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EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,



Every birth is God's gift to the humanity. And every birth gives joy to the world and happiness to the family. But if this birth should give meaning to our existence then it needs to be given to others. "The meaning of life is to find your gift and the purpose of life is to give it away" said Mr. Pablo Picasso.

Taking a cue from the quote of Picasso, our editorial this time is going to focus on the joy that comes out of giving. The concept of 'giving' does not arise from the mind but it should arise from the inner most heart of oneself. Here I am referring not to the adults, but of **truly lovely human beings – Children**.

We have all heard the saying, "Child is the father of Man". But have we wondered how can this be true? The answer to this question lies in the word "feeling". When children do anything, they do so because it touches deep in their tender hearts. Unlike adults who rationalize even the need and quantity of giving, children just give and give so unconditionally, and in that lies the truth behind the above statement. How else can one explain about Anupriya 8 years old kid from Villupuram, Tamil Nadu, on seeing the plight and suffering of so many food victims in neighboring Kerala, did not even hesitate a bit to very hap-

pily give away her savings of four years Rs. 9000/- to buy her dream bicycle to help in the relief work. Our children of Don Bosco Anbu Illam have done the same by giving their best to raise funds for the armed forces by selling stamps on Flag Day, December 7.

Most parents would do anything to see a smile on the faces of their own children. There are many countless less fortunate children who are waiting for someone to see their tears and feel their hearts. These children need our feelings, not reasoning. Give them whatever you can, however small it may be as for them it would make their world and bring back a smile from the heart into a tear stained face which is a prayer indeed answered in full for you and your loved ones.

To conclude, a gentle reminder that the spirit of Christmas – joy, hope, faith and love is lived in this very same way, by giving from the heart and soul in absolute genuine care for the other less fortunate ones.

I would like to acknowledge and appreciate all the volunteers, sponsors, donors and teachers who have contributed generously for the children. I wish all of you a **Merry Christmas and Wonderful New Year 2019!**

Warm Regards,

Fr. Joseph Leo, SDB
Director

SHELTER HOME PROGRAMME

PROVINCIAL VISITS DBAI

Rev.Fr. K.M. Jose, SDB, the provincial of Chennai Province, made his canonical visitation to DBAI on 16- 17 November 2018. Rev.Fr. Provincial blessed the children and motivated them to study and appreciated our children for their talents and encouraged them to become good citizens.

Rev. Fr. Provincial paid visit to DB-ICSC Centers (Ondikuppam tailoring unit and Indra Nagar community centre). He was given a very warm welcome followed by centre inspection and brief dialogue with our kids and community people. Children presented him a bouquet made up of color papers. He was very impressed by their creativity and commitment.

On 17 November Fr. Provincial visited DBAI - HCL Vocational training center. He also distributed course completion certificates to our students along with Mr.Dilli, Sub Inspector R2 Kodambakkam in order to make this occasion a memorable one. They also planted a tree.



INM YaR CHILDREN'S DAY



Nearly 500 children from six YaR (Young at Risk) centers of Chennai province together with their directors, got together to celebrate on the theme Protect Children from Violence. The YaR Day was organized by Father Joseph Leo, SDB the province YaR Coordinator and the other commission members at Don Bosco, Beattitudes, Vyasarpadi on November 21, 2018.

Rev.Fr. K.M Jose, the provincial of Chennai province presided over the inaugural event and addressed the children on how to have their rights protected and the role of parents/ society in protecting the children from violence and remained till lunch time to encourage the children.

Cultural competition was conducted for different YaR centers on the theme Protect children from Violence. It was followed by Debate competition, where students from different YaR centers used this forum to confront their views on who plays a major role in child development is it Society or Parents. Fr. Francis Bosco moderated the Debate competition and honoured the students for their active participation.

Prize distribution ceremony was presided over by the rectors of different YaR Communities and distributed the prizes for winners of Cultural and Drawing competition.

ROTARY NEETA TALENT SHOW



On the 22nd of November ROTARY TALENT COMPETITION co-sponsored by "**NEETA MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST**" at Kamarajar Hall, Chennai-600006 conducted the mega talent show among **53 centers**. The main objective of this programme was to discover and promote the hidden talent in children from various institutions and encouraging national integration and instilling a sense of belonging amongst these children. Children from Don Bosco Anbu Illam were also given an opportunity to bring out their hidden talent to the audience. Children enacted a mime and related

to the mime a dance. With the available time they performed also the beat boxing. Finally we got First place and added feather to the cap. DBAI proudly received the Shield and Master Dharma received third place in drawing competition too. In the year 2016 DBAI got 3rd place, in 2017 2nd place and in the year 2018 **DBAI got 1st place**. Thanks to Mr. Antony for preparing and encouraging the children.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR SCOUT BOYS

On 9th December, Our scout boys underwent one day training and seminar on disaster management. The resource person was Mr. Lawrence (Instructor disaster management Chennai city Red Cross). The workshop was solemnly inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo sdb. The entire programme was organized by Mr. Ashok Bosco, scout master of DBAI. Twenty children of Bosco illam boys underwent training to save themselves and others from the natural calamities like earthquake, flood and fire. The boys were grateful to the management and to the organizers for training them.



JOY OF GIVING : (Distribution of Christmas Gifts to the Needy)



AWARENESS ON SAFE & UNSAFE TOUCH

On 7th of November, 2018 we organized community level awareness on safe and unsafe touch, covering wide range behavioral complaints among school girls. Awareness videos and newspaper articles were the teaching aid for the program. Through this event we reached nearly 200 households. "No Touch" was the recently added concept and it was also taught. Special thanks to Dinamalar for organizing one day seminar on this same topic.



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION CUM PUPPET SHOW



Weeklong celebration was initiated between 13th November and 16th November 2018, during this period puppet show was arranged for all centers, through this event we created awareness on laws related to children, POSCO Act and also awareness on Dengue Fever. Children and women in good number participated in these series of program. On the 14th November, 2018 special programs were arranged by FEs of respective community centers. Children cut cakes and sweets were distributed. Drawing competition was conducted on the topic of 'Protect Children from Violence'. On the

12th November, 2018 ICSC celebrated Children's day with Park Town Mission High School students. Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Director brought Children's day greetings to mark this moment. Drawing competition was conducted on the 9th of November, 2018. Winners of this competition were honored during the noble celebration.

PROJECT VISIT

On 27th November, 2018 we had **Mr. Georg Muller and Mr. Silven Rehfeld** from Don Bosco, Mondo, Germany visiting our intervention areas, after a detailed presentation and discussion in the head office. Mr. Muller and Mr. Silven was accompanied to V.O.C Nagar vocational training centre and also interacted with club children and Vocational Training benefactors. He then distributed certificates for the drawing competition prize winners.



INDUSTRIAL VISIT



Phase II and III of industrial visit was organized on 28th, 29th and 30th of November 2018 (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), total number 100 youngster and women in three batches took part in exposure trips. On 30th November, 2018 our people were taken to ExNoRa International at Koyambedu there they were given orientation about “Go Green” concepts, terrace plantation, waste management and inter religious harmony. On 28th and 29th November, 2018 another set of people were taken to L. R. Enterprisers, Villivakkam, where they were given training on paper goods making.

MEDICAL CAMP



On the 10th of November 2018, DB – ICSC in collaboration with KVT Hospital organized a general medical camp for the residents of Indra Nagar and nearby areas, nearly 200 local people got benefitted through this camp, this was a great opportunity for the sick people.

FLAG DAY

Indian Army Forces Flag day was solemnly observed by children and staff of Anbu Illam on 7th December, 2018. Adhering to the call by the Governor and Chief Minister, community level fund raising campaign was organized in which our children and staff members passionately took part. To our great surprise, at the end of the campaign we collected sum of rupees 2350/- as funds received in the memory of great soldiers. Collected fund was later handed over to Mrs. Mythili K. Rajendran, IAS Public Service - Special Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu on 13th December 2018.



CHILDLINE PROGRAMME

CHILDLINE SE DOSTI WEEK 2018



Chennai Childline Unit celebrated Childline Se Dosti week from 13-20 November, 2018. Through a variety of activities like Suraksh Bandhan, Stall Awareness, Debate on reason for Child Marriage, balloon mela, school awareness programme & drawing competitions in community centres. More than 2500 general public and school/community children were given awareness on the need to ensure safety childhood.

CHILDLINE SE DOSTI WEEK PROGRAMME



SURAKSH BANDHAN - 14/11/2018 Area: Commissioner's Office & Police stations



DEBATE ON CHILD MARRIAGE - Theme "Reason for Child Marriage - Parents or children?"

Area: DB Vyasarpadi

Participants : 600 Students



DRAWING COMPETITION ON CHILD PROTECTION - 18/11/2018

Area: Our Childline Intervention Area

Participants : 100 students



CHILDLINE AWARENESS AT FLOWER BAZZAR- 19/11/2018

Area: Broadway

Beneficiary - 150 (School going children/women group)



BALLOON MELA—20/11/2018

Area: Suburayan Government school, Aminijikarai

Participants: 400 Students

DBAI-HCL CHILDREN'S CLUBS

ENVIRONMENT EXPOSURE VISIT



DBAI HCL Children's club (A2) had Environment exposure visit to Yellagiri hills. 50 Students and 9 Scout masters participated in this environment exposure visit. They visited Natural Park, Boat house, Coffee estate and also visited tribal village. Students interacted with tribal people and learnt about their tribal people culture, customs. End of the day Bro.Isai explained about history of Yellagiri and also explained available resources .

DENGUE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Dengue awareness campaign organized was at New Washermenpet, TVK Nagar, Perumbakkam, Muthayaipet, Chindathripet, MKB Nagar, and Saidapet in the month of Nov-18. Through this campaign, the students and the community people are educated on how to prevent Dengue fever and got oriented on what are the Symptoms. What are the appropriate treatment facilities available under the government health services? More than 300 children got benefitted.



SPORTS FOR CHANGE



National level Sports meet was held on 30th November and 1st December which was organized by HCL Foundation. Nearly 200 sports persons participated from different states. Children from DBAI HCL Children's clubs also participated and got some prizes. Master Yogesh from H5 New Washermenpet Club student got first place in Junior Level carom and Master Praveen from K9 TvK Nagar club student got first place in senior level Chess.

CLIENT VISIT AT CHEMMANCHERY

USA clients visited Chemmenchery police boys and girls club on 10th December 2018. They planted a sapling for Kalam Garden at chemmanchery club. The children performed dance for the clients and had a brief talk with them. The client oriented the children about the importance of education and how they have to overcome the problems that they face in their lives. They distributed gifts for the children.



CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR CRC LEADERS



On 3rd November DBAI-HCL Children's club organized capacity building programme for Child Rights Club (CRC) leader's at ICSA Centre at 10.00am. The main motive of this programme is to give awareness on CRC for the club children and the staff and to make them aware about the benefits of CRC, activities of CRC, challenges of CRC and how to create more clubs in the future and also the establishment of Children's parliament, benefits of children's parliament, and the concept of parliament. The session on establishment of children's parliament was conducted by **Mr. Jaya Prakash** and oriented the same. Child line awareness was

also given for the children and the staff by **Mr. Revanth** and **Ms. Rajeshwari** from DBAI child line. **Ms. Mary Diana** gave orientation about the **POCSO act (Protection of children from sexual offence)**. Around 150 children participated.

SCIENCE EXHIBITION

On 3rd November DBAI-HCL Children's Club Science exhibition at ICSA Centre was conducted by DBAI HCL gurukul. The exhibition was organized to celebrate and honor the birthday of Dr. Abdul Kalam. 80 Children from 18 clubs participated in this exhibition and exhibited 25 experiments. The creativity and the innovation of the children impressed the audience which was focusing on the theme "**Smart City's Problems and solutions**" that portrayed experiments such as Sewage management, rain water harvesting, Ground water resource management and "Smart Road". **Mr.**



Marshal, Ms. Parvathi, Ms. Mushrath and Mr. Sabari from HCL foundation evaluated the experiments and selected deserving experiments for the final exhibition which is to be conducted on 24th November at IIT Madras. The presentation of the experiments by the children was telecasted in **Vasanth TV** and **Madhimugam**.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



DBAI HCL Children's Club organized Children's day program on 14th November at Thoraipakkam Police boys & girls club. Ms. Mushrath, senior program manager was the guest for the program and 15 HCL Volunteers participated for the program. Cultural programs were given by children and HCL Volunteers danced with the children to celebrate. HCL Volunteers spoke about the special day and why it is celebrated as children's day and motivated the children for participation in other activities such as sports and cultural program. DBAI also awarded cash prize for 12th and 10th toppers to motivate the children and as token of appreciation and encouragement. Finally, the

program was concluded by cutting the cake and distribution of refreshments where the children enjoyed the special day. Finally, Ms. Mushrath, Mr. Leo Kumar and scout masters from Thoraipakkam discussed among the team and planned to conduct weekly meeting on Wednesdays in the future for the development of the club.

YOUNG KALAM SCIENCE EXHIBITION FINALS

On 24 November DBAI-HCL Children's Club organized Science Exhibition finals at IIT Research Park, Chennai. In this Exhibition Children from various states and Districts participated. The exhibition was organized to celebrate and honour the birthday of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. In this exhibition children show cased their experiments on Sewage management, Water scarcity, clean India and Green India models. Children performed Demo on the function of the bike that runs in water instead of petrol. Nearly 80 models were displayed in the Science Exhibition. In this Exhibition Our **Kodambakkam police Boys & Girls Club Won 1st prize** in the Exhibition for Finger print Bike Model and also **won Best Kalam Award** for Drainage water purifying Model. HCL foundation gave memento and awarded the winning Children.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION @ OUR INTERVENTION CENTERS



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