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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,



I am indeed very happy to pen few lines for this month. Though month of February is a very short month but DBAI has undertaken number of activities for the shelter and slum children. Number of state level and national level meetings were held in order to achieve standard

quality care and administration in our YaR centres. We have made happy and healthy progress in formation of children's clubs and women groups in the community centres. I appreciate and admire all the staff and children who have made tremendous efforts to achieve the above mentioned programs.

As the children have started their board exams, let us continue to assist them and accompany them, bring about their best results in the public exams. We have given proper career orientation to all the children who are attending their X and XII standard exams in our homes. I wish all the students of X,XI and XII all the very best for their future. I also thank all the teachers and volunteers who contribute for the growth of our children. Finally as Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam said, "Small aim is a crime" so, let us together with the children help them to dream big and achieve it with hard work.

Fr. Joseph Leo

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Director

MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

10- Women's Celebration

13- Workshop on Substance Abuse

15- Staff Retreat @ Ennore

16-18 DB-HCL Educational Trip—Ooty

22- World water day competition

24/27- Medical Camp

Childline School Awareness - Every(Wed-Thurs)



Television Show with Shelter Home Children



Adithya Television Channel, in view of their 10th Foundation Day, organized a shoot with the shelter home boys and girls on 4 February, 2018 at Bosco illam. Senior show hosts from the channel performed before the children and encouraged the participation of the children in the fun activities. The coverage was telecasted in their channel on 8 February, 2018

-Bro. Cruz Robert

YaR Governing Body Meeting

The Governing Body Meeting of Don Bosco National Forum for Young at Risk was held at St Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Ella, Goa on 5th & 6th February 2018. YaR representatives of 10 provinces, the President, Vice President, Secretary and the two joint secretaries of YaR took part in this meeting. Fr.Thathireddy Vijaya Bhaskar, President of YaR presided over the meeting. Fr. Joseph Leo, the director of DBAI presented the second draft of YaR Child Participation policy and it was debated. Updates on national level programs like Homelink (HLK), Participatory Action Research (PAR), Child Friendly Cities (CFCI) in India, Migrant Ministry (MM) and Juvenile Justice Alliance (JJA) were briefed with the members. Third poster for the YaR Day Campaign 2017-18 was released in the GBM. The YaR coordinators to try and engage with civil society leaders to enrich the good work we do.



-Bro. Jerome Cyril

General Medical Camp



Dr. Joseph and Sanitary Inspector Mr. Suresh from Greater Corporation Chennai organized a medical camp for the shelter home children on 10 February, 2018. They checked the general health of the children and prescribed them medicines as required. The height and weight of the children were also examined and recorded. After the camp, a short meeting was held with shelter home staff, supportive staff and child representatives.

-Mr. Julius Vinil

CHILD MISS Training Programme

Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk (YaR), New Delhi, together with DBAI, Chennai organized CHILD MISS online tool training programme for the Migrant Youth Services staffs in Chennai on 14 February, 2018 at DBAI Office, Park Town, Chennai. During the training Fr. Joe Prabu presented the CHILD MISS programme and Mr. Babu enlightened on the dynamics of CHILD MISS Website. The training was well attended by the Chennai Migrant Staffs, field workers, and coordinators of nodes.

-Mr. Jaya Babu



Youth Pastoral Team visits Bosco illam



Frs. Daniel Garcia and Patrick Antony Raj, delegated of Salesian Youth Pastoral Department, Rome interacted with Bosco Illam Children on 20 February, 2018. The visitors were impressed by the talents exhibited by the children during the short informal cultural programme. Fr. Garcia taught some special claps to the children in his interaction and made the evening a memorable one. The same evening he also visited Thiruvottiur centre.

-Bro. Cruz Robert

'Thinking Day'

The birthday of Sir Baden Powell, the founder of the Scout movement was commemorated on 22 February, 2018 at Bosco illam. Mr. E. Saravanan, the Inspector of Police, P5 Police Station, MKB Nagar, presided over the programme. Mr. Elangovan, Senior scout master and retired Tahsildar of Perambur in his thinking day message invited the scouts to be ever prepared for a good turn and to fulfill the dream of Baden Powell. The event was organized by Mr. Ashok Kumar, Scout Master.



-Mr. Ashok Bosco

Career Guidance Seminar

Session on career guidance was arranged for the X-XII standard students in the shelter home on 23 February, 2018 at Bosco Illam. Mr. Nirmal and Mr. Vimal enlightened the children who are preparing for the upcoming government exams on the need to take on academics seriously in order for them to be able to choose a career option of their interest and capacity. The variety of career options presented has encouraged the children to focus on doing their exams well.

-Bro. Cruz Robert



CHILDLINE Awareness



The Childline unit of DBAI was invited to set up stall to give awareness on Child Rights and Protection during the 'Youth Health Mela' (Celebrate Life) conducted by the cancer institute, Adyar and HCL Project on 23-24 February, 2018 at Anna University Campus in Chennai. Mr. K. A Sengottayan, Educational Minister of Tamil Nadu and Dr. V. Shantha, Chairman, Cancer Institute, Chennai and many other invitees graced the event. School Children, teachers, college students, professors and supportive staff were reached out through this initiative.

-Mr. Prabhakaran

Medals for SSA Children



Medals and Certificates were distributed to Six Children in Sub-Juniors category on 28 February, 2018 for securing first, second and third prizes in the drawing and speech competitions conducted at the SSA Zone level. Fr. Joseph Leo, the director gave away the prizes and encouraged the children. Special thanks to Mr. Antony, DBAI Staff In-charge for SSA for coordinating the event.

-Mr. Antony

Karthick Revisits DBAI Gratefully

Karthick, a missing child was rescued from central railway station by childline staff and was successfully restored back with his family in Namakkal in the year 2012. Having completed his studies Karthick who secured a job in Visakapattinam, on his way to the destination via train dropped in DBAI office opposite Chennai Central and thanked the present Rector and the childline team for having made a difference in his life.



-Mr. Ashok Bosco

National Science Day 2018



National Science day (28 February) was commemorated in Otteri slum evening tuition center to stress the responsible use of science for the benefit of the society and to highlight the theme for the year 'Science and Technology for a sustainable future'. Fifteen children displayed their mini yet creative projects and presented them to the admiration of their pals.

-Ms. Sheela Janet

Childline Awareness

Promotion and Protection of Child Rights and making others as agents of child rights has been the major agenda of childline team. This has been achieved steadily through regular awareness programme in the educational institutions and to the general public. In the month of February more than 1500 students and their teachers in eight corporation schools in Chennai were reached out to by Childline team. On 15 February 2018 awareness on child marriage was given through street theatre to the residents in Besant Nagar, Chennai and again Childline awareness for the slum people in Kasimedu was given.

-Mr. Prabakaran



ICSC Project Reaches out

DB-ICSC Project (Don Bosco's Intervention in Coastal Slum Communities) carried out its major activities under three categories namely Right based awareness, career guidance and health based initiatives for target groups children, youth and women respectively. Child rights awareness, money management, sessions on health and hygiene, career guidance and skill training programmes were conducted for the respected communities. More than 350 children, youth and women benefitted through all these initiatives.



-Mr. Jaya Prakash



— If an egg is —
broken by an outside force,
Life Ends.
If broken by an inside force.
Life Begins.

Great things always begin from inside.

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