

BRAVE HEARTS

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Director's Forward

This quarter has brought a new Ethiopian year and renewed energy to adapt our lives during the time of COVID-19. We were happy to see each child smile as they wore their new clothes that we provide them with every year. This year each family bought the kids clothes separately. We also provided our families with additional holiday support so they may celebrate the new year safely in their homes.

BHE has continued to provide children and families with educational, food, shelter, counseling and health support. As we wait for schools to reopen, we have provided our students with different worksheets and study packs so they don't fall behind.

One of the challenges of this quarter was learning that one of our youth had tested positive for COVID-19. Thankfully, he was asymptomatic and recovered quickly, testing negative after getting follow up at a medical center. We provided him with counseling and guidance. BHE implemented its guideline for ensuring safety and wellbeing of beneficiaries and staff.

We are deeply thankful that BHE was awarded a COVID-19 Grant by GlobalGiving to support its efforts in combating the virus by raising awareness, supporting vulnerable families and ensuring children have meals with extra food support.

As schools will reopen this year, BHE is working to make improvements and preparations on supporting students with tutorials and meals while working to ensure their safety.

We also found it important this quarter to refresh children and youth with our core values as we wish to develop a sense of ownership and shared values for the kids. BHE's core values include honesty, excellence, unity, caring and respect.

As always, I wish to deeply thank Dean Hanson and the Hanson Family Foundation for their continued commitment and generous support to orphaned and vulnerable children and their families through BHE. I am immensely grateful to all our donors, partners, volunteers and staff for their valuable support.



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Educational and Tutorial Services

BHE is currently supporting 20 students in primary, 9 in secondary, 6 in higher education, 2 in vocational training and 1 in special skills training. Out of these children and youth, BHE supports three youth with special needs; one in secondary, one in higher education and one in skills training. BHE is supporting children to keep up with their studies so they don't fall behind.

This year BHE has 5 students under its program who will take the 8th grade national exam and 3 students taking the 12th grade national exam. BHE provided its primary school students of grades 1 - 6 with worksheet packs to study at home. The packs included study content from Maths, English and Amharic subjects.



BHE provided its high school students Math and Physics worksheet packs last week. The packs can help them study from home while school is closed. They are able to borrow books from the BHE library that they can read at home.



Nutrition and Health Services

During this quarter, BHE provided 1,100 soaps and 37 sanitary pads to the children and families over the quarter. Six children have also received assistance to get effective medical care. One youth received support for getting a check up and new prescription glasses after his previous ones broke. This helped him follow his schooling and study materials.



One youth tested positive for COVID-19 and was supported with counseling and admitted to a medical center. He was asymptomatic and was released from the center after recovering and testing negative.



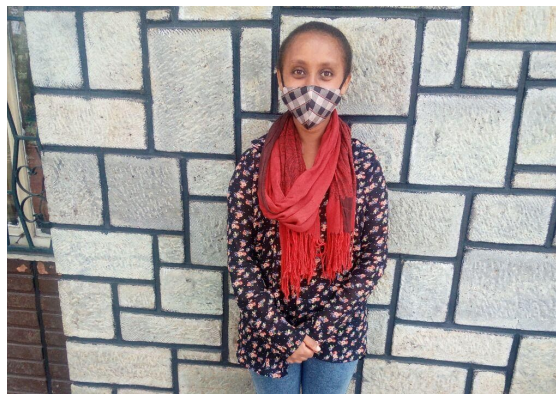
BHE supports nutrition of families through different ways. A guardian with an IGA provided three youth in the program with injera. They also had regular meals together to foster their sense of family, due to COVID-19 they now have their meals individually.

Psychosocial Activities and Counseling

Children or youth in need of counseling and guidance were able to visit the drop in center and have a one on one consultation with BHE's Social Worker with masks and physical distancing. One of the key messages BHE delivers to children and youth is to develop and keep core values in mind as part of life skills.



BHE's core values include honesty, excellence, unity, caring and respect. These values respectively mean that we are open, honest and fair; we are committed to learning and developing; we work together for the benefit of all; we treat everyone with kindness and compassion and we treat everyone with respect and dignity at all times.



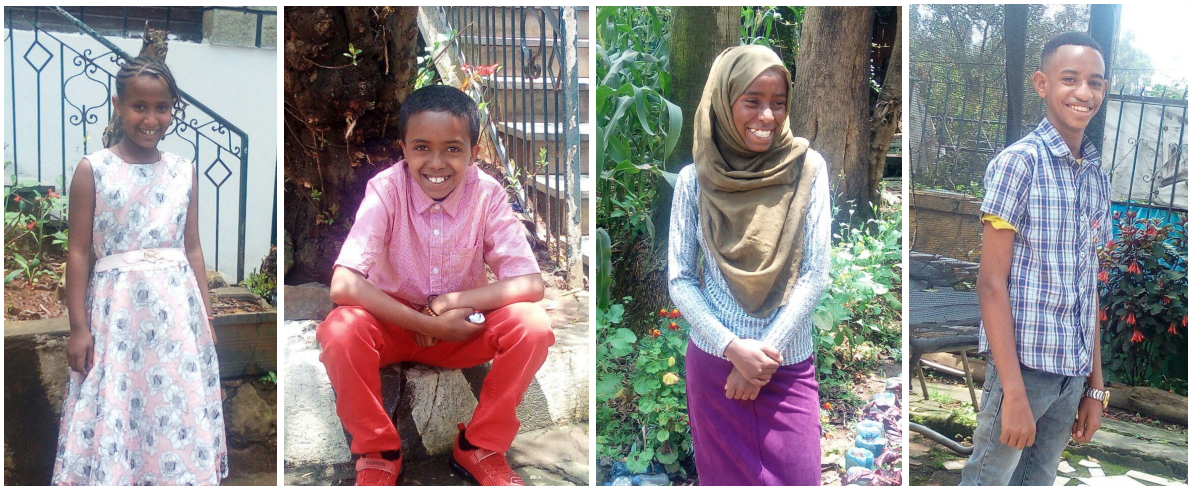
This quarter, BHE's Social Worker conducted 26 home visits and 7 individual sessions of case assessments. The visits and calls were made to follow the well-being, needs and awareness of children and family under the program.

New Year, New Clothes

BHE provided every child and youth in the program with new clothes support. This is done every year so each child develops a sense of self worth and hygiene as part of our life skills support.



As they came to the drop in center, they had their masks and practiced physical distancing. They also supported each other in sanitizing hands and raising each other's awareness on hand hygiene. The children and youth in our program are now ready for the new year with their new clothes.



BHE also provided each family with holiday food support so they can purchase their own festive foods. The celebrations for the Ethiopian New Year were held individually at each home.

COVID-19 Grant, Awareness and Support

This quarter BHE was awarded a grant from GlobalGiving as part of its efforts in combating COVID-19 by raising awareness, supporting vulnerable families and ensuring children have meals with extra food support. BHE now works to adapt its drop in center so it can safely support children and youth with tutorials and meals.



BHE developed different awareness messages in accordance with national guidelines on COVID-19 protection. BHE published and promoted the messages over its social media accounts. BHE now has 2,392 followers on Facebook, 229 on Instagram and 85 on Twitter.





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