“Kite for Bonding” with BBR Foundation Children

Date: Saturday, 19th October Location: Yaya Village, Menna Abichu Sub City, Sheger City, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Organized by: Rotary Fellowship of Kites (RFOK)

Participants: BBR Foundation Children

Introduction:

On Saturday, 19th October, the Rotary Fellowship of Kites (RFOK) organized an event titled “Kite for Bonding” at Yaya Village, Menna Abichu, for the children of the BBR Foundation. This initiative aimed to utilize kite flying as a means to build

connections, inspire creativity, and encourage teamwork among the children.

Objectives:

1. To introduce the joy of kite flying to the children.

2. To foster teamwork and collaboration.

3. To create a memorable bonding experience through an outdoor activity.

Key Activities:

- *Introduction to Kite Flying*: The children learned the fundamentals of kite flying, including assembling and launching their kites.

- *Team Activities:*Children formed small teams to design, decorate, and fly kites, promoting collaboration and creativity.

- *Discussion & Reflection*: Post-activity discussions enabled participants to share their experiences, challenges, and joys.

Lessons Learned:

- *Patience is Key*: The activity underscored the importance of patience, as children navigated challenges like tangled strings and launching difficulties.

- *Collaboration Boosts Success*: Teamwork was crucial in achieving success, teaching children the value of mutual support.

- *Outdoor Play Encourages Creativity*: The experience sparked creative thinking among many children, from kite design to problem-solving.

Opportunities:

1. *Scalability*: This event can be replicated in other regions, using kite flying to teach valuable life skills.

2. *Community Engagement*: Involving parents, local communities, and sponsors can enhance outreach and impact.

3. *Cultural Exchange*:Kite flying offers a platform for children from diverse backgrounds to share stories and traditions.

Weaknesses:

1. *Limited Time for Learning*: Some children struggled to master kite flying in the allotted time, leading to frustration.

2. *Weather Dependency*: The event's success was heavily weather-dependent, with potential disruptions looming.

3. *Resource Limitations*: A limited number of kites slowed activities, leaving some children waiting for their turn.

Strengths:

1. *Engagement and Excitement*:The children's enthusiasm and excitement were evident, showcasing kite flying's appeal.

2. *Team Spirit*:The event cultivated a sense of community and teamwork, as children collaborated on kite flying efforts.

3. *Positive Feedback*: Both children and facilitators praised the experience as an effective bonding activity.

Conclusion:

The “Kite for Bonding” event successfully introduced kite flying to BBR Foundation children as an engaging activity promoting teamwork, patience, and creativity. Despite challenges like time constraints and limited resources, the overall experience was positive, creating lasting memories and growth opportunities. RFOK envisions expanding this activity to other retreats and schools to foster connections through the joy of kite flying.