

THE DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT

2024-25







Impact of The Program

S.No	Project Name	Male	Female
1	Bosco Illam & Saranalayam	69	44
2	Integrated Child Protection Scheme (Shelter)	41	o
3	Integrated Child Protection Scheme (Outreach)	103	96
4	Community Intervention Program - Evening Study Centers	73	79
5	Community Intervention Program Youth-Job placements	5	3
6	Ccommunity Intervention Program Self Help Group	0	156
7	Vocational Training Centre	0	588
8	DBAI- HCLFoundation Police Boys and Girls Club	2216	1442
	Total	2507	2408

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Director's Message



Dear Well-wishers of DBAI,

Greetings and blessings to you. I trust you are in the pink of health and are safe amidst the rising Covid surge after five years. Remember to wear your masks, sanitize yourselves and eat healthy.

We at Don Bosco Anbu Illam have had a rather eventful time gone by. Sometimes we've been up, sometimes down, sometimes level on the ground but the Good Lord has always been merciful to us in keeping us afloat with timely and consistent help from a lot of inspired and God loving people who have stepped in to help us in our times of need. We pray for God's abundant blessings on all of you who have been there for us always.

There have been a lot of eventful moments from which we can take special pride in our children. This year the children of our Home of Love achieved cent percent results in their Std X and Std XII Board exams. Despite the hardships and loneliness that these children have faced, they have come out on top in their studies. We pray for continued help in whatever way possible to ensure many more under privileged children can find hope in a better future through a good education.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported us; HCL Foundation, The Tamil Nadu Government, the Chennai Corporation, the Greater Chennai Police, District Child Protection Unit, Child Welfare Committees, my wonderful Salesian community of Madras INM Province and so many wonderful people like you who have stepped in to help wherever God saw it fit. Our prayers are the only thing we can offer in return and this I assure you.

Children are very precious in God's sight and it's our moral duty to ensure they have a safe, secure environment to learn, nourish themselves and grow into responsible adults. To this end, it is my earnest desire that good people come forward to help make this a reality. I pray for Almighty God to continue to bless everyone here through the intercession of our Blessed Mother to follow in the ideals of our Lord and Saviour through the mission of our founder St. John Bosco.

May you be blessed, safe and well.

Lovingly,

Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, SDB.

ABOUT



THE DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

Don Bosco Anbu Illam (A Home of Love) in Chennai, established by the Salesians of Don Bosco in 1985, is a child rights oragnaization dedicated to supporting young at risk. It is part of a global network that focuses on young people at risk. It is registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 27 of 1975, S. No. 34 of 1986. It has 80G exemptions for donations.

For the past 40 years, our institution has dedicated itself to supporting vulnerable children in distress. We provide residential care for those in need of care and protection and strive to enhance child rights within the community. Our services extend to neglected and marginalized children living in socially disadvantaged communities. We offer after-care support for children who need financial assistance for higher education, career development and future guidance. Additionally, we empower the financial independence of women through skill development in the slum communities of Chennai.



Creating a Child-centred Environment in the Society that Protects and Promotes Child Rights.



Enabling and Empowering the Vulnerable Children, Youth and Women to become the Agents of Child Rights.





PREVENTION

We believe that children should receive sufficient awareness on various subjects (be it life, social issues, academics, etc.), ensuring they understand that they are vigilantly watched over.

PROTECTION

We train our children to be proactive in any situation, enabling them to achieve better results.

PROMOTION

This model aims to provide holistic transformation for each individual.

PARTICIPATION

We ensure that no child is left behind for any reason.

BOSCO ILLAM & SARANALAYAM

We provide residential care to children in need of care and protection between the ages of 6 and 18 years. Our program offers holistic care, including shelter, nutritions food, medical care, counselling support, recreational acitivities such as sports, scouts, yoga, drawing, dancing, and singing, as well as formal education and vocational/ skill training. Every year, around 100 vulnerable children receive care that shapes their lives. The boys' home is called "Bosco Illam," situated in MKB Nagar, while the gilrs' home is called "Saranalayam," located in Madhavaram.



Summer Learning

Summer may worry us with the heat waves but in no way it stop our learning wave. The children of Saranalayam were taught basic computer skills during the summer through the instrumentality of Sr. Ranjini. God bless their efforts.



English Coaching

Seven of our 12th Std. Students from our Home went to Don Bosco, SIHARAM for the 'ENGLISH FOR EMPOWERMENT AND EMPLOYMENT' course to improve their linguistic and communicative skills on April 2. 2024. They completed the course successfully on April 30, 2024, with certificates and good grades.



Computer Training

Much awaited computer training classes begun for our children in which they are regularly trained on basic computing MS Office package and typing. Children are encouraged to attend this class into groups on all weekends.





Values of Life

On 13.07.2024, Fr. Antony Praveen SDB, animated session for the children instilling the values of gratitude, forgiveness and good decorum in everyday life. The children enjoyed participating in the fun activities.



Awareness on Entitlement

On 29th of September 2024, the burga Foundation conducted a session aimed to educate children about the importance of identity documents suchas the Aadhar card and PAN card. Also raised awareness on child safety measures, particularly focusing on safe and unsafe touch. These sessions were conducted in a highly sensitive and interactive manner to ensure children could grasp and remember the important points.

Book Reading

On 10th November, 2024, training on Library Reading Habit was held for our children in order to cultivate love for reading and books. Children were encouraged to share the names of their favourite books or stories, which helped them feel more comfortable and involved. Staff carefully curated a selection of child- friendly books, including illustrated storybooks, short tales with moral lessons, and engaging picture books. Books were chosen based on age-appropriateness and diverse themes to cater to varying interests. After each story, staff facilitated group discussions where children were encouraged to share their thoughts and interpretations of the story. This helped to develop their critical thinking and verbal communication skills.





Postal Learning

As part of the Skill Development Program organized by, We Live Foundation, a group of children aged 15 to 17 visited the Anna Nagar Post Office. The Post Man provided valuable insights on various postal services, including savings schemes, types of post and their purposes, procedure involved in sending the post and form filling formats. It is evident that the visit provided an educational experience aswell as practical knowledge to children.



"The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you." — B.B. King



Eve Camp

An eye camp was successfully organized on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at Bosco Illam by the AKAK Clear View Foundation in partnership with ACSR Initiatives by IQVIA. The camp aimed to deliver essential vision care and eye check-ups for children. The screenings were carried out by skilled optometrists Mr. Samuel Premkumar, Mr. Karthikeyan U, and Mr. Karthikeyan B. In total, 80 children and staff members took part in the camp. Each individual received a comprehensive eye exam, along with appropriate advice on further treatment or corrective actions, if needed.



Gynaec Camp

On Sunday, March 30, 2025, Gynaec camp was conducted at Saranalayam to support the health and wellness of adolescent girls. The camp was held under the expert supervision of Dr. Supraja, an experienced Gynaecologist, who offered medical consultations and led an informative awareness session. After completing the medical check-ups, Dr. Supraja conducted a comprehensive session covering key topics such as menstrual hygiene management, understanding irregular periods and breaking common myths and misconceptions. The session was highly interactive, with the girls actively participating, asking questions and voicing their concerns. Dr. Supraja also shared valuable tips on maintaining a nutritious diet, staying well-hydrated and identifying symptoms that may require medical attention.





Menstrual Hygiene Day

In view of Menstrual Hygiene day awareness drawing and poster making activies were conducted at Saranalayam on 28th May 2024. Also Ms.Helen from DB Vazhikatti enlighten the need of being hygiene during periods among the children. She explained about the taboos and social stigma attached to this topic.

Yoga Day

We commemorated the International Yoga Day on 21st June 2024 with our children. They all did many Asanas graciously in the morning to refresh their Body & Mind.







Awareness on Kidney Health

On 18th of August 2024, an awareness program on "kidney health" was conducted for the children. The program was aimed at educating the children about the importance of kidney health, preventive measures, andthe role of a healthy lifestyle in maintaining the kidney function. The session was facilitated by the Tanker Foundation, who provided valuable insights into the topic. Totally 29 children participated in that awareness program. The children were highly engaged throughout the session and actively participated in the discussion. They were curious to learn about the functions of kidneys and the importance of taking care of them.

Health Camp

On 8th of September 2024, Medical Camp has been conducted for Children and staffs at the Bosco Illam. The Medical professional demonstrated how to do Cardio pulmonary resuscitation and allowed children to experimented CPR. Also a dentist demonstrated on how to properly brush the teeth and how long to brush the teeth. Additionally, the children underwent General medical examination. The Professionals were from Kauvery Hospital, Gupta's Dental Hospital and Agarwal's Eye Hospital. Nearly 100 members were benefitted through this medical camp.





Balancing Emotion

On 27th November 2024, Ms. Reyan Deepshi, Child Welfare Officer conducted a session on Emotional Intelligence for 15 to 17 years children. This event was aimed to help children understand the importance of teen age emotional stability, focusing on goals and personal development. Participants were made to engage in short activities that set the stage for open learning. Real-life scenarios were shared to illustrate common challenges and solutions. The session included an inspiring talk on importance of self-discipline and resilience in achieving goals and how emotional stability can positively influence academic performance and relationships. A sense of camaraderie and mutual encouragement was fostered among the group.

"To keep the body in good health is a duty... otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear." – Buddha





Aayudha Puja Celebration

On 11th of October 2024, Aayudha Puja also known as Vijaya Dasami is an occasion to worship the instruments and weapons which hold significance in our life, was celebrated. It was marked by prayers, blessings and traditional rituals. The children cleaned all the instruments and decorated with sandal wood and flowers. The event began with a prayer led by Fr Andrews Stephen Raj, who invoked blessings of peace, protection and prosperity for everyone present. Following the prayer, everyone gathered to enjoy a variety of traditional snacks including "Pori". The Aayudha Puja celebration was not only a cultural observance but also an opportunity for the children to experience tradition, reinforce their cultural roots, and enjoy a sense ofcommunity within the CCI.



Diwali Celebration

On 31st of October 2024, the children celebrated Diwali at Bosco Illam with great enthusiasm and joy. The celebration began with the Holy Mass. The entire institution was transformed into a vibrant and festive space, creating a warm and cheerful atmosphere. One of the main highlights of the day was the joyful experience of firing crackers. The children, under the supervision of the staff, enjoyed bursting various kinds of crackers. In addition to the fire works, the day was packed with fun games and recreational activities. To conclude the festivities, a special Diwali feast was arranged, including traditional sweets and snacks that everyone relished.



Christmas

On 22nd December 2024, Christmas Tree celebration for shelter home children was held at Bosco Illam. This event began with festivity prayer followed by traditional celebration. Narration of Christ's birth and history of Christmas crib were done by priests. The atmosphere came alive with melodious carols performed by the children, spreading cheer and festive vibes. Vibrant dance performances further energized the gathering, show casing the talents and enthusiasm of the children and highlight of the day was the distribution of gifts and finally celebration concluded with a delightful lunch.



Pongal

DBAI celebrated Pongal on 11th January, 2025 at Bosco Illam with our children and Staff. The staff members conducted fun filled traditional games for children and played along with them which brought the joy of togetherness. The Pongal was blessed by both Fr.Andrews Stephen Raj, Director and Fr. Regan Jude, Administrator of DBAI. The event ended with the core component of expressing gratitude to the nature and fellowship meal.

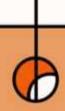




Feast of St. John Bosco

On 31st of January 2025, the feast of St. John Bosco celebration began with a solemn Holy Mass at Bosco Illam, where the children actively participated in prayers, hymns, thanksgiving and honoring the legacy of St. John Bosco. Following the Holy Mass the children enjoyed the delightful breakfast.

COMMEMORATION



Environmental Day







Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking

World Drug Day June 2024, commemorated with children with the theme "The evidence is clear; invest in prevention" by conducting the drawing competitions to create awareness on ill effects of drugs usage. The children also took Oath on "Not to Use Drugs"

Independence Day

On 15th of August 2024, the children and all the staff came together to celebrate the Independence Day of India with great enthusiasm and patriotism. The event was marked by the hoisting of the national flag, followed by a series of cultural and fun activities that brought joy and a senseof unity among the children. The children showcased their talent through vibrant dance performances.



Humanitarian Day

On 19th of August 2024, the children celebrated Humanitarian Day. This day was dedicated to fostering a spirit of compassion, understanding and global solidarity among the children. The celebration aimed to educate the children about the importance of humanitarian efforts and inspire them to positively contribute to their communities. The event commenced with a brief introduction to the significance of Humanitarian Day. The staff members explained the history and purpose of the day, highlighting the efforts of humanitarian workers worldwide who dedicate their lives to helping those in need.



Teacher's Day

On 5th of September 2024, Teachers Day commenced with a warm speech which was delivered by Sr Jayarani on Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, an exemplary teacher and former President of India. The highlight of the celebration was the felicitation ceremony, where the children presented tokens of appreciation to the Rev. Sisters and the staffs.



Suicide Prevention Day

On September 10th, we marked Suicide Prevention Day with a session focused on emotional well-being and resilience. The girls learned about understanding different emotions, the importance of talking to trusted adults, and how to break down problems into manageable steps. Activities to boost self-esteem, like sharing something they liked about themselves, were also conducted. The session emphasized recognizing warning signs, such as with drawing from friends, and encouraged self-care practices like proper sleep, exercise, and healthy eating to promote mental wellbeing.



International Girl Child Day

On 20th of October, International Girl Child Day was celebrated with focus on empowering and educating girls. The event was graced by an inspiring resource person, G. V. Shoba, an advocate, Madras High Court. Through her personal life story, she emphasized the importance of education as a tool for empowerment, sharing instances of challenges and triumphs that resonated deeply with the young audience. Following the advocate's speech, the day also marked the inauguration of the children's Parliament, a platform designed to encourage leadership and decision-making among the children. The newly elected ministers of this parliament proudly took their oaths, pledging to serve their peers responsibly. This initiative, aligned with thevalues of International Girl Child Day, aims to provide children with a voice and promote active involvement in their community.





Children's Day

On 14th November 2024, children's day was joyfully celebrated in our shelter homes, this event included colourful performances, sharing of love and reading of Department of Child Welfare Special Service Director's message that high lighted the importance of child rights, behaviour modification, principled life style androle of Child Helpline 1098 in safe guarding best interest of children.



The 76 Republic Day was celebrated at all the project centers of DBAI by hoisting the National flag and singing National Anthem. All the participants showed patriotism and took oath to uphold the values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity.



National Girl Child Day

On 26th of January 2025, National Girl Child Day (Every year falls on 24 January) was celebrated with enthusiasm and purpose through a sensitization program focused on Responsible Sexual Behavior. The focus group was 13 to 17 years old girl children. Ms. Harrsida, the Counselor, led the session and sensitized the participants on various crucial including: Disparity Infatuation, Process of Menstrual Cycle, Safe and Unsafe Touch and Consequences of Teenage Pregnancy. To ensure active participation and engagement, ice-breaking games were conducted throughout the session. A short film titled 'Maa' was screened for the children, reinforcing the themes discussed in the session through a visual and emotional narrative. At the end of the session, all participants provided hand written feedback, sharing their learnings and reflections.







Football Match

The Children from Bosco Illam and Saranalayam witnessed the football match between Chennaiyin FC and North East United FC at Nehru Stadium on April 9, 2024. The children enjoyed the LIVE match and it became one of their most exciting experiences.

Learning of Origami

On 9th June 2024, 6 volunteers from iVolunteer organization conducted a half – day workshop on origami for the children. In the workshop 32 girls participated and they enjoyed to explore the making of paper crafts.





Fancy Dress

Fancy Dress and Quiz competition was conducted for our Bosco Illam Boys to bring out their intellectual calibre and creative participation in them. General questions from day to day life were asked based on their age.

Friendly Football Match

The students were taken to Don Bosco Vyasarpadi on 26th of august, for a friendly football match. After the match, the children were offered with refreshments. The Children totally enjoyed the opportunity to contest themselves against another strong team.









Carrom Match

During Monsoon Holidays, on 11th and on 12th of October the Bosco Illam Boys were involved with the Carrom Matches to improve their gaming strategy, sportsmanship and intellectual ability. End of the games, the children were rewarded for their best performances.

Participation

Rotary Club of Madras, T Nagar organized 32nd Rota Talent Competition sponsored by Neeta Memorial Charitable Trust on 22nd November 2024 at Kamarajar Arangam. A total of 11 girls from Saranalayam participated in various events such as solo dance, vocal, art and group dance and bagged Overall Second place runner –up trophy and medals. Cute gifts were distributed to children for their active participation.



Session on Team Building

On 24th November 2024, training session on team building and coordination was conducted by Ms. Harrsida, counsellor. Activities to improve focus and concentration, develop mutual assistance, promote trust and physical coordination, problem solving, leadership spirit, communication development and so on were conducted through mind-blowing games. The children displayed gradual improvement in synchronizing their actions. This session successfully met its objectives of enhancing teamwork, fostering cooperation, and building trust among the children.

Drawing Activity

On 11th of January 2025, a recreational drawing session was conducted for the children to encourage creativity, self-expression, and enjoyment. The session began with an introduction to different drawing techniques, followed by an open-ended creative session where children were encouraged to sketch and colour based on their imagination.

They expressed their thoughts and emotions through their artwork, drawing various subjects such as: Cartoons, Flowers and others. The outcome of the activity included fostered imaginative thinking and artistic skills. Presenting their artwork boosted their self-esteem and confidence.



Joyful Cooking

On 18th of January 2025, "The Joyful Cooking: A Backyard Culinary Experience" was a delightful and engaging event where children actively participated in preparing a delicious meal -Biryani. This experience not only nurtured their culinary skills but also fostered teamwork, discipline and joy. The backyard setting created a warm and traditional atmosphere, making the activity even more memorable. Each child took on different responsibilities such as chopping vegetables, cleaning them eat, helping in preparation and ensuring an organized and collaborative cooking experience.



YaR Day

The Children from Bosco Illam and Saranalayam have participated in the Province level DB Young at Risk Day which was held on 02nd February, 2025 at Don Bosco Beatitudes, Vyasarpadi. Around 296 participants from Don Bosco Anbu Illam-Chennai & Kavarapettai, Don Bosco Beatitudes-Vyasarpadi), Anbagam – Pope John's Garden, ANAT Farm, We Live Foundation-Chennai, St. Thomas Orphanage, Marialaya-Chennai & Pothur have witnessed the program. Both our Shelter Home children has showcased their true talents and skills through various arts forms like dance, singing, mime and skit on DB YaR 2024-2025 theme of "Family is Where I Belong".at the close of the event, the children from Bosco Illam have bagged 2nd prize and Saranalayam secured 3rd prize. The valedictory function, graced by Mr. Churchill, CWC Member, Chennai Central and Mr. Daniel, Probation Officer, DCPU Chennai honored the winners and top academic achievers from the 10 and 12 grades (2023-2024) at the province level. From DBAI, 3 students from 10 std and 4 students from 12std received the prizes for placing in the top 5 in the province level.



Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow.

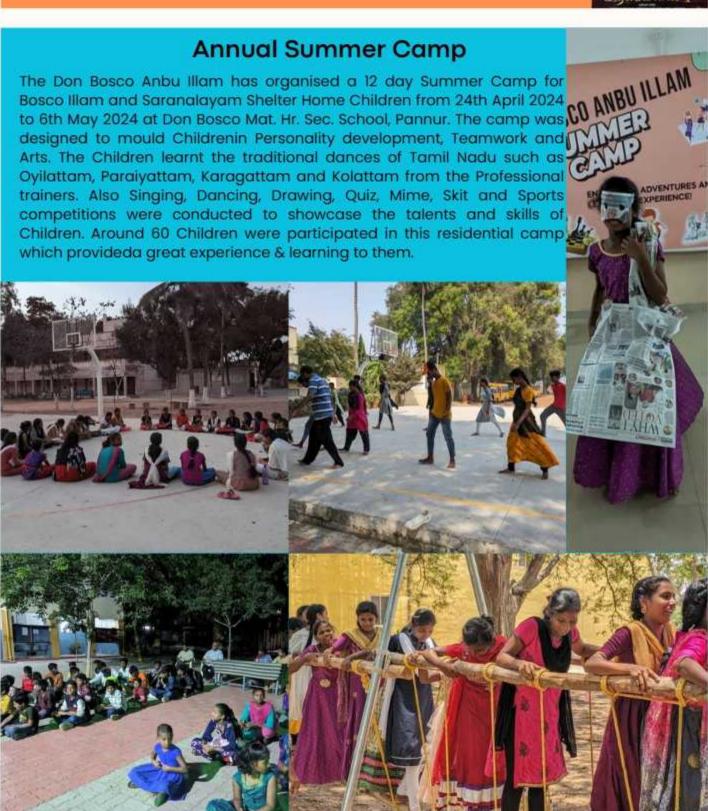
- A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

EXPOSURE VISIT

Movie out- Aranmanai

On May 29th 2024, 26 children of our children were taken to watch the Aranmanai 4 movie at Brindha theatre,
Perambur to spend their weekend.







Movie out-Teenz

All our 85 children were taken to watch Teenz movie along with the staff on 20th July 2024. They got the opportunity to interact with the Movie production team and shared their views on the movie. It was a new experience for the children to gain self-confidence and maintaining healthy relationships.

Queensland

On 3rd of October 2024, the children from the Bosco Illam & Saranalayam enjoyed a delightful visit to Queensland during their quarterly holidays. The trip was organized as a part of the recreational activities aimed at providing the children with a joyful break from their routine, along with new experiences and the opportunity to strengthen social bonds. The children participated in various rides and games, including roller coaster, bumper cars, all of which brought wide smiles & laughter. In the end, the amusement park visit was a resounding success, leaving the children with cherished memories and a refreshing sense of joy.



Elliot's Beach

Our children had a wonderful time at Elliot's beach on 1st November 2024. The entire day was filled withlot of fun and sweet memories. Our children and staff enjoyed playing in waves, built castles and in gentle breeze. This trip enabled our children to cherish nature and renew inter personal relationship.



Movie out-Amaran

A total of 11 children were taken out for Amaran movie at S2 Cinemas at Perambur on 10th November 2024, as token of appreciation for performing well in recent exams. Apart from recreation, this movie created a very big patriotic impact on children driving inspiration from the life of Late Major Mukund Varadharajan.



St. Thomas Mount

Our children were taken on for one-day outing to Elliot's Beach and St. Thomas Mount on 27th December 2024 along with staff and care -takers. This was a wonderful moment for all of them to rejuvenate socially and spiritually. Our children enjoyed nature's gift and God's presence in their life by witnessing the vastness of sea and divinity of Almighty. This trip also included visit to memorials of late Indian leaders and their legacy line.





Murasolimaran Park

On 16th of January 2025, A delightful and enriching day was organized for the children at Murasoli Maran Park, Perambur, during the evening hours. The children had a fun-filled experience at the park and attended the 4thAnnual Chennai Sangamam Namma Ooru Thiruvizha 2025 which demonstrated variety of traditional performances such as Naiyandi Melam, Karakam, Devarattam, Kadhakoottu, Pambayyattam, Irai Nadanam and Rajasthan Ghoomar Dance.

"Walk with your feet on Earth, But in your Heart be in Heaven".

St. John Bosco

DBAI-ICPS

The Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) is a centrally sponsered initiatives implemented by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development. In collaboration with the Government of India, Don Bosco Anbu Illam (DBAI) works in three at-risk communities: Otteri, Annai Sathya Nagar and Bojaraja Nagar, Our focus is on protecting and promoting a child-friendly environment while providing short-term residential care to distressed children. The objective of ICPS is to create a safe and secure environment for children in conflict with the law as well as for those in need of care and protection. The Scheme is based on the cardinal principles of "protection of child rights" and "the best interest of the child"



Children's Day

Children's day was celebrated at 3 of our ICPS centers - Otteri, Bojaraja nagar and Annai Sathya Nagar. In Otteri Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, sdb and in Bojaraja Nagar Fr. Albert Nelson Kumar, sdb presided over the event and shared the thoughtful message to the children.

Christmas Celebration

On 21st December, 2024 Our Bojaraja Nagar Outreach Centre was filled with joy and cheer as they celebrated the magic of Christmas.

Fr. Albert Nelson Kumar, sdb, Assistant Director, delivered a heartfelt Christmas message, imparting valuable lessons on love, kindness and compassion. He also blessed ourchildren, filling their hearts with hope and happiness.



Joy of Gathering

On 25th December 2024, Otteri Center invited special guest Mrs. Bhuvaneshwari, from DCPU (North) to celebrate the joy of Christmas with children. The event was made even more special with the distribution of gifts to all our children, bringing smiles to their faces and sparkle to their eves.

ICPS Pongal

Pongal celebration was held on 16th January 2025 at Bojaraja Nagar and Otteri ICPS centers.



DBAI-CIP

DBAI intervenes in Slum Communities of Chennai since 2022, exclusively to improve the education, employment and Health of the Children, Youth and Women. It provides after school coaching through 5 centres and Vocational Training for women through 5 centres, covering 8 slum communities. The program concentrates on activities like referring youths to higher education and job placements, conducting Medical Camps, providing free education support to children, addressing the issues of child rights violations within the community and empowering women with financial freedom.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day was celebrated at Cemetery Road, Thiruvotiyur and Muthialpet respectively on March 9, 10 and 21, 2024. Our Children from the evening study centre staged a cultural performance to emphasize the importance of every Woman from different walks of Life. Around 440 women from three places participated in this meaningful event.



Independence Day

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm across all five Evening Study Centers. The event brought together children and parents, creating a vibrant atmosphere filled with patriotism and joy. The celebrations included flag hoisting and engaging activities that highlighted the significance of India's independence and the values it upholds. Parents and children participated whole heartedly, sharing their happiness by exchanging chocolates, which symbolized unity and togetherness. The event not only fostered a sense of national pride but also strengthened the bonds within the community, making it a memorable day for everyone involved.

Importance of Education

On August 27th, an awareness program on the importance of education was organized for the parents of the Muthiayal Thottam community. The session aimed to emphasize the critical role parents play in shaping their children's educational journey. A total of 25 parents participated, actively engaging in discussions about how education can open doors to better opportunities and improve the overall quality of life for their families. During the meeting, the importance of consistent school attendance, creating a supportive home environment, and closely monitoring children's progress were highlighted. Parents were encouraged to maintain open communication with teachers and actively participate in their children's academic growth. By the end of the session, the parents collectively committed to taking a more proactive role in ensuring their children's regular school attendance and overall educational success. This initiative fostered a shared sense of responsibility and strengthened the bond between the community and educational institutions, laying the foundation for a brighterfuture for the children.



Joyful Christmas

On 21st December, 2024, Thiruvottriyur and Ondikuppam Evening Study Centre celebrated Christmas joyfully. Fr.Andrews Stephen Raj, sdb, Director, DBAI presided over the program along with Mr.Durai, Local representative and Mr Shankar, Secretary, Samarpanam. As part of the celebration, Fr. Andrews enlightened the children on importance of practicing the Value of Sharing in our life time. The celebration ended with cake cutting and distribution of gifts to the children.



Pongal Celebration

The Vocational Training Centres celebrated Pongal on 25th January, 2025 at Bosco Illam which was a great success in bringing happiness to the women. They were all involved in various games and refreshed themselves. Also, they prepared variety of foods and shared with the children.



"Good action give strength to ourselves and inspire good Action in Others." - Plato

DBAI-HCLF

DBAI and HCL Foundation, in association with Greator Chennai Police, work in 20 slums of Chennai through the Police Boys and Girls Club (PBGC) to promote education, sports, scouts and guides and environmental awareness for vulnerable children. The initiative offers supplementary education and scouts and guides programs for children, provides sports coaching to aspiring athletes and creates a safe and clean environment through activities such as planting saplings, establishing child-friendly spaces and gardening. PBGC aim to prevent school dropouts by providing after-school coaching and extra curricular activities. Additionally, the program promotes school-community collaboration, child rights clubs and skill development for youth.

EDUCATION



Digital Literacy Program

The Digital Literacy Program was conducted at the DBAI-HCLF Arumbakkam and Kodungiyur Police Girls & Boys Clubs. This initiative aims to equip our members with essential digital skills, empowering them to navigate the online world confidently. They offer courses that cover basic to advanced digital skills, including online safety, software use, and digital communication

Educational Summer Camp

The Education Recreational Camps (ERC-3.0) were held at Arumbakkam PBGC (4th & 5th May 2024), Ayanavaram PBGC (7th & 8th May 2024) and Kannagi Nagar PBGC (10th & 11th May 2024) covering 30 PBGCs of both DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM and HOPE FOUNDATION in which around 58 students at Arumbakkam, 47 students at Ayanavaram and 41 students at Kannagi Nagar participated respectively. Through innovative teaching methods and creative activities, we were able to foster a stimulating learning environment that encouraged curiosity, critical thinking, and team work among the students. The Activities carried out were on Personality development, types of personality and Personality test (MBTI) and Expounded about the Communication Skills with activities. Furthermore we have made kids realize their own capabilities. Tmt. Rajeshwari. S, IPS, Inspector General of Police- TNUSRB and Nodal Officer of PBGC Tamilnadu, Mr. Dayal, Inspector of Police has graced the Closure event at Kannagi Nagar. On the whole, all the 6 days of Educational Summer Camp have successfully completed in all the three locations covering 30 Clubs.



Visit to National Institution of Ocean Technology

On October 2, 2024, On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi, our T 14 Police Boys and Girls Club, under the guidance of T 14 Inspector Mr. Nedumaran (Law and Order, Pallikaranai), organized an educational visit for about 30 students to the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) in our area. Researchers at the institute showed the students a video presentation explaining the impact of waste dumped by people in the ocean. Following the presentation, a quiz competition was held, and prizes were awarded to the winning students. The students were also given a tour of the institute's campus, and each student received a water bottle as a souvenir. This visit raised students' awareness of marine pollution and inspired them to become more environmentally conscious.



Annual Day

On 25/10/2024, the 21st Annual Day of K8 Arumbakkam PoliceBoys and Girls Club began with a warm welcome by Scout Master Mr. P. Krishna Kumar. The program saw nearly 100 participants. Assistant Commissioner Mr. D. Ramesh praised PBGC for itspositive impact on the community, while Deputy Commissioner Ms. Sneka Priya expressed her appreciation for the club, noting apersonal connection. HCL Foundation's Senior Manager, Mr.Newton Raj, commended PBGC's success as a model program. Dr.R. Prabhakaran, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Veterinary Medical University, inspired students to value lifelong learning. Prizes were awarded to hard working students, and Joint Commissioner Dr. P.Vijaya kumar spoke on the importance of education. The event concluded with the presentation of mementos to the guests, and Fr.Andrew, Director of Don Bosco Anbu Illam, thanked everyone,marking a hopeful future for PBGC.





Educational Winter Camp

DBAI-HCLF organised Educational Winter on27th and Camp December 2024 at K8 Arumbakkam and TI5 Kannagi Nagar Police Boys' and Girls' Club campus respectively. Total Number of 179 participants attended session on Life-skill, Art-therapy, Mime and basics offolk-art (Ovillattam). Children enjoyed each session, especially folk-art training which kindled more interest.

Achievers Ceremony

DBAI- HCLF Achievers Ceremony 2023- 2024 was conducted in DG Vaishnav College which has been graced by Tmt. S. Rajeshwari, IPS, Inspector General of Police/ Member Secretary/ TNUSRB, Chennai and Nodal Officer of Tamilnadu Police Boys and Girls Club, Dr. P. Vijaya Kumar, IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police, West Zone, GCP and also Nodal officer of Chennai Police Boys and Girls Club, Mr. Srinivasan, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Anna Nagar district, other Police Officers, Mr. Marshal, Deputy Manager, HCLFoundation Harit and Ms. Aishwarya Balasubramanian, Deputy Manager, HCLFoundation Harit, Fr. Albert Nelson Kumar, Assistant Director of Don Bosco Anbu Illam and Mrs. Malarvilli Prabath, Regional Director of HOPE foundation. Approximately 150 individuals gathered, including 50 volunteers and parents.

During the event, we recognized:

- Top scorers from the 10th and 12th board exams.
- Participants of the ISRO Space Mission Workshop, who engaged in 4 days of virtual sessions conducted by ISRO and received certificates for their dedication.
- Community staff and NGOs for their invaluable contributions. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a laptop by HCLF-BDAI to Mr. Vedharaj, an alumni of the Arumbakkam Police Boys and Girls Club who became Chartered Accountant recently.



SPORTS

Carram

L. Keerthana from H-5 New Washermenpet Police Boys and Girls Club won both the Women's Singles and Doubles titles at the 52nd Carrom Nationals held in New Delhi on 25th March 2025.



Sports for Change

HCLFoundation Sports for Change program aims to offer under privileged children opportunities to engage in sports and enhance their lives through athletic activities. This year, HCLFoundation conducted the 6th Edition of the Sports for Change competition, which progressed from district-level events to state-level selections and finally to the South zone competition. Over 2,225 students from Chennai, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, and Madurai participated in various sports, with 595 advancing to the State tournaments. Of these, 154 students were chosen to represent the South Zone in the national meet. The National Meet was held on July 24–25, 2024, at Sri Siva Subramaniya Nadar University in Chennai, featured more than 800 athletes and 200+ staff from 12 states and 2 union territories. Tamil Nadu emerged as the overall champion, with Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka taking the following places. HCLF-DBAI PBGCs got the 1st place in Girls Kabbadi and Girls Rugby. The boys bagged the Runner up in Kabbadi.



Kabbadi Kings

We're thrilled to share a remarkable achievement done by our DBAI-HCLFoundation Kannagi Nagar Kabbadi players. The children participated in KBD Junior 2024 league match organized by Star Sports representing Kannagi Nagar Government School which was held in Hyderabad on 22 and 23 of October 2024. The players are qualified to play at the National level. The Program was telecasted on 26th October 2024.







Inter PBGC Sports Meet

On 8th December 2024, Don Bosco Anbu Illam partnered with the Hope Foundation to host an interpolice boys and girls club athletics tournament. The event received support from the HCL Foundation and took place at Santhome Higher Secondary School. Nearly 200 students from different Police Boys and Girls Clubs took part in this exciting event. Each participant had the chance to showcase their skills and athleticism, with many winning prizes for their performances. The collaboration between Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Hope Foundation, and HCL Foundation made this athletics tournament a memorable experience for all involved.



"An athlete cannot run with money in his pockets. He must run with hope in his heart and dreams in his head." - Emil Zatopek



Sports for Change Winter Camp

The HCLF Sports for Change Winter Camp was organised for 5-days from 26th to 30th December 2024 by Don Bosco Anbu Illam and Slum Children STEDS at Don Bosco Wisdom Town, Vadakarai. This initiative aimed to provide young, talented players with structured soccer training and theoretical knowledge to enhance their skills and understand the game. Over 40 exceptional players participated throughout the camp, benefiting from expert coaching and mentorship. The camp included intensive on-field training sessions focused ondeveloping technical skills, teamwork and strategy. Theory classes were conducted to provide participants with insights into game tactics, rules and the importance of discipline and teamwork. The tournament promoted the values of hard work, teamwork and sportsmanship



Boxing Queen

Red Corner A. J. Akshaya from the N-2 Kasimedu Police Boys & Girls Club won the gold medal and awarded the best boxer at Punjab Guru Kashi University.



Winner Of 2024 In Boxing



Excellant efforts by Ms. Pooja

K-8 Arumbakkam Police Boys and Girls Club student Pooja, secured the first place in Silambam, first place in Long J ump, third place in the 100 meters race, and third place inthe 200 meters race in District-level competitions organized by the Greater Chennal Corporation at Nehru Indoor Stadium.



Scouts & Guides

Trekking Exposure

The DBAI-HCLFoundation Scout group consists of 8 students, 2 Leaders and 2 Officials of HCLF went for a 4 day Community Development Visit to Tribal Villages of Nagaland from 16th may to 20th May 2024. The group has acquired knowledge on the day-to-day activities of the tribes and the living conditions of the North East India. They have also visited Assam Rifles and got to know the duties and adventures involved in Border Guarding Force as part of this program. Students were happy to fly for the first time and created a valuable memories through this Journey. Here are some glimpses



Jamboree

A special jamboree organized by Bharat Scouts and Guides was held in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, from January 28th to February 3rd at the SIPCOT Industrial Area. This international program brought together 18,000 Scouts, Guides and leaders from India and abroad under the theme "Empowered Youth, Developed India" Under the leadership of Tamil Nadu Education Minister Mr. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi. The camp was a great opportunity for our club members. DBAI sent 2 Scouts, 6 Guides and 2 Leaders with 25 tents supported by HCL Foundation. Master Gunasealen led the team and was in charge of all adventure activities at the camp.

Our students won three awards: Participation Award, Adventure Activities Award and Best Activity Participants Award. Additionally, two Scouts, Mr. Thamin and Mr. Anbu, received special badges from Baden-Powell's grandson for their work in Global Village and Environmental Safety. Our Scouts and Guides actively took part in cultural activities. The camp concluded with a valedictory ceremony led by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Mr. M.K. Stalin.



OTHER EVENTS

Eye Camp & Medical Camp At Kannagi Nagar

On the 22nd and 23rd of June 2024, In Thuraipakkam Police Boys and Girls Club free EYE CHECK UP CAMP was organized in collaboration with HCLFoundation and Shankar Nethralaya Hospital.

On October 27, 2024, a medical camp was held at T-15 Kannagi Nagar Police Boys and Girls Club.

Mrs S. Rajeswari IPS Inagurated the camp, joined by Assistant Commissioner Mrs. Vaishnavi and Inspector Mr. S.R. G. Dayal. Over 300 people recieved medical services.



DBAI HCLF Staff Capacity Building Meeting

On October 19th and 20th, 2024, a capacity-building meeting was held at DonBosco Camp Center in Yelagiri, with around 65 Don Bosco staff, 30 HOPE Foundation staff, and 13 Life Skill trainers. Mr. Jeyapaul Paul led a session on life skills, focusing on sports, scouts & guides, and issues faced by highschool students. Staff discussed students' challenges in groups, gaining a clearer understanding of how to support them. Mr. Newton Raj from HCLFoundation shared guidance on improving PBGC operations, including facility up keep and student engagement. The event ended with a vote of thanks fromFr. Andrew, Director of Don Bosco Anbu Illam. The staff gained a deeper understanding of addressing students' challenges, enhancing support and guidance, while new insights into PBGC operations strengthened strategies for facility improvement and student engagement.



National Girl Child Day

The national girl child day was celebrated on 24th January, 2025 on the theme of "Empowering the child for better tomorrow" at Semmencherry PBGC. A rally had been organized to commemorate the day with the scout movement in which the J9 Thuraipakkam, T14 Pallikaranai, Kannagi T15 Nagar, T17 Perumbakkam Semmencherry & participated with 25 scouts and guides and 55 club children.The program sensitized community child rights. Ms. Vaishnavi, Assistant Commissioner had delivered the motivational speech on empowering the girl child.



Staff Training Program

Homelink DIGI Training

From 4th July to 6th July, 2024 training on Homelink DIGI was organized by National YaR forum and Homelink Chennai for the staff of INM Province at the Provincial House.

Mr. Mathiyazhagan, DCPO, Chennai North graced the occasion as the chief guest.

Fr. Joe Prabhu, Director, National YaR Forum, Fr. Joseph Leo, Director, SURABHI,

Fr. Arokiasamy, YaR Coordinator, Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, Hub Director, Fr. Pichaimuthu, Director, ANAT Farm were also present during the inauguration ceremony. Fr. Lordusamy Don Bosco, Provincial, INM province was present for the valedictory ceremony. During the training, demonstration and discussion on digital documentation were expounded in detail. 8 staff from various projects of DBAI participated and got certification at the successful completion of the training.





Revive & Refresh

The staff capacity building programme was organized for the staff members of DBAI at Bosco Illam on 12th July 2024.

Fr. Antony Praveen, sdb facilitated the program on 'The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People' by comprising the activities and ice-breaking sessions. Fr.Albert Nelson Kumar, sdb conducted party games to relive their stress and bring out the positivity among the staff.

Training on Family Strengthening Program

The staffs of DBAI attended the pre-engagement meeting and An Initiative of Strengthening Families and Family-Based Alternative Care System for Children in Tamil Nadu which was organized on 17th July 2024 by the District child protection unit and Miracle Foundation at Chennai. The meeting was to reunite the children who are residing in CCI with their parents.



Training on Individual Care Plan

Our CCI staff members underwent training on implementation of Individual Care Plan on 8th November 2024 at DBAI Head Office.

Mrs. Jyothi Priya conducted this training in order to effectively implement ICP on field with absolute understanding. Session included topics such as significance of ICP, role of ICP in addressing individual needsand objectives and developmental milestones. Session gave provision for participants to discuss and disclose about the efficacy of the concept.



Strengthening of CCI

On 12th November, we have conducted Staff CapacityBuilding for the Bosco Illam & Saranalayam Staffs which enlighten on the procedures and protocols to be followed while working with the Children. Mrs. Jyothi Priya, HubCoordinator, Homelink facilitated the program along withMs. Priyanka, Program Manager and Mr.David, Out reach Worker. Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, Director, DBAI orientedthe staff, need of conducting the event at this crucial time. The event also emphasized the importance of the documentation & certifications in Children home.

Training on Child Care

On 26th November 2024, Guardians of Dreams Foundation conducted training for staff members in Saranalayam onintegrated child care.

Ms. Abilasha Iyer and Ms. Dipika from Guardians of dreams along with Ms. Caroline and Ms. Olivafrom TARA Foundation jointly conducted this workshop in avery interactive manner. Workshop included topics such as cultivating team work, leadership qualities and addressing the need of children. The day's sessions were highly activeand sound. A lot of fun games and puzzles were also conducted by resource persons.



Inches and Secretary of Light.

Christmas Celebration

DBAI's staff Christmas celebration was on 23rd December 2024 at Bosco Illam. Celebration begun with Secret Santa gift sharing followed by solemn Eucharistic Mass and Christmas meal. This event was a beautiful blend of fun, faith, and fellowship, leaving everyone with cherished memories and a renewed sense of togetherness as they embraced the true essence of Christmas.

Staff Retreat

On Saturday, March 15, 2025, the staff members of DBAI embarked on a refreshing retreat to Magimai Madha Church, Pazhaverkaadu (Pulicat). More than just a break from daily routines, the trip offered a deeply meaningful experience enriched with spiritual reflection and team bonding. The day began with a Holy Mass at Magimai Madha Church, where the staff came together in prayer, seeking grace and inner renewal. After the service, the group made their way to Pazhaverkaadu Beach for a scenic boat ride. Gliding through calm waters, they soaked in the natural beauty and enjoyed the refreshing sea breeze, which lifted their spirits. The trip was filled with laughter, cheerful conversations, making the outing both joyful and unforgettable. The trip beautifully balanced spiritual growth with relaxation, leaving everyone feeling recharged and connected. It was a day offaith, fellowship and fun trip to remember.





Training on Transition Care

The Staff Capacity Program on Transition to Aftercare wasorganized by We Live Foundation on February 7, 2025, inwhich 7 staff from DBAI has taken part to get the insightsinto effectively preparing youth for their transition from Child Care Institutions (CCIs) to independent living.



Refresher Training By DCPU

A refresher training program was organized by the DCPO atthe Collectorate on 26th February 2025. The program commenced with a warm welcome address by Mr.Mathiazhagan, DCPO, District Child Protection Unit, ChennaiNorth. The training shed light on topic including Family-Based Alternative Care, Stress Management, Behavior all ssues of Children, roles and responsibilities of CCI staff inthe well-being of children, the challenges faced by of CCI staff and the difference between Institutional and Non-Institutional Care.

"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

- Mattie Stepanek

Other Major Highlights

YaR Awards for Don Bosco Anbu Illam

We are delighted to announce that the Don Bosco Anbu Illam has bagged three awards at the National YaR Awards 2024 conducted by DB YaR Forum. The three awards are,

- 1. Best Youth Award
- 2. Best children award below 18
- 3. Best Social Media Award

The Awards were received by

Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, Director, and

Br. Kulandaiyesu, Former Administrator, DBAI. At this moment we acknowledge all the efforts put forth by our Children, Patrons, Staff and Management.



Honoring the Visit From Rome

Rev. Fr. Rafael Bejarano, SDB, Coordinator for Social Works and Services of the Youth Ministry Department, Rome, and Rev. Fr. Joe Prabhu, SDB, Executive Director of the National YaR Forum, paid a visit to Bosco Illam and Saranalayam on September 9, 2024. They were warmly welcomed by the management and children with traditional Tamil customs, including aarathi, garlands and ponnadai. During their visit, the distinguished guests interacted with the children and expressed their appreciation for the staff and management's dedicated efforts in protecting young people at risk.





CSO Meeting

DBAI in collaboration with SURABI and Don Bosco National YaR forum organized a meeting for Civil Society Organisations on 13th December 2024 at Bosco Illam concentrating on key areas such as a need of Family-based Care, Reintegration approaches and implementing Child Protection & Safeguarding Policies at various levels of the society. The Homelink DIGI tool was presented to highlight its functionalities in digital documentation. The Openform discussions facilitated active and meaningful participation from 24 NGOs represented by 34 members.

First Canonical Provincial Visitation

On December 17th, 2024, was a great day of blessing to DBAI as we had the first ever canonical visitation of INM Provincial Rev. Dr. L. Don Bosco, sdb who made his official visit to DBAI. He was warmly welcomed by the Bosco Illam and Saranalayam children with vibrant performances that show cased inner talents. Fr. Don Bosco inspired children through moral thoughts and social values. The event also highlighted Fr. Don Bosco's contribution towards fulfilling dreams of Don Bosco.

Later, he met the staff of DBAI and visited the project areas and benefactors. Further, he congratulated all the religious and staff for their commitment in favour of child care ministry and motivated to perform better in days to come.



Alumni Meet

At Bosco Illam, the Feast of the Founder St. John Bosco was celebrated with the Alumni of Don Bosco Anbu Illam on 26th January, 2025. Members from different passed out years came together for the purpose of celebrating the founder. Additionally, the program created a space for all to cherish the good old memories and renew their friendships.



Founder's Day

The feast of St. John Bosco was celebrated with the DBAI staffon 31st January, 2025 at Bosco Illam. The day highlighted the programs such as quiz about St. John Bosco, fun filled games, The Holy Mass and fellowship meal. The event was more special to everyone because of the arrival of Former Directorsof DBAI, Fr. Johnson Bashyam, SDB and Fr. Joseph Leo, SDBwho concelebrated the eucharist mass along with our own religious.



"The best way to serve the individuals on the team is to see that the whole team wins."

- John C. Maxwell



WHEN YOU SEE A GOOD MOVE, LOOK FOR A BETTER ONE



Anitha K: Kabaddi Champion and Scholar hailing from Kannagi Nagar, one of India's largest resettlement colonies. Anitha has carved an exceptional path over the past seven years as a dedicated Kabaddi player, proving that talent and determination can flourish anywhere. Her journey is a remarkable testament to balancing elite sport with academic excellence. While fiercely competitive on the Kabaddi mat, Anitha has never failed to stand out in her academic pursuits. Her commitment to education shone brightly when she

secured the first rank in her 12th Grade examinations, an outstanding achievement that earned her the prestigious Vivekananda Award. This accolade specifically recognized her excellent performance in both Sports & Education, highlighting her unique ability to excel in two demanding arenas simultaneously. Anitha is furthering her education, pursuing a Master of Commerce (M.Com) degree at Alagappa University. Significantly, she earned admission to this program through the Sports Quota, a pathway reserved for athletes who have demonstrated exceptional sporting prowess at recognized levels.

<u>Dedication and Reward</u>: Demonstrating unwavering commitment, Anitha underwent an intensive six-month Kabaddi training camp in Madurai, honing her Working Skills as an Auditor. Her relentless hard work, both on the court and in her studies, culminated in a well-deserved reward securing a coveted Government job.

Anitha K. journey from Kannagi Nagar to national podiums and academic distinction is a powerful story of resilience, talent, and the transformative power of sports. She continues to inspire her community and aspiring athletes across the nation.

Success Story of Surendhar: From Hardship to Hope



Surendhar's journey is one of strength, courage, and transformation. Coming from a family struck by tragedy, Surendhar lost his father at a young age. After the loss, his mother fell into deep emotional distress and developed complicated grief, which required ongoing medical treatment. With no stable source of support at home, Surendhar's future seemed uncertain. At this critical point, the daughter of his godmother stepped forward to care for the family.

She managed both the mother's treatment and the daily needs of Surendhar and his younger brother, Vignesh. However, as a mother of two herself, caring for four children became too much to handle. Recognizing the need for better care, she approached the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). Through Childline, Surendhar was referred to Don Bosco Anbu Illam, a Child Care Institution (CCI), where he was given admission and a fresh start. In the beginning, Surendhar struggled to adjust to the new environment. He found it difficult to concentrate in class and lacked confidence in his studies. But with consistent support from the teachers and caregivers at Don Bosco, he gradually began to improve. His dedication and hard work soon started to show results.

Surendhar's turning point came when **he scored 372 marks** in his 10th grade board exams a proud achievement that reflected his perseverance. He then completed 11th grade and is currently studying in 12th, determined to build a better future for himself. Surendhar's story is a powerful example of how a child, despite facing great hardship, can rise and succeed when given the right care, support, and opportunity. He has transformed his pain into purpose and is now moving forward with hope and confidence.

Thank You

We Express our heartfelt gratitude to our stake holders: the District Child Protection Unit, Child Welfare Committees, Childline India Foundation, Greater Chennai Police, Local representatives, Volunteers, Community Members and Donors for extending your hands to support these vulnerable children.















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