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About us.
Loving Gaze is an independent non-profit organization, with twenty-five years of experience in Nigeria. Loving Gaze serves the unprivileged community in Lagos and Taraba State through educational activities, basic health care services, women empowerment and vocational training. Run by a multi-cultural team of 150 Nigerian professionals, Italian expatriates and international volunteers. 90% of our financial sources come from private donors and 85% is invested directly on project development and local staff salaries.

Our people.
Dr Alda Gemmani
Medical Director
Born on 24th June 1955 in Italy. After almost 30 years of Medical Practice in Italy as Anesthesia and Intensive Care Specialist in the major hospital of Rimini, she joined St Kizito Clinic in Lagos in 2009 as Medical Director.

Dr Ndidi Nwosu
Consultant Community Physician
Born on 25th August 1971, she worked as Senior Registrar at Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital and Enugu Teaching Hospital, she joined St Kizito Clinic on 2009 as Medical Officer and later as Project Manager.

Barbara Pepoli
General Manager
Born on 30th November 1971 in Italy. After many years of experience as Financial & Administration Director in private companies in Italy, in 2005 she came to Nigeria as Country Director in Nigeria for AVSI Foundation, an International NGO with the head quarters in Italy.

Alba Gianferrari
Fundraising Manager
Born on 20th July 1972 in Italy, from a law background she had experience also as Operational Manager in private companies. On 2007 she came to Nigeria as Project Manager for AVSI Foundation implementing several international projects.

Our social workers.
Our team includes 12 social workers since 2005. They play a key role in the development of each beneficiaries’ support plan, meeting their family, running periodical home and school visits, meeting the community leaders and verifying the financial and social environment people live in. They coordinate the medical, financial and educational support, walking hand-in-hand with each and every beneficiary.

We recognize and respect each individual life and dignity without gender, religious or ethnic boundaries. We believe there is a desire for happiness, hope and positive change in each of us. Our purpose is to serve people in need with care, joy and professionalism, igniting hope and sowing seeds for growth. We believe in a world where people share the power of a Loving Gaze.
Poverty and inadequate basic services continue to characterize the everyday life for most Nigerians.

Lagos - a mega city with an estimated population of over 20 million people – is not an exception when it comes to challenges in providing sufficient health care services to its population.

Since 1991 St Kizito Clinics have provided primary clinical and health related care especially to the less privileged.

St Kizito Clinics are in:
- Jakande Estate, Ilasan, Lekki. It was founded in 1991 and now serves an average of 250 patients a day.
- Idi-Araba in Mushin. It was established in 1994 and today serves 50 patients a day.
- Oreta, Igbogbo-Bayeku Ikorodu. An out-station was established in 2010.
- Running mobile clinics in different rural and semi urban hard-to-reach communities in different parts of Lagos and other states in Nigeria in the past 20 years.

St Kizito treats over 70,000 patients every year. Our services include:
- Promoting Health Education and community participation with focus on health challenges of public health significance.
- Daily consultation and treatment of common diseases, like malaria, diarrhoea, pneumonia, measles, skin infections, eye problems, non-communicable diseases, HIV and TB. There are more than 10,000 visits to the clinic for screening, diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis in collaboration with NTBLCP of Lagos State.
- Child care including immunization, growth monitoring and health promotion.
- Maternal care services, ante-natal and post-natal, including prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV infection. Since 2007, St Kizito Clinic has provided PMTCT care and is now a comprehensive Retroviral Treatment Centre (ARV) for the prevention, investigation, and treatment for HIV/AIDS.
- Reproductive health care including Natural Family Planning and Women Health Education which involves screening for prevention of cervical and breast cancer.
- Laboratory examinations as well as radiological investigations including X-Ray and Ultrasound services.
- Pharmacy that is well stocked and dispensing quality essential drugs.
- Routine and comprehensive medical screenings and health check-up for employees, students and the general population.
- Ambulance service for emergency and routine transport of patients to referral clinics and hospitals.
Malnutrition and the mortality rate for children under five is still a severe issue in Nigeria.

Statistic numbers are clear: The probability of a child dying before the age 5 is 120 out 1,000 live births in Nigeria, compare that to only three in Japan. Lagos is not an exception.

St Kizito Clinics run two nutrition centres in Lagos, in Ilasan and Idi-Araba. Children in critical conditions are monitored daily and provided with free medical care and benefit from the feeding and psycho-social support. Social workers follow this critical phase with the mothers and teach them basic hygiene, health and nutrition principles.

Israel is a 2 year old boy who was severely affected by malnutrition when he was 7 months and abandoned as a baby. Only the old grandmother tried to take care of him, but was essentially left alone. Today he has found a new family in the Nutrition Centre where he walks, plays and smiles like every other child. He’s finally a child growing into his future.
HELP THEM LEARN.
THEY ARE OUR FUTURE.

Education is a precious gift.

S.S. Peter and Paul Nursery and Primary School is in Ikate Elegushi, Lagos. Education is a precious gift in the nearby community, as well as in other slums spotted in the upscale Lekki neighbourhood. The enrolment fee is as low as possible to guarantee inclusiveness and opportunity to the largest number of families.

But 60% of our children still need a support to continue their education.

430 children attend S.S. Peter and Paul Nursery and Primary School.

'I got it right, didn’t I?!” Idris, smiling in the picture, is proud of his achievements. He is in pry 3. He has been able to attend S.S. Peter and Paul School since 2009 thanks to the support of his sponsor family.
Education is every child’s right. It is their right to grow to their full potential, and set the foundations of our future.

In Nigeria 40% of children miss out on school to go and work.

St. John Nursery and Primary School is where 370 children of Ikorodu - at the outskirts of Lagos - are welcomed every day to study, learn, play and socialize.

Our students, aged from 3 to 12 years old, live the daily challenges of a suburban area: poverty, a lack of basic infrastructures and endemic diseases are a daily familiar routine. At St. John School, trained professional teachers and social workers, welcome them as children, with joy and affection.

They do not only care about their curriculum, they also provide medical assistance and when it is necessary, external support.

Without education these children cannot change their lives!!

Kona Nursery, Afternoon and Primary School.

Kona is a small rural village in the proximity of Jalingo, in Taraba State, Northern Nigeria. Sister Caterina arrived in Kona, a village of 4,000 people, in 1985 and opened the first nursery school in 2006. The Afternoon School, and more recently, the Primary School, came naturally, when the children enrolled in the Nursery grew up.

The School, which now enrols 280 children, is open to children of any religion or background including orphans and children that come from surrounding villages where there are no schools.

In Kona, 280 children from the local community and surrounding villages attend the school.
Women can change a family’s history.
Getting them out of unemployment and dependency, helping them to start their own small activity (tailoring, producing and selling soap and insecticides, cooking and selling food and pastries) means giving a chance to their entire family.

Loving Gaze created a group-savings program. We started with a group of 30 women who benefited from a small micro credit to start their own small business. They are now a community of 60 where each member pools together their savings to sponsor new members’ initiatives, with small loans.
A successful initiative: 90% of the loans have been paid back on time. 80% of the micro-loans have been refunded. Women who benefited by the program are now mentoring and helping other women.

Nneka Oduwa is 39 years old and she’s the mother of five children. Without a job, she could hardly support her children, who were suffering of malnutrition. In 2010, Nneka became a beneficiary of Loving Gaze; her sons received health and psychological support. She did not feel alone anymore. In 2011, Loving Gaze granted her a small loan to open a hair stylist business. She put all the rest; her passion, skills, hard-work and monthly savings to pay back the initial loan. Her success has changed her family’s future!
Your help is important to our cause.

Private.
Help one child study in Jalingo, Taraba State
55,000 Naira/year
Help one child study in St. John School, Ikorodu, Lagos
75,000 Naira/year
Help one child study in S.S. Peter and Paul School, Lekki, Lagos
150,000 Naira/year
Help one child live & survive malnutrition
70,000 Naira/year
Help one woman start her own business
60,000 Naira/project

Companies.
Sponsor a group of children or women.
Donate materials, equipment, products.
Offer your time & professional services.

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