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Quarterly Progress Report ● 1 April – 30 June 2019



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BHE Second Quarter Progress Report 1 April - 30 June 2019

Cover Photo: Young girls and boys who recently joined the BHE program

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Message from the Director

Brave Hearts Ethiopia has had a marvelous quarter marked by the three youth in the BHE program who completed their final year from different universities across Ethiopia. I am extremely proud of their success as it fulfills BHE's vision of seeing vulnerable youth become self-reliant and build the bright future they deserve.

Continuing on the success of academic journeys, I am also very proud of many of our young students in primary and secondary school who have improved their educational performance in the last academic year. This quarter also marked the end of the academic year and milestones for 11 of our students took 8th, 10th and 12th grade exams. BHE strongly believes in education as a key in transforming lives and opening up opportunities.

I humbly thank Reg Hankey and the Pittards UK team who have brought joy and warmth to our drop-in center by visiting and sharing with the children and youth. I deeply thank our BHE Australia supporters and friends who have tirelessly put their efforts in helping us strengthen our program. Special thanks to Betlehem, Kidist, Tigist, Yeshiwork, Sossina, Fre and Brook for visiting our drop in center and inspiring the children. Thanks also to AWIB who visited BHE and honored the work we do. I also deeply appreciate the support of the Hanson Family Foundation in their ongoing support to our cause of supporting orphan and vulnerable children and their families through our program.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our donors, sponsors, volunteers, my amazing team on the ground who goes above and beyond their roles, and our board members both servings here on the ground and in Australia for their continued support, enabling us to continue to improve the lives of vulnerable children, youth and their families through holistic care and support.



(Signed)

*Konjit Yimer
Managing Director
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Major Highlights

BHE's children and youth study for their national exams with extra tutorial support at our drop in center. BHE indirectly supports Alemu, a child in the community that was hurt in an accident.



Children and Youth study for final exams



BHE indirectly supports Alemu, a child in the community

Reg Hankey and Pittards visit and delight BHE children and youth. BHE friends and BHE Australia supporters bring lunch for the families and share experiences.



Reg Hankey and Lemma on Pittards UK Visit



BHE friends and supporters visit our drop in center

Highlights

Students prepare for their national exams

40 children and youth complete their academic year

Pittards UK and BHE friends and supporters visit the drop-in center

BHE indirectly supports child in the community



Educational Program and Tutorial Services

This quarter brought the end of the academic year for 40 of 48 children and youth under our program, with 22 of them in primary, 9 of them in secondary school and 9 of them in higher education. The children and youth had several milestones this year as 11 students took the Ethiopian National Exams.

Out of these, 6 took the 8th grade national exams, 4 took the 10th grade national exams and 1 took the 12th grade national high school exit exam. In higher education, 5 completed their first years while 4 of them are completing their degree programs.



*48 children and youth
in the program*



- ✓ *3 university graduates*
- ✓ *11 national examinees*
- ✓ *287 hours of tutorial support*
- ✓ *50 school visits*
- ✓ *22 in primary school*
- ✓ *9 in secondary school*
- ✓ *8 in higher education*
- ✓ *1 in special needs training*
- ✓ *6 in transition*



BHE was proud to see three youth under its program complete their university education and prepare to graduate various fields. The academic achievement and success of the youth is a wonderful example for the younger students in our program to strive in their education. Eleven students also took the national exam this year. BHE provides daily tutorial sessions for primary and

secondary students after school. Tutors provide extra support to children who are taking the national exams so they succeed.

Nutrition and Health Services

BHE continues to provide students with healthy after school snacks before tutorials so they are energized for their studies. Monthly food allowance and sanitation materials were provided also for the children.



5 children and 2 guardians also received medical support this quarter

The children are also engaged by outdoor activities so they stay physically active when especially during the school break. The children socialize and learn life skills along the way while having fun.



Income Generating Activities (IGA)

The guardian income generation micro-finance association currently has grown to 41 members. BHE provides guardians with regular trainings on micro finance and facilitated periodic discussion with guardians regarding their businesses and how to address their challenges. BHE also supported guardians by providing each family with chicken and eggs for Easter celebrations.

Startup capital as revolving fund was arranged for members of new members of the Credit and Saving Union. Three IGA association members received loan from the association as startup capital.



Sitota was able to change her very small house and now has better housing. Bizunesh also works hard with dedication for her business. Through their businesses Sitota and Bizunesh have been able to become self-reliant, serve their community with affordable services and support their families without the financial difficulty they faced in the past.



Psychosocial Activities

Thirteen Saturday Sessions were held at drop in center focusing on various topics aimed at building life skills for the children and youth. The discussions included topics on studying methodologies, importance of sharing, classroom discipline, life regrets and goals, types of friends, plans for the summer, ways of expressing emotions such as anxiety, stress and anger among others.



Actively discussions were held with the children on the upcoming summer program. The children also were able to assess their second semester grades and with the help of the social worker, understand their strength and weaknesses. The children also performed and exercised their self-expression during events and guest visits.

BHE's social worker conducted 7 individual guidance sessions with children and their guardians in the quarter.





Visits From Pittards UK and BHE Australia Supporters

BHE welcomed a visit from Reg Hankey CEO of Pittards UK and his team. They brought joy, gifts, and treats for the children and youth in our program. The team spent time discussing and sharing with the children. One very special young man, Lemma, congratulated Mr. Hankey for Liverpool's recent win in the Champions League final match.



Recently our BHE Australia supporters and friends visited the program and also brought delicious food and packed gifts for each child in our program. The children also performed and expressed themselves confidently. They encouraged and shared with the children.



BHE's Support for Alemu with Cure Children's Hospital

Alemu is a child in the community that Brave Hearts Ethiopia is supporting indirectly. Alemu's father is not in a stable condition to provide for his family and Alemu's mother's whereabouts is not known. Alemu had been living with his grandmother and was attending third grade.

Alemu had a fall while playing soccer and broke his left arm. He was hospitalized in a rural part of Ethiopia where he lived at the time, however his treatment was ineffective. Alemu then contracted an infection and hand deformation.



BHE was able to receive support from Daniela Berger and Cure Ethiopia Children's Hospital where Alemu is receiving treatment. Sadly, we learnt Alemu's muscles have been substantially damaged, due to ineffective treatment and he may never fully recover and use his left hand. Read about Alemu's full story on our blog (click the following link) <https://us15.campaign-archive.com/?u=4a793750eacf101b58958481f&id=908d951c69>.



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Administrative Activities

Basic Needs, Health and Sanitation

- Monthly provisions were made for food allowance, extra food support, school materials, house rent, savings and sanitation materials were distributed for the children

Reporting and Planning

- Quarterly reports were submitted to government authorities and donors.
- Weekly activity planning, reporting and staff minutes were conducted along with planning and evaluation of activities.

BHE's Drop in Center Maintenance

- Drop in center cleaning was conducted with the participation of the children and staff.

Human Resource and Finance

- Quarterly financial activities were conducted including purchasing of materials, disbursements, posting and bookkeeping.

Social Media Outreach

- BHE reaches 654 likes on its facebook page, 66 followers on its twitter and 84 followers on its instagram page.



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