

NEWS FROM THE BU



Dear smartname,

We are gearing up for a historic moment in the life of Korle-Bu. Next month, we will be hosting a groundbreaking visit from members of our Board of Directors, neurosurgeons, health care officials and industry leaders from Ghana, Liberia and Nigeria.

One of the highlights of this visit is a gala dinner event at Mintara Restaurant on Friday, June 16 and we are inviting you to join us for this beautiful evening, entitled, “Challenges and Victories of Neuroscience in West Africa.”



Our honored guests will include:

Harry Akoto (pictured top left), Neurosurgeon and Acting Medical Director of Korle Bu Teaching Hospital and Consultant Neurosurgeon at FOCOS and Trust Hospital, Ghana.

Robert Ahomka-Lindsay (pictured top middle), Entrepreneur and Investment & Finance Specialist. Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry (2017 - 2021), Ghana.

Femi Bankole (pictured top right), Neurosurgeon and Associate Professor at the College of Medicine University of Lagos; Head of Neurosurgery Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Nigeria.

Afua Hesse (pictured bottom left) Pediatric Surgeon and Co-founder and President of the Accra College of Medicine, Ghana. She will be accompanied by **Adekwei Hesse** (not pictured), Associate Professor at the University of Ghana Medical School and Vice President of the Accra College of Medicine, Ghana.

Ben Kolee (pictured bottom middle) Chief Pathologist (Forensic and Oncology), Ministry of Health, Liberia. Accompanied by Theodosia Kolee, Chair of the Liberia National AIDS Commission, Liberia (not pictured).

Alvin Nah Doe (pictured bottom right) Neurosurgeon, Ministry of Health, Liberia.



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Korle-Bu Gala

CHALLENGES AND VICTORIES OF
NEUROSCIENCE IN WEST AFRICA

JUNE

FRIDAY | **16** | AT 630PM
2023

Join us for a historic and inspirational evening as we introduce West African visionaries in the fields of neurosurgery and medicine, as well as innovative leaders in the health care industry.

MINTARA ON BURNABY MOUNTAIN
100 CENTENNIAL WAY, BURNABY, BC

INFO AT [KBNF.ORG](https://Korle-BuGala.org)



Come and connect with our inspiring delegation as they share on the intricacies, unique challenges and victories around neuroscience expansion in West Africa.

Mintara Restaurant is located at 100 Centennial Way, Burnaby, BC. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Tickets are going fast and the deadline for purchase is May 31. Be sure to get them soon through Eventbrite at <https://Korle-BuGala.eventbrite.ca>

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The delegation will connect with the local medical community, while also attending a KBNF Board retreat to discuss priorities—both upcoming and present—within our organization.

One of the main priorities will be to discuss an opportunity we were given a couple of years ago by the Minister of Justice in Liberia to consider building a KBNF hospital complex. We have been investigating this opportunity over the past two years and realize the need for a cutting-edge health care delivery that will serve as the hub for training and the advancement of neuroscience and medicine in sub-Saharan Africa.

As you may know, it's difficult to bring nurses and doctors to train in Canada. We've done it, but it's really hard. So, the idea is to bring western healthcare delivery to West Africa.

The delegation—many of whom are KBNF Board members—will also visit our Surrey warehouse, connect with local volunteers, meet with donors and help shape where we are heading in the next one to five years.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE





Dr. Alvin Nah Doe (right), Liberian Neurosurgeon, and Nurse Teinein Bernard (left) are currently on a three-week education trip to Ghana. They will be working alongside Dr. Harry Akoto and the team at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra.

Together, they aim to enhance their skills, share best practices, and ultimately improve healthcare outcomes for patients. This collaboration between healthcare professionals from Liberia and Ghana is a true testament to the power of global partnerships and knowledge exchange.

CONTAINERS CONTAINERS CONTAINERS

FUN FACT

On Tuesday, May 23, 2023 our team and volunteers in Liberia unloaded one container. That same evening, our team and volunteers in Canada loaded a next container headed for Liberia.



UNLOADING IN LIBERIA





LOADING IN CANADA



NIGERIA



GREAT NEWS! Last month, our shipment to Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) finally arrived. The container that shipped out of Vancouver on December 2 last year, was cleared and unloaded in Nigeria in April. Here are a few things included in that shipment:

- 26 hospital beds
- 25 mattresses
- an examination table with supplies
- 3 walkers, 3 canes and a pair of crutches
- patient monitor on a stand
- CO2 laser
- aspirator
- bone scalpel
- 2 nursing carts
- anesthesia machine
- ultrasound machine
- plus medical supplies and linens!

We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this shipment possible.

VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP

Things have been picking up speed at the Surrey warehouse this month. We are so grateful for each of our volunteers who help make this work possible.





JUST A REMINDER

Our volunteer hours are:

- Mondays: 6-9
- Wednesdays: 10am-2pm
- Fridays: 10am-2pm
- Every second Saturday of the month (unless it's a holiday weekend)

Come join us!



UPCOMING EVENTS

The poster features a warm, golden-hour background with cherry blossom branches. In the top left, there are line-art illustrations of flowers. The title 'KBNF SPRING Garden Party' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, the event details are listed. On the right side, a circular inset shows a group of people, including a woman in a blue uniform, interacting with a blue utility vehicle. The KBNF logo is in the bottom left corner.

KBNF SPRING Garden Party

SATURDAY MAY 27
SOUTHLANDS RIDING CLUB
VANCOUVER, BC

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If you're in the Lower Mainland, it's not too late to join us for the Garden party this Saturday, May 27 from 3-6pm. We will be sharing a brand new distribution video, as well as our latest Annual Report—hot off the press! There will be garden games, lovely refreshments and even a chance to visit the rescue horses.

Southlands is located at 7025 Macdonald St., Vancouver.

KBNF MEMBERSHIP

We will be having our KBNF Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 17. If you would like to become a member or renew your membership, please do so as soon as possible. Membership dues are \$30 per year (regular) and \$15 for students.

Korle-Bu Neuroscience Foundation is a non-profit society in BC and only members in good standing have the right to participate and vote at the Society's AGM. You can [add or renew a membership right here.](#)

IMPORTANT DATES



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Here I am with John Mwtassubi, our KBNF Warehouse Manager, and Darren Schemmer (right), former High Commissioner of Canada to Ghana and also a former KBNF Board member. Darren came out to volunteer at our recent Volunteer Saturday. What a fun morning!

Dear Korle-Bu family,

I had so much fun visiting the warehouse for our Volunteer Saturday this month. I got to catch up with old friends, share some of my favorite healthy muffins and meet new volunteers. These days, I don't get to the warehouse as often as I would like, but since I was on holiday, I got to pop in and see many of our faithful local volunteers. I was reminded how—from Canada to West Africa—we are connected to each other.

KBNF family, we celebrate each one of you. You are precious. Together, we are collectively transforming landscapes in healthcare, building neurosurgery, emergency services, and health care delivery. Life and hope.

We accomplish these objectives because you care. You remain focused on what is priority and love and hope reign.

This next month will be historic for us and I deeply appreciate your love, support and care as we welcome our delegation from West Africa and open our hearts and minds to what the future holds for us together.

Thank you for caring.

Love,

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President and Founder

PS: I hope we get to see you at the [Gala](#).



John and Katie McSween are beloved family friends and an integral part of our KBNF family. You can find them folding linens at our warehouse most Saturdays.

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