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EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

As we approach the celebration of the international day of Peace, let me begin by quoting from the inspirational wisdom of our Beloved Mother Teresa who said, ***"We do not need guns and bombs to bring peace but we need love and compassion".***

The world today is moving away from the ideal of peace, compassion and non violence. In fact violence and vengeance is glorified to such an alarming extent in our movies, social media and newspapers that it is affecting the very psychic development of our children and youth. It is distressing to note the amount of bulling and aggressive behaviour coupled with a defiant non cooperative attitude from many school going children. It is time to stop and ask ourselves where all this is leading to. We need to remind our children about this: ***"Those who live by the sword die by the sword"***. It has never been more important before than it is now more than ever, for us to consciously and steadfastly work towards ending the hate and returning to love and compassion which alone can save the world from self-destruction.

How can we do this? If you are a care taker of the children reading this, you can do this by being a role model for your children because children follow what you do and not what you say. If you are a teacher reading this, then you must realize that you have a primary role to fulfill in developing not only the knowledge of children but more importantly, their value system of tolerance and kindness and finally, if you are an adult and a citizen of the world reading this, then please know that the only way we can provide a better world for our children is by leading them into a better safer and more tolerant world.

It is time for our children to be the torch bearers of peace in the family and the society. So, where does it begin? It begins here. When does it begin? It begins now. How does it begin? It begins with selfless love and compassion.

Yours

Fr. Joseph Leo

"Peace begins with a smile.."

-Mother Teresa

CHILDREN'S HOME

SCHOLARSHIP BY GUARDIANS OF DREAMS

On the 4th of August five of our Anbu illam children participated in the scholarship programme conducted by Guardians of Dreams at Taramani. Five of our children who passed in the 10th & 12th. Public exams were chosen for this reward. The students were engaged with interactive sessions and at the close of the day were rewarded with scholarship. This initiative has made the children gain confidence to do better in the future.

TRITYA SOPAN

The new candidates who were taken into Scouts units had a four day training camp for "Rajya Puruskar." Eight of our new candidates attended this camp and learnt the basics in scouting. By attending these four days of camp the boys have also completed their "Tritya Sopan" and are eligible to appear for "Rajyaa Puruskar."

AWARD CEREMONY

Greater Chennai corporation organized a award ceremony on 19th August to honor and appreciate children who have passed in 10th and 12th std. **Miss G. PRIYA**, from Don Bosco Saranalayam, was awarded by Mr. Velmani Municipal Administrator Minister, for securing high marks in 10th among the other night shelter homes.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Our boys who are talented in many things proved their fitness by securing several prizes during the Annual Sports Meet for the academic year 2019-2020 respectively in both the schools. Our boys who are part of the school team have won and made it to the next level. Our boys have achieved at school level and at zonal level.

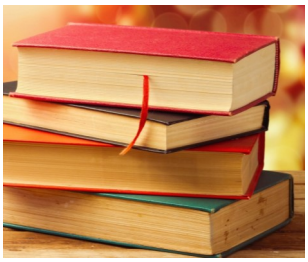
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ENTREPRENEURIAL AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR YOUTH

Awareness on Entrepreneurial and Leadership skills was organized for the youngsters at Jain College on 19th July 2019. Mr. Antony, Trainer in Soft Skills gave awareness talk and training. Close to 150 youngsters got benefited.

Orientation on Government Schemes and training on Language and Communication was organized for the youngsters at Joe Tech campus on 26th July 2019. Mr. Leo Levin form Don Bosco Vazhikaatti oriented on the government schemes available. Mr. Linto spoke on the importance of English Language and Communication followed by Mr. Guna's motivational talk on Personality Development.

INAUGURATION OF KALAM MEMORIAL BOOKSHELF



Missile Man of India was greatly remembered on his 4th year of anniversary. To mark this event, Kalam Memorial Bookshelf was inaugurated at Three community centers namely Kasimedu, Ondikuppam and Pallavan Salai on 27th July 2019. Mr. C. Newton Raj, Associate Manager in HCL Foundation and Mr. S. David Jayababu, Coordinator - Homelink were kindly consented and inaugurated the bookshelf. Dr. Kalam a man of vision and mission' said Mr. Newton during his commemoration address. Mr. David Jayababu expressed his love and respect through excellent speech. Mr. Regan Joseph, Coordinator Police Boys and Girls Club and Mr. David, Team Member - ICPS presented books for the newly inaugurated bookshelf.

KALAM MEMORIAL SCIENCE EXHIBITION

In order to sow the importance of Science, on 27th July 2019 community level science exhibition was organized. Our children made series of experiments and exhibited it. Mr. Newton Raj, Mr. David Jayababu were present during the science presentation at Pallavan Salai, in other places Community Leaders inaugurated the event.

WORKSHOP ON COASTAL ACT

Mrs. Sagaya Mary Kavitha, Mr. Joseph and Mr. Vijay went for attending three days' workshop on Coastal Act organized by HRF at Tanjore between 19th and 21st July 2019. This workshop gave enough insights on various acts that are available for fisher folks. This workshop is a prelude for upcoming mass demonstrative walk planned for next year.

KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

20th Year Victory of Kargil War was celebrated by ICSC project on 26th July 2019. Candle light homage, victory proclamation rallies and demonstrative events took place to mark the joyous victory. Celebration was completely based on the theme proposed, Rejoice and Renew.

Our Children were made to remember the great sacrifice made, rejoice in the colorful victory and renew their patriotism and unity. Children walked down the streets with national flag, candle and placards featuring the history of Kargil

AWARENESS ON POCSO ACT

On 27th July 2019, an awareness program on POCSO Act was organized for children and caretakers of Dumilkuppam center. This event served around 50 children from nearby areas. Mr. Udhay, Advocate in Madras High Court came as the resource person and gave very interactive session on POCSO. Mr. Udhay's experience as an advocate made children to actively participate in the process of learning.

INCOME GENERATION PROGRAM

On 10th August 2019, training program on Domestic gardening and Fish Amino Acid production was conducted for newly formed women sangam. This event was organized in order to help women to start up small business through sea and kitchen waste. Mr. Anbu, the resource person gave clear demo on vertical gardening and Fish Amino Acid preparation. Bro. Paul Raj, Scholastic in Jesuit Order delivered key note address on the importance of converting wastage into profit.

SMILE AND GLOW

This was an initiative taken in order to bring happiness and joy filled learning among slum children. From 19th - 31st August 2019, series of fun packed events like clown show, magic show and puppet show was arranged to spread importance of Child Rights, Health and Hygiene and Importance of Education at major junctions of twelve slums.

We sincerely extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Santhakumar and team for staging laughter filled clown and magic shows and Mr. Yuvaraj for performing thought provoking puppet shows.

MY COMMUNITY

ANCIENT CIVILIZATION TRIP

DBAI-HCLF MYC organized one Day Summer Camp Exposure Visit at Egmore Museum, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 07th July 2019 where 50 children along with tuition teachers participated in Egmore Museum for summer camp exposure visit. The children had an amazing time in learning Human history, different culture, different types of wild animals their life cycles, food chain and etc. Children also visited to Anthropology, Archaeology, Arts Gallery, Botany, Children's Museum, Geology, Numismatics, Zoology (mammals, reptiles, skeletal exhibits) and etc. Overall it was a nice exposure visit.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR CLUBS

DBAI-HCLF MYC organized Scout investiture ceremony – 2019 at OFERR Nallayan Research Center, Natham , Kanchipuram, on 27th July 2019. The ceremony was headed by **Rev. FR. James Raj - DBAI** Chief guest of the Day, **Mr. Marshal Kumar – HCLF,** Mr. Reegan - DBAI. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. Ashok - DBAI, Scouts and guides. Rev. Fr. James Raj gave a wonderful speech about the importance of scouts and guides while he narrated few inspirational examples to them, and also gave a motivational talk. 16 Children received the scarfs and entered in to scout movement and few tree saplings were planted by Scouts and Guides. **Mr. Ratnarajasingam** gave a wonderful speech about the **SPIRULINA** health tips.

ALL CHILDREN HAVE RIGHTS

DBAI-HCLF MYC organized CRC orientation programme on 25th July, 2019. The leaders of the child rights club such as Education club, Sports club, Eco club and health club, gathered to discuss on activities of the club. Mr. BABU, gave orientation about the child rights club.

DBAI HCLF

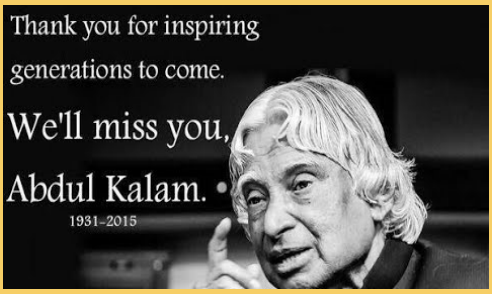
AWARDS & REWARDS

DBAI-HCLF children's club organized award function for the year of 2018-19 on 6th July at Green Coconut resort. Around 18 clubs participated in the award function. Best clubs were rewarded with cash prize out of which one club received the inspirational award and the remaining clubs were given emerging and achievement awards.

1st PRIZE	ARUMBAKKAM
2nd PRIZE	EGMORE
3rd PRIZE	PALLIKARANAI
4th PRIZE	KODAMBAKKAM
5th PRIZE	MUTHAIYALPET

The award winners shared about their experience with DBAI HCLF and their performances throughout the year were evaluated. Staff capacity building for club members were organized that helped in interacting with each other. Later the function was concluded with the evaluation by Mr. Newton from HCL Foundation.

TRIBUTE TO DR. APJ ABDUL KALAM



Dr.A.P.J. Abdul kalam's 4th Death Anniversary was observed by DBAI HCLF Children's club on 27th July 19. Children paid a moment of silence in the memory of our Former President and also remembered his life and thoughts through wonderful speech and poems. Scout masters read commemoration address. This day helped our children to know more about Dr. Kalam.

SPORTS FOR CHANGE

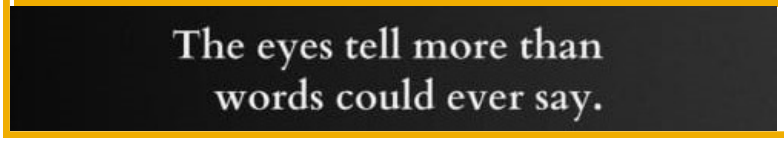
HCLF conducted Sports for change South Qualifier 2019 at Madurai Race course ground. Around 240 Children from DBAI HCLF Children's club participated in this event held on August 2nd and 3rd. Mr. Nikhil Chittarasu, Indian High Jumper & Ms. Nithi Pundhir, HCLF CSR head inaugurated the Sports for Change 2019.Our children participated in Team events, Track & Field events and won in Volleyball, Football for boys and girls, Kabbadi Girls and winners in overall track events.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

DBAI HCLF celebrated 73rd Independence Day with great enthusiasm at all the police boys & girls clubs. The program started with flag hosting by Inspectors of respective police department at respective clubs. Children from each club presented group dance, skit, speech competition and games were conducted for the children at the respective clubs. The programs performed by children were the main highlight of the day. The day ended up with vote of thanks by scout masters from respective clubs. Sweets were distributed to children & parents presented there.

EYE CAMP

DBAI HCLF conducted Eye Camp for community people and children on 23rd Aug'19 at Chintadripet police boys & girls club. The camp benefited around 150 patients while 5 were referred for cataract surgery and 25 spectacles were distributed to the patients. People from the community were able to avail free medical facilities irrespectively.



CHILD RIGHTS ORIENTATION

DBAI-HCLF organized Child safety & child rights club formation for club children. Mrs. Bagya lakshmi a volunteer from ICWO explained the Children how to differentiate and identify the touch or so called "bad touch" or any other uncomfortable behavior from others. She also gave instructions on how one should react or respond in an uncomfortable situation. Followed by was the session conducted by Mr. Vignesh who gave awareness about Child line and how Childline can help children in distress. At the end of the session children were given questionnaire to review their understanding. CRC Orientation was conducted by Mr. Anand & Mrs. Bagya lakshmi in which they explained the roles and responsibilities of a leader in respective Child rights clubs.

HEALTH CHECK – UP

DBAI-HCLF-VTC KODAMBAKKAM With the support of Govt Primary Health Center conducted General medical check up for the VTC Students on 22nd August. More than 25 students benefited in this Checkup.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION

DBAI HCLF conducted International Youth Day at Arumbakkam. Children participated between the age group from 13 to 17.The aim of this celebration was to promote the different ways that engage the youth to make themselves more involved in their communities through positive contribution. This year's theme is **"TRANSFORMING EDUCATION"** which highlights effort to make education more inclusive & accessible for all youth, including efforts by youth themselves. .

SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS

On 11th & 12th July 2019, Ms. Blessy & Rajeshwari conducted awareness about CHILDLINE and POCSO Act at St. Anne's Generalate at Madhavaram . Around 15 teachers attended the program. Ms. Rajeshwari gave a PowerPoint presentation and video presentation where she explained about programs and activities done in CHILDLINE. Later she took the session about POCSO Act where she explained about the act and also shared about the case experience. Ms. Blessy Benny highlighted on Women Rights , where she explained about the women in the society, challenges faced by the women and the laws and acts regarding women rights.

MYLAPORE TIMES

The Madras
CELEBRATING THE FOUNDING OF

Tackling child abuse: City based NGOs conduct awareness program for residents at Marina

On Aug 14, city-based NGOs conducted an awareness program on child abuse and good parenting skills for the residents of Nochikuppam, Dooming Kuppam and Srinivasapuram.

Volunteers from various NGOs including The Banyan, Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Integrated Child Development Society (ICDS), Montfort Community and Development Society (MCDS) and more were involved in organizing this program.

They spoke in batches to around 100 residents of this area on good parenting skills and gave tips to tackle child abuse.

A few years ago, these NGOs have come together under the name of 'Neithal' to serve the people living

"When we started working in this area, we understood that many children had undergone physical, sexual, and psychological abuse. And, most parents neglected these incidents reported by their children. Hence, we planned to give them an awareness on this," says Harilal, Program Manager of the Banyan Shelter at San Thome.

One of the residents of Srinivasapuram who wanted to be anonymous said that many people, including close relatives, were sexually abusing their children. "And this has made many children depressed," she says.

The awareness program was held at the community hall in Srinivasapuram and at certain Anganwadis in the area. Rajeshwari, a volunteer of Don Bosco Anbu Illam, an NGO based in Wall Tax Road says, "We

MASS AWARENESS FOR NCC STUDENTS

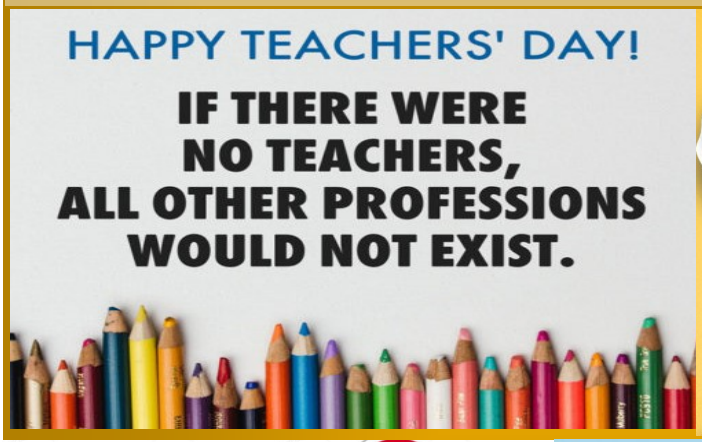
On 15th August 2019, CHILDLINE Team went to Loyola College to give mass awareness to the NCC students. Around 150 NCC students where present for the awareness program. CHILDLINE Director, Fr. Joseph Leo gave a talk on CHILDLINE and Child Rights. The awareness program went in a good way.

YAR DAY CAMPAIGN

YaR Posters were released for the year 2019-20 on the them "All rights to All Children" by Fr. K.M Jose, Provincial of Chennai Province INM and YaR Director Fr. Koshy . The second phase of Imagine YaR ministry—Journey together into tomorrow was organized at CITADEL on the 23rd August, in which a template was formed to conduct SWOT exercise to undertake the development of YaR centres.

"ALL RIGHTS TO ALL CHILDREN"

We thank all the teachers, Staff & Volunteers who take special care in educating our children in the Communities



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