

# ASA Women USA



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## **COMMUNIQUE: ASA WOMEN USA 2018 CANCER AND MATERNAL HEALTH MEDICAL MISSION TO THREE TOWNS IN ANAMBRA STATE, AND POST MEDICAL MISSION COORDINATED SURGICAL CARE**

**The 2018 ASA Women USA Maternal Health, Breast, Cervical & Prostate Cancer Medical Mission to Anambra State (July 25<sup>th</sup> thru August 8, 2018) was a Huge Success! Kudos!**



Anambra State Association Women in USA, Inc. (ASA WOMEN USA), a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization storms Anambra State for their 2018 Maternal Health and Cancer medical mission. The event was kicked off with the Anambra State “5K Walk for Hope to End Cancer Now” (from FSTC to Eke Awka market round about) with Rt. Hon. Barr Rita Maduagwu, Speaker of Anambra State House of Assembly as the Grand Marshal. The Hon. Speaker declared the Walk event open through the ribbon cutting, while shedding some light on the cancer scourge in Anambra State,

Nigeria. The ASA Women USA National President and Head of Mission, Dr (Mrs.) Anthonia Uche Umeh described their mission as indispensable, considering the health challenges of the underprivileged men, women, children and the physically challenged persons in the State. Dr. Umeh called for the cooperation of stakeholders to enable them deliver on their mandate and goals. She also opined that their program was in line with the governor's initiative of think home philosophy. She called on Ndi Anambra to come out en mass and participate in the free cancer screening and medical treatments. The USA based Breast Surgeon on the team; Dr. Miraj Shah-Khan expressed delight over the hospitality of our people and swiftly added that her team was ready for the task of treating Ndi Anambra.

### **Anambra State “2018 Grand Marshal”**



**ASA Women USA National Executives presented the 2018 Grand Marshal Trophy to Rt. Hon. Barr Rita Maduagwu, Speaker of the Anambra State House of Assembly. The Merit Awards were presented to the Platinum/ Gold sponsors; Dr (Mrs.) A. Uche Umeh, Lady Nina Ulasi, Lady Chinyere Ezeibe, Mrs. Tina Enweze and Engr Uche Igweka (Amichi town), the Walk Ambassadors were recognized with the Pink Ribbon Medal of Hope, while the Cancer Survivors were celebrated with the Purple Ribbon Medal of Hope.**

## **MEDICAL MISSION ACROSS SENATORIAL ZONES**

**This 2018 ASA Women USA Medical Mission focused on Maternal health, Breast/Cervical and Prostate cancer awareness, early detection and cure through community educational workshops on breast/ cervical/prostate clinical examinations; cervical cancer visual inspection via Acetic Acid (VIA) screening tests; Gynecological examinations; Optometric services, blood pressure & blood glucose screenings, medical treatment of chronic conditions in three towns in Anambra State (Onitsha, Awgbu and Amichi ) from July 31st thru August 8th, 2018.**

<b>Towns visited</b>	<b>Onitsha</b>	<b>Awgbu</b>	<b>Amichi</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>July 31, 2018</b>	<b>Aug 1, 2018</b>	<b>Aug 2, 2018</b>	
<b>Breast Cases</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>cervical cancer/ Suspicious cervical lesions</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>UV Prolapse</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Uterine Fibroids</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Ovarian Tumors</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Prostate Cancer</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Hernias</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Referred for Cataract surgery</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>139</b>



**At the end of the mission, over 3,000 patients received medical care during the August 2018 ASA Women USA Cancer & Maternal Health Medical Mission in Anambra State. The identified surgical cases were over 27 patients with breast mass/ biopsy, 15 cases of Cervical Cancer, 11 cases of abnormal /suspicious cervix, 26 patients with Uterine Fibroids, 1 Utero-Vag Prolapse, 1 Rt Ovarian Cyst/ Ext. Lap, 3 prostate cases, 18 cases of Hernias and 37 cases of Cataract**

**Our USA based Breast Surgeon, Dr Miraj Shah-Khan and the Breast Oncology team at Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital performed left breast Mastectomy, Left breast wide local Excision, two right Breast Modified Radical Mastectomy and a right Breast Excision Biopsy.**

**Dr Ebelechukwu Anugwu, CMD, General Hospital (GH) Onitsha and the USA based OBGYN, Dr Nonyelu Anyichie performed 8 Myomectomies, 1 vaginal hysterectomy, and more cervical cancer screenings. The Ophthalmology department at GH screened and scheduled 12 mission patients for Cataract surgeries this September 2018.**

**The General Surgeon/Urologist, Dr Joseph Abiahu at St Charles Borromeo Hospital, Onitsha screened all the referred mission patients and performed 1 Hydrocelectomies and 3 Hemorrhaphies.**

## **POST MEDICAL MISSION COORDINATED SURGICAL CARE**

**139 Surgical Cases** were sent to three major hospitals in Anambra State for Coordinated Post Care (workup and surgeries)

1. Nnamdi Azikiwe Teaching Hospital (NAUTH), Nnewi, department of Breast Oncology:
2. General Hospital (GH), Onitsha, departments of Gynecology/Obstetrics and Ophthalmology units
3. St. Charles Borromeo Specialist hospital, department of Urology

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### **Outstanding 2018 Post medical mission Hospital Bills:**

**N3,759,155.63 = \$10,589.17**

- At NAUTH, Nnewi, breast cancer surgical bill; N994,425.63
- At St. Charles Borromeo Specialist hospital: N702,810.00
- At General Hospital Gynecological bill: N1,221,920.00
- At General Hospital Ophthalmology units: N840,000.00
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ASA Women USA is calling on you to continue partnering with us through your generous donation towards the Post Medical Mission Coordinated Surgical Care.

Please kindly make your donation payable to ASA Women USA, Mail to P.O. Box 3611, Laurel, MD 20709-3611. Email us at [asawomen\\_usa@yahoo.com](mailto:asawomen_usa@yahoo.com). Donate via PayPal/ Credit card at our Website [www.asawomenusa.org](http://www.asawomenusa.org) or Direct deposit: UBA Bank, A/C: 1017373349, Account Name: Anambra State Association Women in USA and Capital One Bank Account#: 1360294001

ASA Women USA is reaching out to the Anambra State Government to continue to partner with ASA Women USA in the Post medical mission coordinated surgical case and to provide financial assistance towards their hospital bills. We remain hopeful and grateful.

**Thanking you in advance for your support of ASA WOMEN USA**

**Presentation of the ASA Women USA 2018 Cancer Champion Award to Hon. Dr Joe Akabuike, Anambra State Commissioner for Health & Co-host at the Anambra State '5K Walk for Hope to End Cancer 2018' Congratulations!**



**Our special thanks goes to the Ministry of Health, Dr. Josephat Akabuike Anambra State Commissioner for Health and the Anambra State Government for their awesome support of ASA Women USA Medical Mission and the Walk for Hope to End Cancer Now at Awka, specifically for providing the logistics for transportation and security and for taking time out of their very busy schedules to Co-host ASA Women USA Walk for Hope team and the medical mission volunteers at the end of both events. We also extend our warm regards to Hon, Dr. Chioma Ezenyimulu, Executive Secretary, Anambra State Primary Health Agency for her support.**

## **APPRECIATIONS:**



**We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their participation and generous donations at the ASA Women USA 5K Walk for Hope to End Cancer Now fundraising activities in Maryland/DC on April 14, 2018, in Houston on May 5, 2018 and in Awka, Anambra State on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 prior to the August 2018 Cancer & Maternal Health medical mission across the Senatorial Zones. Our warm regards to all the participating teams in MD/DC/VA, Houston USA and Awka, most especially, Anambra State Association, Women of Washington D.C, Anambra State Women Association, Houston, Amichi USA Washington DC and Grassroots Women Committee, Awka, Anambra State.**

**Special thanks to our sponsors and volunteers from home and abroad, our Proud Platinum & Gold Sponsors, most especially from the V.I.P Special Guest of Honor, His Excellency, Chief, Dr. Willie M. Obiano, Executive Governor of Anambra State, 2018 Grand Marshal for the Walk for Hope to End Cancer Now at Awka; Rt Hon. Barr Rita Maduagwu, Anambra State Speaker of the House of Assembly, Co-Host, Hon. Dr. Josephat Akabuike, Commissioner for Health, Dr (Mrs.) Anthonia Uche Umeh, National President, Head of Mission & Coordinator for Amichi town, Dr Joy Egbunike Chike-Obi, National Outreach Director for Onitsha Town, Lady Chinyere Ezeibe, National Government Relations Director for Awgbu town and the former Nigeria Coordinator, Hon. Bridget Obi**



**We thank the ASA Women USA Breast Surgeon Consultant, Dr Shawna Willey, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington D.C, our 2018 Breast Surgeon, Dr. Miraj Shah-Khan, Medical College of Wisconsin, Department of Surgery, Milwaukee, USA, Team of Gynecologists/ Obstetricians, Family Practice & Breast Oncology Surgeons from Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital (NAUTH), Nnewi; Team from Breast Without Spot Initiatives, Anambra State Chapter, General Surgeons/ Urologists from St Charles Borromeo Specialist Hospital, Onitsha; Optometrists & Ophthalmologists team from General Hospital, Onitsha, the Cervical cancer screening & education team from Meshack Hospital, Awka and the Pharmacists, Pharmacy technicians, Nurses, Oncology Nurses, Crowd control team, Educators, Documentarians, the Igwes & their council; President Generals of Town Unions, Local Government Chairmen, members of the House of Representatives, Anambra Broadcasting Service (ABS), Awka, Imeobi Onitsha, Referral Health Center, Awgbu, Diocesan Hospital, Amichi, Anambra State Women Association, Lagos, Brother brothers foundation, Map International, AmeriCares, IDA Foundation, Netherland, De wisdom Media, Excel Global Media Group and all other dignitaries for their willingness to contribute their widow's mite to see that their fight against breast/ cervical/ prostate cancer and maternal mortality in Anambra State is comprehensively won. ASA Women USA will forever remain grateful for your collaborations/ partnerships with our Medical Mission Team and for your kind gestures. We acknowledge the efforts of all our National Executive Council members, Board of Directors and BOT/Patrons, Stakeholders, State**



Chapters, Members at Large who worked tirelessly on the ground in Anambra State. Ladies, without your dedication, the 2018 medical mission would not have been possible. We thank our husbands and friends for their support.

## PHOTO SPEAKS



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