

Mathiws Wondu -YeEthiopia Cancer Society

News of ICCD Commemoration in Ethiopia

International Childhood Cancer Day/ICCD/ was celebrated in Ethiopia.

The following activities were part of International Childhood Cancer Day/ICCD/program in Ethiopia.

- Press release of MWECS/ICCCPO was sent to members, partners, supporters and media world-wide via e-mail.
- With the collaboration of the government owned FM radio FM 97.1, we organized one hour live panel discussion on February 14, 2013 on International Childhood Cancer Day and its importance. In addition to briefing given by professionals questions and comments were entertained from listeners from all over Ethiopia.
- The main program was held on February 15, 2013, at Black Lion Hospital. The ceremony was held in the presence of Pediatric Cancer Patients under treatment, their parents and the hospital staff. During the occasion children were served with refreshments and biscuits. We also handed out special dolls, our friends had brought from Germany. Speeches were also delivered to participants by different individuals, including hospital staff. The speeches were centered on the very importance of celebrating International Childhood Cancer Day and getting across this year's message. The message of this year focused on the theme "Dispelling Damaging Myths and Misconceptions about cancer. Capitalizing on the occasion our society re-affirmed its unwavering stands to continue extend support to Pediatric Cancer Patients, in our efforts to decrease the sufferings of pediatric cancer patients and increase their survival rate.
- To wrap up both cancer days program we are planning to conduct panel discussion on Ethiopian Television next week.

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