

A young girl with a joyful expression, wearing a white tank top with blue stripes on the shoulder, stands in front of a lush green background. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark grey banner at the bottom containing the organization's name and logo.

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Brave Hearts Ethiopia (BHE)

*Supports Orphaned and
Vulnerable Children (OVC)
by ensuring they have a
**safe and nourishing home,
quality education** and the
psychosocial support they
need for the bright future
they deserve!*

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*BHE has directly improved the lives of **61** orphan and vulnerable children, **35** guardians and **40** community members over the last **3** years of its operation. It has also indirectly supported **300** community members.*

Children such as Birhanu have had to deal with **extreme poverty**, the **grief** and **loss** of their parents and **taking care** of their ailing grandparents. **Most** do not get three meals a day and **struggle** with their education.

BHE ensures they get basic services and **cope** with the psychological burdens they have faced from a very **young age**. Despite his challenges, Birhanu always has a **smile** on his face and hopes to be a pilot one day.





*Apart from support with **basic needs**, BHE provides much needed **counseling** and **psychosocial support** to the child or youth and his/her guardian. This model ensures a **resilient** and **healthy** environment in which to **thrive**.*



Young *teenage girls* like Abiba can go a long way with the *support* they receive. Abiba lost *both* her parents when she was only *5* years old. She, her grandmother and sister had to make ends meet.

Today, Abiba is excelling in *university*, loves *reading books* and aims to be a nutritionist. She has a *bright future* ahead of her.



*BHE strives to ensure a bright future for all the youth in the program. **Young teens** are given the **opportunity** to continue their **higher education** or gain **vocational skills training** so they can become **self-reliant adults**.*

Temmar along with other young adults supported by **BHE** is learning **new skills** in his **internship** at a high end restaurant in Addis. This is following his **successful completion** of a Hospitality skills **training**.

Although he went through a lot in his young life, *Temmar* now has a **smile** that lights the room, and is loving **cooking** his way to his **dream** of opening a restaurant.





BHE aims to create a **sustainable livelihood** for families that struggle to secure their **basic needs**. Guardians are provided funding and training to start their own income generating activities (**IGAs**) so they can **better support** their **children**.



Guardians like Sitota who had struggled to **support** their family are **empowered** by the opportunity of running their own small **business**. Her **child** Yibetal now have a more **secure** livelihood.

Sitota sells fresh **vegetables** at a competitive price and earns a better living. Sitota and the other guardians have started returning their loans into a revolving fund. The fund will be **reinvested** to grow their business.



BHE with its partners implement a holistic care model through quality education and training, nutrition, income generation, counseling and psychosocial support thus helping to ensure bright futures for children, youth and their families.

*BHE works so **children** and **families** like Berta and his grandmother, Yemariam can have bright, secure and happy lives.*

***BHE** seeks to enable children like Berta to **shine**. Berta is a **brilliant** student that wishes to learn **robotics** and **engineering** one day. He hopes to win the **Nobel** prize and show what his country is capable of!*

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