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Because you helped Us, Our Door Stayed Open!

Dear Local Supporters,
When we started this task, we didn't think we would get into such a hard task; when we take some money out of our pockets to get licensed for the charity our issue was how we will serve the society now.
Therefore, our dear supporter, our company has not closed its doors for the past three years.

Our movement has been growing with your support and help. In general, our mission is to change the lives of women, children and youth in difficult situations. Hence, our supporters are our lifeblood. Therefore, we thank the individuals we have approached and determined to actively participate and stand with our journey.

Global Giving Did This! You're Our Daring!

BDO partnered with GG!

BDO was vetted and accepted as a partner and so we are ENERGIZED!

With the partnership with Global Giving, we are so happy that we have got so many benefits. It was our first engagement with international organization and partnership.

As GG is an online fundraising platform, we have got the opportunity to learn and develop our skills and experience by using the platform's tools and posting our projects for fundraising so that we accomplish our mission.

Also we have got the opportunity to be visible for individuals and theglobal community as a charity and as a fundraiser being partner to GG.



I'm also so excited and happy about the way the GG teams respond and communicate with us for any conversations. It is so warmly, pleased and with reassurance.

Lastly, I appreciate and say thank you for GG for its efforts in creating a fundraising platform and also raising resources to donate for people in need of critical help across the world and for Ethiopia too.

Donation is everything to Non-profits!!!

The needs of community welfare services and lack of resources to fill the gaps is ever increasing.

We aspire to see women, children, adolescents and young people living healthy, happy and a decent life. Also we envision life be enjoyable for all in Ethiopia, however, there are lack of equity of resources and services for the majority of the population. This trend should be changed through efforts of government, civil society, companies and individuals.

The problem of local resource mobilization for nonprofits:

There are no adequate researches done on local philanthropy that can be shown with statistical evidences. But few qualitative studies are available that show as described here. The root causes are: lack of awareness by the community and community based organizations about the power of local philanthropic giving to charities; lack of trust of the public and stakeholder on local charities; unfavorable legal restrictions on philanthropy and charities in the past; the traditional charitable giving has been encouraged by religious organizations for giving to religious organizations; and lack of strong governance among charities and philanthropic organizations.

Suggested Solution:

As a suggestion, it is critical to promote the power of local philanthropic giving for local charity organizations. Local resource mobilization is critical to local development initiatives. Therefore, we need to change the mindset of the public, stakeholders, and philanthropic organizations to change the attitude and practices.

Giving is not just about making a donation!

"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference."
— *Kathy Calvin*

It might be disinteresting when a charity organization tells you it's is unable to function as expected because of inadequate resources for operating expenses. Some of our supporters are helping us because they have faith in us and love the lives of the needy changed and see the difference.

To support others and accomplish its mission, a charity need to sustain through help of you and do the day to day activities and this requires the contribution of money resources. We the staffs are working voluntarily and other operating expenses are covered by the money raised from our friends. At the minimum our annual budget for operating expenses could have been $ 10000.00. So, we are working in stressful situation. However, we are passionate and doesn't give-up until our mission reach relevant beneficiaries.



Figure 1Temporary Office with poor space!

Thank you dear our supporters. Don't give-up your support and believe in us and you will see your donation results and will be happy by what you have impacted.

"As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way."
— *Mary Anne Radmacher*

As we don't have budget in our organization we couldn't get money to pay for office rent and working in a small room at home which is inconvenient as office. Can you help paying a monthly fee for office?

Please, donate any amount!

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Thank you again!

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