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A Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), Loving Gaze Schools, has underscored the essence of giving care and love to children, particularly during festivities.

Loving Gaze, who is the general manager, Barbara Pepoli, spoke at the SS Peter & Paul Creche, Nursery & Primary Christmas party. It featured over 360 students and their families in attendance.

Pepoli said such gesture would give the children a sense of responsibility and make them discover the beauty around them.

The Christmas party was celebrated with the support of Kinder Joy, a children household event which featured a Santa Claus that gave each kid a package comprising chocolate and toy.

He said: "We are delighted to celebrate this year's Christmas party with the support of Kinder Joy. We share the same values for our children: Joy, quality of education and surprise for the beauty of 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. Our school's motto for this academic year is: What is essential can be seen only with an open heart. We hope that our children will see the true spirit and joy of this Christmas celebration."

He explained that Loving Gaze is a not-for-profit organisation, with 25 years of experience in Nigeria. It is run by 150 Nigerian professionals, Italian expatriates and international volunteers. The NGO focuses on underprivileged communities especially, in Lagos and Taraba States, through educational activities, basic health care service, women empowerment and vocational training," Pepoli said.

The party afforded the pupils opportunity to participate cultural dance, dance, songs and drama presentations. Aside, participating families and teachers had the chance to meet and discuss.

SS Peter & Paul Creche, Nursery & Primary School was founded by the NGO as a social service, providing basic quality education to all children regardless of religious, ethnic or economic background.

The school began operation in 1991, as a Catholic private school. At present, school enjoys international exposure with eight international volunteered teachers from France, Australia and Italy.