



PRESS RELEASE
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LOVING GAZE CELEBRATES CHILDREN DAY
Thanks to Ferrero's support

On May 27th, Loving Gaze celebrated the 2014 Children's Day at SS. Peter & Paul School with over 300 children from the Ikate Elegushi, Lekki, Jakande and Ikorodu Communities.

This year's Children's Day gave us, for the first time, the opportunity to bring together children from all these different communities to socialize and share a full day together. We believe that giving these children the opportunity to meet each other, share their experiences, traditions and beauty is the best seed for a future of harmony and cooperation.

Loving Gaze has served the most unprivileged kids in these communities for over 25 years through Educational activities (SS Peter & Paul School in Ikate Elegushi, and St John School in Ikorodu), and basic Health Care services through the St Kizito Clinics in Jakande, Idi-Araba and Ikorodu. The clinics run ante and postnatal services, two malnutrition centers and provide immunization services. Thanks to local and international donations from individuals and corporate organizations we are now able to support over 1,500 children in Lagos.

Barbara Pepoli - Loving Gaze General Manager - says, *"We were delighted to host our first Children's Day, with Ferrero. Our children enjoyed a full day of games, music, dance and happiness. Thanks to Ferrero we offered a "Nutella Party", the most popular hazelnut spread in the world. It is every child's right to receive care, attention and love. We want them to be aware of their dignity and infinite value; this is our education through all our activities. We want them to grow, discover the beauty around them and become responsible adults. This year's guest of honour was Ms Jamila. We just had the immense joy to welcome her as Assistant Teacher at St John School. She was a former student, graduated in 2009, supported by Loving Gaze throughout her primary education. Her family, from a modest fishing community could not afford her studies, we now see a bright young lady, who has successfully completed her secondary school. She blossomed and it is our best reward, seeing a child grow into a loving, compassionate and knowledgeable adult."*

ABOUT LOVING GAZE

Loving Gaze is an independent not-for-profit organization, with 25 years of experience in Nigeria. We serve the unprivileged community in Lagos and Taraba State, through educational activities, basic health care service, women empowerment and vocational training. Run by a multi-cultural team of 150 Nigerian professionals, Italian expatriates and international volunteers. We recognize and respect each individual life and dignity without gender, religious or ethnic boundaries. We believe there is a desire for joy, hope and positive change in each of us. Our purpose is to serve with care, joy and professionalism people in need, to ignite hope and seeds for growth. For more info, visit our website: www.lovinggaze.org.

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