is to develop meaningful projects that sustain and empower women, children and youth in Anambra state, Nigeria. A strong organization of women, by women, for women, the organization works, through affiliate chapters and members at large to consolidate the efforts of its membership towards goal realization. ASA Women, USA engages in developing substantial partnerships and collaborations with governments and other stakeholders. It utilizes means such as awareness campaigns, health clinics, and skills acquisition programs

Respectfully yours,

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