



BRAVE  **HEARTS**
ETHIOPIA



Acknowledgment



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I extend my *heartfelt* appreciation to all our *donors*, *partners*, *supporters*, *volunteers* and *staff* who have helped *BHE* achieve its mission of *improving* and *empowering* orphan and vulnerable children's *lives*.

~ Koni Yimer

Managing Director, BHE

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Mission & Vision

Brave Hearts Ethiopia (BHE)

Mission

*BHE works to **improve** the lives of orphan and vulnerable children (OVC) and their families through **holistic care** including **a safe and nourishing home, health care, quality education, psychosocial support** and **microfinance**.*

Vision

*BHE envisions a future where orphan and vulnerable children (OVC) have access to **basic needs** and **opportunities** to build a **sustainable** and **bright future** they **deserve!***





Holistic Support

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*BHE has impacted **1,315** individuals directly and indirectly in the last **5** years. BHE improved the lives of **78** orphan and vulnerable children, **41** guardians and **1,196** community members.*



Helping Little Flowers Bloom

Children like **Maya** have faced too much in their young lives. Maya's parents **separated** and her mom **struggles** to support them as a **single mother**, working as a cleaner and barely able to cover rent.

BHE provides Maya and vulnerable children like her by providing **holistic support**. BHE works to ensure children achieve their **potential** and **grow and shine!**



Addressing Needs



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BHE supports OVC in Woreda 07 who have faced incredible hardships, affected by extreme poverty, lost one or both parents and lacking their basic needs.

Renovating Shelters and Nurturing Sweet Homes

Samson, a 12-year-old boy, lives in a very small rented house with his *little sister* and his *mom*. His dad is not around to support them.

BHE ensures children like Samson *stay in school* and provide support to improve their home environment including renovations. To *ensure kids* like Samson *succeed* BHE also helps build a *loving and sweet homes*.





Quality Education

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BHE provides full educational support from tuition to school materials. In addition, children receive daily tutorial support in key subjects. After school meals help re-energize the children.



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Joy of Learning

Matias and *Simon* along with the other *children* and *youth* in the program have access to over *13,000 books* in the library of the BHE *drop in center*.

The program also includes *book reading* and *literacy programs* to support *academic performance*.

BHE strongly believes *quality education* is the key to *success* and achieving *dreams*.



Psychosocial Support

A Brighter Tomorrow



*Apart from support with **basic needs**, BHE provides much needed **counseling** and **psychosocial support** to the child or youth and his/her guardian. This model ensures a **resilient** and **healthy** environment in which to **thrive**.*

Heart to Heart Counseling

Young **teenage girls** like **Sofia** can go a long way with the **support** they receive. Sofia lost her father and her mother works as a **daily laborer** and **sells veggies**.

BHE's **Social Worker** follows up with youth like **Sofia** both **at school** and **at home**. BHE provides **counseling** to help her and others **cope** and **overcome** obstacles.





Higher Education

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BHE works to ensure students have the opportunity to succeed and complete their education up to earning a degree in their field of interest so they achieve their aspirations.



Starting Journeys from Hardships to Success

Bogalech, lost her parents as a young kid and life was difficult for her. She lived with her aunt who faced her own difficulties when her husband passed away.

Despite her challenging journey Boglaech strived and worked hard to succeed. BHE supported her complete her education, build her confidence. She recently graduated with a degree in Accounting and Finance.



Skills Training



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*BHE supports **youth** who were unable to continue **formal education** by providing them with **skills training**, helping them achieve **self-reliance** and make their **dreams** come true.*

Defying Odds and Breaking Through

Berhan and Temmar, both double orphans, went through many struggles including street life in their young lives. With BHE's support and their own determination they applied their hospitality skill training by loving cooking working their way to their dream of opening a restaurant.



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Community Support

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BHE has constructed **two latrines** near the homes of the children under its program. The latrines include **toilets** with flush systems, **hand washing basins** and **showers** as well as septic tanks. BHE is working on its next latrine project to **support** the **community**.



Building Healthier Communities

Girls like *Zemzem* and *Dahnaye* are affected by the **lack** of access to **clean water** and **sanitation facilities** near their communities.

Children cannot succeed in school if their **health** and **sanitation** at home is not safe and secure. BHE engages in **latrine projects** and provides the children **sanitation products** to improve their health as well as their community's health.



Special Needs Support

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BHE supports and cares for two youth with special needs with physical and visual impairment. BHE works to ensure they feel loved, their needs are met, and they have equal access to education and opportunities.

Breaking Barriers and Achieving Dreams

Biruh and Lemma have had tremendous obstacles in their young lives. In addition to their impairment, they faced loss, neglect, poverty and barriers to opportunities they deserve.

After joining BHE, both received holistic support for their needs. Biruh was able to join university and Lemma earned a scholarship in a private school. Both are happy, confident young men.



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Building Life Skills

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*BHE's program includes building **key life skills** for the **children** and **youth** under its program. These include building **self-expression**, **self-confidence**, **communication skills**, **building friendships** among others.*



Having Fun and Forming Friendships

Children and youth in the program are encouraged in weekly group sessions to express themselves and build communications and life skills.

They also get the opportunity to build close friendships and bond while playing outdoors in the safe environment of BHE's drop in center. This helps them develop their life skills while having fun!



Guardian IGA Support



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*BHE aims to help build **livelihoods** for families that struggle to secure their **basic needs**. Guardians are provided revolving **funds** and **training** to start their own income generating activities (**IGAs**) so they can **better support** their **children** and the impact is **sustainable**.*

Empowering Families by Achieving Self-Reliance

Mothers like Sitota who had struggled to **support** their family are **empowered** by the opportunity of running their own small **business**. By running her own business, her **child** Yibeltal now has a more **secure** livelihood.

Sitota sells fresh **vegetables** at a competitive price and earns a better living. Through a revolving fund, she is able to run and grow her business.



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Sustainable Impact



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BHE believes in making a **lasting** and **sustainable impact** through its **holistic support** to **orphan** and **vulnerable children**; **microfinance** support to their **guardians**; and **community health** and **sanitation** projects.



Making a Sustainable Impact

BHE's projects are geared towards empowering vulnerable and disadvantaged children and families build happier and fulfilled lives they deserve.

The program works so its impact is lasting and sustainable, extending to family members and the community at large.

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