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CANPAD Education Programme

As recommended at the general meeting of the organization in Toronto August 2008, an education committee was struck. The members of the committee are Drs Dapo Akinyele, Busola Onayemi and Funso Adegbite.

As physicians and dentists we and our families are relatively privileged members of society. We do not face the same financial obstacles that most members of society have to contend with on a regular basis. It is therefore felt that we as a group have a social obligation to give back to our community. Our country of origin, Nigeria, is the most populous on the continent of Africa. It also has more people of African origin than any on the surface of the planet. It is therefore incumbent on us to provide enviable leadership to all people of African origin.

We propose awarding two bursaries every year to deserving students in tertiary institutions in Canada. One bursary would be to a Canadian student of Nigerian ancestry and the other to a Canadian student of African ancestry (non-Nigerian). Each bursary would be for \$2000.00.

Nomination for these bursaries is hereby solicited from all Physicians and Dentists of Nigerian heritage resident in Canada. The qualification for the bursary will be based on financial need and/or academic status as determined by an independent selection committee to be appointed by CANPAD.

At the inception of the programme in 2009 it is expected that the \$4000.00 per year will be raised through donations by members. The goal of the venture is to ultimately make this a self-sustaining programme. Once a sufficient sum is raised, it should be possible to establish a CANPAD Education Fund (a Donor Advised Fund) with the Canadian Medical Foundation.

It is our hope that we can count on the support of the membership of CANPAD to make this a successful venture. It is the least we can do for posterity.

Yours truly

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