

Unlikely Bristol Partnership ensures 250 legs reach Ghana

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Bristol Wholesale Fruit Centre donates crates for leg components

Bristol Wholesale Fruit Centre has kindly said that they will donate all the crates that Legs4Africa need to get recycled components to their partner hospitals in Africa. In May 2018 when Tom, Legs4Africa Founder, approached the Bristol wholesalers with the concept and explained that they urgently needed 60 crates for an up and coming shipment for a hospital in Ghana, Martin Fry at Bristol Wholesale Fruit Centre, didn't hesitate in offering their support.

"We all need to be more responsible when it comes to recycling and Legs4Africa are doing this effectively through recycling unwanted prosthetic limbs, and we're extremely pleased that we can help support them in doing that"

Martin Fry, Assistant Operations Manager, *Bristol Wholesale Fruit Centre*

The shipment contained enough components to build 250 prosthetic legs, although sent in May 2018 the shipment only arrived at the OTC (Orthopaedic Training College) in Nswamm a few days before Christmas. The hospital, run by Sister Elizabeth, sees hundreds of amputees each year and specialises in fitting children's prosthetics. They also provide Legs4Africa with much needed data to help identify the problem of limb loss in Africa.

- Legs4Africa recycle unwanted prosthetic legs that are donated by UK amputee donors.
- General Aid (G-Aid) kindly included this consignment in their annual shipment to Ghana at no cost to Legs4Africa.
- Legs4Africa recycle over 1,000 prosthetic legs per year.
- The main cause for limb loss in Africa is Diabetes followed by road accidents.

"Collaborations like this with the Wholesale Fruit Centre and General Aid ensure that charities like Legs4Africa are able to perform effectively, making an even bigger impact where it's needed"

Tom Williams, Founder - Legs4Africa

The World Health Organisation states that just 1 in 10 people with physical disabilities in the developing world have access to assistive technology. Legs4Africa, based in Bristol, addresses part of this deficit by providing the means for amputees in Africa to walk comfortably and safely in societies where such services are not available.

More details about the story can be found here:

www.legs4africa.org/unlikely-bristol-partnership-ensures-250-legs-reach-ghana/

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