



# The Engraced Ones

## CEREBRAL PALSY ADVOCACY

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## Prayer Support and Advocacy Initiative

### WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Engraced Ones Prayer Support and Advocacy Initiative is a Support Group for parents and Caregivers of Special Needs.

We cover conditions such as **Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Learning Disability.**

We advocate for:

- Acceptance and holistic inclusion
- Affordable and Qualitative Healthcare and
- Special or Inclusive Education

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### Vision:

The Engraced Ones envisions a society where every individual living with special needs is accepted, integrated and empowered by society to live optimally.

### Mission:

To advance the lives of children living with special needs and their families through prayer, advocacy, training, community mobilization and engagement, capacity development, household economic strengthening and service delivery



## About **CEREBRAL PALSY**

**C**erebral palsy is a type of deformity caused due to abnormal brain development, often before birth. It causes motor disability in children as a result of stiffness, weakness and tremors in muscles. Cerebral palsy is the most common type of physical disability in children and its effects are permanent.

There is treatment available for sure, but it can only help with the condition and not cure it.

**However we have seen God at work in the lives of persons with this condition. With Him all things are possible**

### **Cerebral Palsy**

▶ Cerebral palsy is not much of a disease and is rather a condition that prohibits the motor development in children. More than 17 million people in the world suffer from this disability. There are certain facts that you might not know about this condition which we have provided below.

▶ Cerebral Palsy is the most common type of childhood motor disability.

▶ 1 in 4 children with cerebral palsy cannot talk or walk or have epilepsy while 1 in 2 have an intellectual disability.

▶ The cerebral palsy condition develops only in a child. An adult cannot get cerebral palsy.

▶ By nature, cerebral palsy is not hereditary.

▶ No known cure has yet been developed to cure cerebral palsy disability.

▶ Cerebral palsy is a life-long physical disability.

▶ People with cerebral palsy are likely to develop other impairments in addition to motor disability.

▶ Cerebral Palsy is more common in boys than in girls.



# Advocacy by Talk











# Advocacy by Walk



































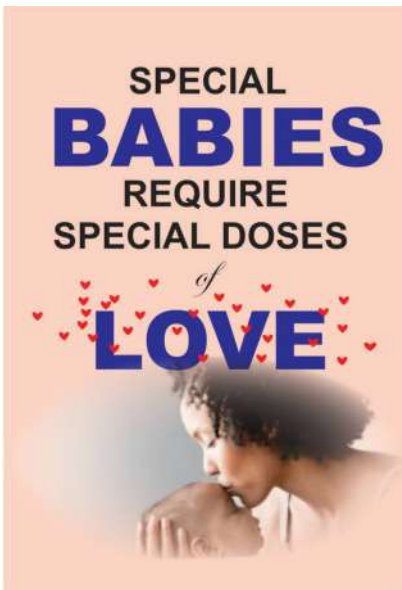


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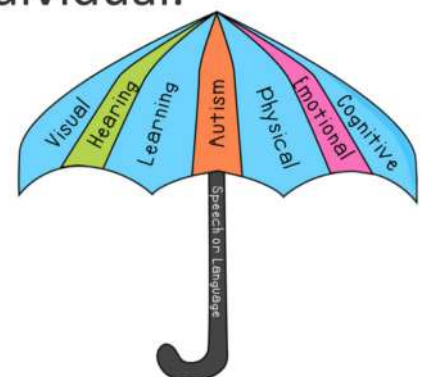
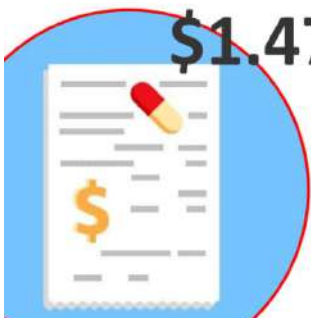


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The cost of **cerebral palsy** is estimated as an expenditure of **\$1.47 billion per year.**







Globally, approximately  
**17million people** have  
**cerebral palsy.**

It can range from **weakness in one hand**, to an almost **complete lack of voluntary movement**. People

with significant physical disability may require **24 hour a day care**.



Cerebral palsy, except in its mildest forms, can be evident in the first **12 - 18 months**



Individuals with **Cerebral Palsey** can learn and are capable of **romantic relationships**.



Care is estimated to cost an average of **\$43,431** per person per year, of which approximately **37%** is borne by the individual and or their family (this is far high Nigeria).





The most common type of CP is **Spastic hemiplegia**. It means one half of the body has difficulty with voluntary movement.



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for  
**Special Needs**  
in collaboration with  
**IKE Foundation for Autism (IFA)**

**HOLDS:**  
A PRESS CONFERENCE IN COMMEMORATION OF WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY DAY

**THEME:** Millions of Reasons  
**DATE:** Monday, 27th September, 2021  
**VENUE:** 1580 Damataru Crescent, Garki II, Abuja.  
**TIME:** 10am prompt.

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There is **NO** known cure but management options which may include:

- ▣ Physiotherapy,
- ▣ Occupational therapy, and
- ▣ an effective educational plan (preferably individualised)

Cerebral Palsy is the most common physical disability in childhood.

In most cases, brain injury leading to cerebral palsy **occurs during pregnancy.**

Individuals with **Cerebral Palsy** want their emotional, intellectual, social and financial integrity maintained.

**1** in every **700** babies may be diagnosed with **CEREBRAL PALSY**



Look past the disability and see the person



1 in 4 has:

- Epilepsy,
- Behaviour Disorder and
- Speech Delay or Impairment



# Cerebral Palsy

The Myths,  
The Facts

and

How it affect  
Persons

# Myths & Facts about Cerebral Palsy

- Myth** 1 Cerebral Palsy is caused by lack of oxygen at birth

**The Fact** There is no single cause of CP. 40% of CP births are caused by prematurity and only a small percentage of CP cases are directly linked to complications at birth such as lack of oxygen.
- Myth** 2 Cerebral Palsy is an Intellectual Disability

**The Fact** CP mainly affects movement and posture. Learning difficulties may prevail in about 50% of the cases and intellectual disabilities may vary from mild to severe.
- Myth** 3 People with Cerebral Palsy have speech defect

**The Fact** People with the condition who are unable to speak may be less than 2 of 4. Speech is actually beyond words. They may communicate through gestures, pictures, computer and other gadgets.
- Myth** 4 People with Cerebral Palsy have short life span

**The Fact** While acknowledging that CP may be accompanied by a range of complications which may lower quality of life, a good percentage of persons with the condition are very healthy and enjoy successful career and social life. Bernadette Rivard was a woman with the condition who inspite of physical limitations, lived up to 83 years of age
- Myth** 5 People with Cerebral Palsy can't have children

**The Fact** There are known cases of people with cerebral palsy who have children. There is no direct link between the condition and fertility. Moreso, CP is not hereditary.
- Myth** 6 Children with Cerebral Palsy will never walk or hold their necks

**The Fact** Many people with the condition walk without assistance although physiotherapy is very important for their well being.
- Myth** 7 Cerebral Palsy is contagious

**The Fact** You cannot "catch" Cerebral Palsy by closely interacting with people who live with it. In other words, CP is not contagious.

# How can Cerebral Palsy Affect a Person?



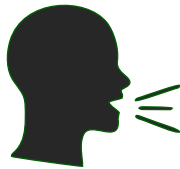
Individuals with Cerebral Palsy may have abnormal muscle tone



They may have problems with balance and movement.



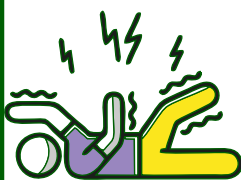
Feeding and swallowing difficulties may be present with heavy cost implications.



Speech and Language difficulties in some cases.



Hearing loss and vision difficulties



Epileptic episodes and seizures



Learning difficulties in about 50% of CP cases.

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**T**he Engraced Ones Prayer Support and Advocacy Initiative is a Support Group for persons living with Special Needs and their families and caregivers.

The Group which was set up in 2015, is open to children and families with children with diverse needs such as **Down syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Learning Disability.**

The Group uses a three fold strategy of **Prayer, Advocacy and Sensitization** to achieve its goal of promoting acceptance of persons with disability in all spheres of life.

The Engraced Ones has membership spread across various States in Nigeria and beyond.

The major areas in which a special child or family requires help are;

- In acceptance and holistic inclusion;
- Affordable and Qualitative Healthcare and;
- Education. This could be special or inclusive.

The group activities are hinged on the following tenets of the SDG Goals:

- No Poverty
- Good health and well-being
- Quality education





- Decent Work and Economic Growth
- Reduced Inequalities

Unfortunately, the exact data of persons



who require additional support in Nigeria is not known. However, according to World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2018, about **29 million out of about 195 million Nigerians** live with disability.

More disturbing is the fact that families bear the full cost of healthcare which for obvious reasons are well and above the average cost of healthcare in any regular home. At the moment, the National Health Care Policy does not provide for these exceptionalities.

In the area of Education, research shows an alarming **95.5 percent of children with**

## disabilities in Nigeria are out of School!

There is no gain saying that these children face different types of discrimination and have limited access to basic social services especially health and educational facilities.

For the avoidance of doubt, Special Needs refers to individuals who require assistance for disabilities that may be medical, mental or psychological.

### Our services cover these areas and beyond:

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4. Educational intervention for indigent families through our educational arm, 'The School of Grace Learning and Vocational Centre'.
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Advocacy for special needs **requires professional and financial backing**. We need you to partner with us to make life more meaningful for our adorables and the society at large.

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