

Don't give up in the face of adversity in life

an opportunity to rise up and do something better; not only for yourself, but for your family and children, especially," He said. This admonition came from Dr. Kwesi Baffoe, a former Dentist, Pilot and now Constitutional Lawyer when he delivered the Key-Note speech at the 54th Ghana Independence Anniversary celebration in Winnipeg on Saturday March 12, 2011.

A former Dentist who has worked in the Northern Communities in Manitoba for many years, Dr. Kwesi Baffoe learnt to fly air planes and became a pilot flying between the Aboriginal Communities. He became totally blind at some point in his career but never gave up. "When the doctor informed me that I was going to be totally blind, I just laughed. This prompted the doctor to enquire whether I was normal.", he said, amid laughter from the audience. "If I was going to be totally blind, there was nothing I could do about that". Instead of being dejected and giving up on life, Dr. Kwesi Baffoe decided to change his career. He went back to University and on to Law School at the University of Ottawa, from where he recently graduated with a Ph.D in Constitutional Law. His Thesis was adjudged one of the best ever produced at that faculty.

Dr. Baffoe pointed out that giving up on life in the face of adversity means giving up on all those that believe in you and those that depend on you, especially your children. He advised people to keep trying and switch to different career options if earlier ones do not work, or if tragedy stops them from pursuing their earlier goals.



Keynote Speaker Dr. Kwesi Baffoe



Debbie Yeboah and Dr. Kathy Knowles cut the Independence Cake



Lysbeth Arthur, left poses for a Celebration picture with Dr. Michael Baffoe, second from left, Rosemarie Akofa Tachie, second right and Mrs Bertha Tackie, right



Community Ladies, Maggie Yeboah, GUM Secretary, Iright



Mr. Frank Indome, right, President of GUM poses with Dr. Kwesi Baffoe, second from right, Mrs Ama Bruce and Dr. Michael Baffoe, left



The New Generation Dance Troupe entertains the audience



Celebration time dancing to CK Mann's Osode special

Black Heritage day celebrated at Montreal Children's Hospital

From: Krystel Marleau-Rancourt, Social worker

On February 17th the Montréal Children's Hospital (MCH) celebrated Black history month with a special activity. From 10 am to 3 pm, the second floor of the hospital became the center of sharing of many cultures by people from different countries.

The Ghana-Canada Association was present to showcase the arts and other relevant information about Ghana with present MCH employees, patients and other visitors.

Vanessa Dyett, a member of the group that planned the event, Sociocultural Consultation and Interpretation Services (SCIS), brought a large variety of books, magazines, posters



Ghana-Canada Association at the hospital

and pictures depicting the great lives of many renowned members of diverse Black Communities. This exhibit generated topics of discussion and led many of the people present to share some fond memories. Calendars, especially designed for the 20th anniversary celebration of the Black History Month

were also made available. Another member of SCIS, Tony Franco, displayed stamps that were produced in Honour of Black History month by Canada Post. The stamps emphasized the heritage of the Baseball Major League pitcher M. Jenkins and the journalist

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Give your children what you did not have - Yaa Serwaa Somuah

By Augustine Boahen, Calgary



Yaa Serwaa Somuah



Cultural dancers

Ghanaians in the Diaspora have been advised to let their children enjoy the good things of life which they did not have during their upbringing. This advice was given by Mrs. Yaa Serwaa Somuah, an Author and a Public Speaker, who served as the keynote speaker at the 54th Ghana Independence celebration at Calgary.

According to the speaker, because most of

us were raised in Ghana under unfavourable conditions, we were not able

to enjoy some of the good things that we should have

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