NGO fetes pupils

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A part of activities marking this year’s Children’s Day, Loving Gaze, a not-for-profit organisation with 25 years’ experience in Nigeria, celebrated with over 300 children from the Ikate Elegushi, Lekki, Jakande and Ikorodu communities at SS. Peter & Paul School with Ferrero's support.

The outfit’s Manager, Barbara Pepoli, said the event was to help the pupils relax.

“This year’s Children’s Day for the first time gave us the opportunity to bring together children from across these communities to socialise and share a full day together. We believe that giving these children the opportunity to meet each other is the best seed for a future of harmony and cooperation,” she said.

Loving Gaze has served the unprivileged community in Lagos and Taraba states, through educational activities, basic health care service, women empowerment and vocational training. It comprises 150 Nigerian who are professionals in varying fields, including Italian expatriates and international volunteers.

“We have been taking care of these unprivileged kids in these communities for over 25 years through various educational activities in addition to basic health care services through the St Kizito Clinics in Jakande, Ibi-Ababa and Ikorodu. Our clinics run ante and postnatal services, two malnutrition centers and provide immunisation services,” Barbara added.

She thanked individual and corporate bodies both local and international for their donation and support which she said has helped the organisation to cater for over 1,500 children in Lagos alone.