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## **CHARITY PROFILE**

The ACLT (African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust) is a leading Cancer charity dedicated to raising the awareness of the shortage of Black and Ethnic Minority donors on the UK Bone Marrow, Blood and Organ registers and recruits potential donors to come forward at ACLT registration drives via (saliva or blood) and be involved in the process of offering hope and a healthy future to someone whose disorder may otherwise prove fatal.

The trust was catapulted into existence in 1996 by Beverley De-Gale and Orin Lewis, the parents of leukaemia sufferer Daniel De-Gale in a desperate search for a matching Bone Marrow donor for Daniel in 1996 and learning that there were just 550 Black or Mixed Race people on the UK Bone Marrow registers meaning Daniel had 1 in 250,000 chance of finding a donor compared to at best a 1 in 5 for a White person.



The parents made it their mission to increase the number of donors from Black and Mixed Race people and to help others like their son. Finding a Bone Marrow match is greater if the donor is from the same racial background due to the fact that Bone Marrow contains racially specific characteristics, therefore a compatible donor for Daniel could only be found within the Black or Mixed Race population.

Eventually Daniel finally won his battle against Leukaemia when on 16th June 1999 at the age of 12 he received a Bone Marrow transplant from an unrelated American donor, Doreene Carney, at Great Ormond Street Hospital. This enabled Daniel to live a full and fruitful life including successfully passing his exams at school and University.



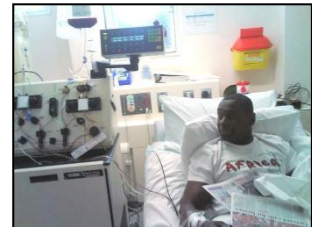
Daniel was in full remission and free of Cancer, but due to complications with his health that led to multiple organ failure he died aged 21 on the 8th October 2008 in hospital surrounded by his family.

Black and Ethnic Minority sufferers who need a Bone Marrow or Organ Transplant are still at a severe disadvantage due to the lack of awareness and communication of the problem in the community and consequently the lack of suitable BME donors. This also compounded by the vast array of myths, fears and taboos on the subject matter of giving Blood and donating Organs for transplant purposes, & the odds of a Bone Marrow match are still around **ONE in 100,000**.

The mission of the ACLT is to promote an accessible, high-quality medical Bone Marrow, Blood and Organ awareness donation service for people of all ages and ethnicities.

### **What the ACLT has achieved**

- Raised the number of Black and Mixed Race people on the UK Bone Marrow register from 550 to approx. 40,000
- Helped save 40 lives by finding matching Bone Marrow donors such as Actor David Harewood (right), Dr Kamisha Guthrie, Footballer Clive Wilson, Debra Forth, Helen Robinson, Naomi Williams, Johanna Charles and Francesca Clarke, etc
- Sarah Thompson (far right), London who received a match from Michelle Duncan in 2006; "I'm forever indebted to the ACLT. Without it, I might not have received a donor with a match and probably would not be alive today" she said.
- Promoted the need for regular Blood donation and the carrying of Organ donor cards within the Black and Ethnic Minority communities.
- Beverley De-Gale was awarded with an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) on June 11th 2011 in the Queen's Birthday 2011 Honours List by the Prime Minister and Cabinet Secretary in recognition for services to Healthcare.
- Orin Lewis was awarded with an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 in the Queen's New Years 2012 Honours List by the Prime Minister and Cabinet Secretary in recognition for services to Healthcare.



*Dame Kelly Holmes, Orin Lewis, Beverley De-Gale & Gary Lineker*

### **What the ACLT is able to achieve:**

Our goal is to:

- Maximise the number of Black, Mixed Race and all ethnic minority people on the bone marrow register, increasing the black and mixed race number to over 60,000
- Find more matching donors and save more lives
- Develop a stronger increase of awareness in the UK, Caribbean and Africa to assist people suffering with Blood cancers and the incredible odds they face in their worldwide search for a matching Bone Marrow donor.

With the provision of consistent annual funding, the long term aim and objective of the charity is the following:

- Continue the essential groundbreaking raising awareness and recruitment drive programmes.
- Marketing and PR advertising campaigns via Radio/TV/Print Media and all other media outlets.
- Bi-Monthly Bone Marrow, Blood and Organ donation recruitment drives.
- To raise awareness and recruit life savers at schools, colleges, universities, corporate organisations, government offices, community groups etc.
- Developing ACLT presentations and filmed DVD footage promoting our life saving work.
- Attending conferences and seminars to address large audiences.
- Fronting Media Campaigns to raise awareness about Appeals on behalf of patients in the UK and overseas.

We have officially received notification that 2 people recruited by the ACLT have donated bone marrow cells to patients in the last 4 months; with 6 donating in the last year. **How amazing!!**

