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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

We are familiar with two types of people in our lives. People who keep complaining about whatever they go through in their lives and keep blaming others for their failures, they don't take responsibility for their lives and actions. Unfortunately, they are the majority around us.

There is another kind of people who are comparatively less in numbers. They also go through the same experiences of the first category of people but the way they look at their experiences make them stand tall and different from the first category. They see positive things even in negative situations. They spread soothing and comforting ambience around. Their words



are transformative. They push people forward with their positivity. They never forget to wear a broad smile.

As I understand, the second category of people are not gifted but they just tell their mind what to see, what to speak and what to do. These people are in control of their mind. Whatever a mind can conceive and perceive, it can convince the body to achieve.

I would like to narrate an incident about a boy, a budding swimmer:

This budding swimmer wants to achieve great heights in swimming. So he puts in real hard work to practice.

One fine day, he decided to swim across the 30 miles of English Channel and set a record for himself.

He started swimming to achieve his goal. But when he reached 20 miles, his limbs started aching, he begins to lose hope.

He thought to himself that he can never complete the 10 miles ahead of him. His mind begin to develop negative thoughts.

And finally he did the impossible, The boy swam back 20 miles because his mind believed it was easy to cross 20 miles back than the 10 miles ahead.

"BE OPTIMISTIC"

The power of your mind defines your life. These happy people seem to have a special quality that enables them to live a better life than the average. Can you guess what it is? It's the quality of OPTIMISM. The best news about Optimism is that it's a learnable quality. Thus we need to enable our children and all who work with children to develop positive mind set in their lives. Our children get easily bogged down by failures and problems they face in their life. Hence they need to be taught to learn to see every obstacle as a stepping stone for success. We have through all our summer camps in our shelter homes and sports summer camps in our slum community centers, we have empowered the kids to develop this optimistic attitude in their life. I thank all the donors, sponsors, coaches and our staff for conducting these summer camps enthusiastically and effectively in the month of May and wish them all the best for this academic year 2019-20. As I conclude my message, I quote the famous saying of Winston Churchill:

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity

The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty"

Let our lives be full of Joy and Optimism as our father and founder St. John Bosco wants it to be.

Yours Fr. Joseph Leo



SHELTER HOME PROGRAMME

BACK HOME

The boys who went for holidays for a month after the annual exams and summer camp 2019, returned on the 02nd of June to begin the new academic year. There were 38 boys on the first day of the school



on 3rd. The boys had a special prayer and blessing by Fr. Rector and he wished the boys good luck for the new academic year and motivated them to do their studies well.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. ANTONY



On the 3rd of June
Mr. Antony, sub-warden
of Bosco Illam celebrated
his birthday. We had the
birthday cake cutting ceremony in the morning before the breakfast. The
community wished him;

for all that he was and is to the community, in a special way taking a special care in the welfare of the boys.



ADIEU TO Ms. LOUISA

Ms. Louisa – the volunteer from German was with us in our community for almost a year. She helped the boys in their education by teaching them English and other extracurricular activities such as, games, arts and dance. As she was about to leave back to her country regarding her studies she had to take leave from us. On the 4th of June we had a special farewell programme for her in the evening. The boys thanked her with some cultural programmes, greetings and a souvenir.





Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe

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INAUGURATION OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-20

The boys were divided into four different clubs on the 08th of June. The four clubs are: Spiritual Club, Cultural Club, Eco Club and Sports Club. A leader and a vice leader were elected from each club. Each club were given a motto.

- Spiritual Club To b
- To become good citizens
- Cultural Club
- To uphold our culture and its value
- Eco Club
- To keep a clean and green campus
- Sports Club
- To form a sound mind in sound body

After dividing the boys into four different clubs we had the inauguration of the new academic in Bosco Illam on the 9th of June. Fr. Michael, Fr. Andrews Stephen and Fr. Wilson were the chief guests for the event. The inauguration began with the guard of honour followed by cultural events. During the cultural event the leaders of the four different clubs took oath followed by the oath taking ceremony of all the boys. Fr. Michael gave the message and Fr. Wilson released the diary for the academic year 2019-20 and delivered his message. At the close of the inaugural programme the boys were given a school bag each and other stationery materials. The programme came to an end with a group photo session.



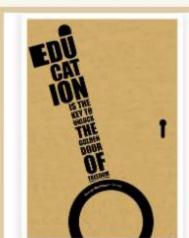


SEMINAR ON MOTIVATION & EDUCATION

On the 9th of June the boys were given a motivational seminar on Education by Mr. Einstein in the evening. It was a very useful session for the boys to build up self-confidence of how to approach the new academic year and their studies.

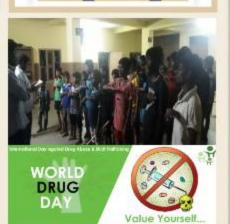






INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE & ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

On the 26th of June the international day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking was commemorated in Bosco Illam. Mr. Anand, gave a talk on the effects of drugs and drug addiction and presented some videos for the awareness of the boys. At the end of the talk the boys took an oath that they would keep themselves away from drug.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SUMMER CAMP

"GOULDGOTG ADMONTUTIA" is the name given for this year's summer camp. This camp mainly focused on developing child's intellectual ability and right based awareness. The camps were inaugurated by the children and community facilitators on 6th May 2019, Monday, being the first day of the camp it was Day of Introduction in which our NFEs and children were involved into self introduction and knowing each other. This session helped our children to know more about his/her companion and as well as our NFEs were also in a position to understand their people in depth.

This year the camp got three sessions as concrete in order to give continuous social education on Child Rights. POCSO Act and LSRW. The valediction of the summer camp held in the presence of Ms. Isabella, Member -Child Welfare Committee and Executive Director -Madras Christian Council of Social Service, Chennai whom in her presidential address touched upon Child Rights and Child Trafficking, an awareness movie titled 'Kadathal' was screened which projected the current situations for girl child. Rev.Fr.Joseph Leo welcomed the gathering followed by Rev.Fr.James Raj's celebration greetings. The program was presided over by Rev.Fr.Johnson Antonysami, Rector - Don Bosco Social Service Society. Rev.Fr.Paul Raj, Parish Priest - Mary, Help of Christian Church and Pr.J.Daniel - ACA Fellowship. Our children staged special numbers such as Mime on the theme of Save Waters, group dance, songs and awareness skit on the importance of education.

2ND ANNUAL STREET THEATER PERFORMANCES

Considering anti social elements and habit among children series of street theater was staged in major junctions between 27th May and 31st May 2019, covering a wide range of general public. Concepts such as media addiction, substance addiction and importance of school going were addressed. A team of 15 women with volunteers staged this program in four mass crowding areas. This caught the attention of bikers and passerby. We had the privilege of having inspectors of police from various stations for inaugurating these awareness shows which followed by awareness talk on the importance of school going by teachers form Park Town Mission Primary School,





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TAMIL SEMMOZHI DHINAM

Tamil Semmozhi Dhinam was commemorated by the children and the women's group on 6th June 2019, it is an annual event that commemorates the declaration of Tamil as "The Classical Language" by the Indian Government. ICSC organized special events for children that kindled the usefulness of the language and the culture. A debate on the topic "Children for Guiding Guing" (in English: Is Tamil language losing its prime place?) was organized for the women's group in Iyodhikuppam. Thought provoking points and arguments came up in the programme. This gave the platform for our people to exhibit their ideas and emotions.



CHILD LABOR ABOLITION DAY

A week long awareness programs were organized with regards to Anti Child Labour day. On 12th June our children played a game called Post Master through which they gave the awareness on anti child labour to all residence. Children went to each doorstep as post masters and gave post cards for awareness, even to the shopkeepers.



GENERAL MEDICAL CAMP

General medical camps were organized in association with KVT Multi Specialty Hospital in two phases. On 19th we served around 150 people from Kasimedu and on 21st June around 150 people from Vinayagapuram got benefitted. General medications were given and further directions were given to the people with prolonged sickness.



EXPOSURE VISIT

As per the programme of Children's parliament, around 70 of our children were taken to the Children's Road Safety and Traffic park on 22nd June. During this full day outing excellent insight and videos on road safety and a demo ride on the motor cycle were shown to the children. Mr. Aswin, the Event Guide gave the orientation on Road Safety. After meals, they were taken to Birla planetarium, where they were exposed to science's invention and role of science in everyday activities.



PROGRAMMES OF DBAI HCLF

MEDICAL CAMP

A free General & eye checkup camp for community people were organized on 1st May 2019 at Arumbakkam police boys & girls club in association with Apollo Hospital and An-Noor eye hospital. Around 233 of people have been benefitted through this free medical services. Majority of the people were diagnosed with diabetes and had been advised for further consultation and suggestions for the community people to maintain good health.



NIGHT VIGIL CAMP

Don Bosco Anbu Illam - HCLF conducted night vigil camp at Semmencherry Police Boys and Girls Club on 10th June 2019, Friday between 7pm and 1:30am in association with Cancer Institute, Chennai. First session was on Dealing with Peer Pressure, Mr. Ashok led this period through various thought provoking games and ice breaker sessions. Ms. Usha Rani from Cancer Institute handled a session on the ill effects of tobacco and dealt on the prevention and precaution measures. Mr. Sri Ram from HCL Foundation gave the awareness talk on alcoholism and the ill effects of drugs. Games like Blanket Throw Ball and Bucket Basket Ball were conducted to make the children more energetic and participative during the sessions. Mrs. Amutha, Mr. Anand and Ms. Ponmani from Don Bosco Anbu Illam gave awareness on Child Rights, conducted sessions on Rebirth celebration and Reproductive health. The day was successfully concluded with campfire.



EDUCATION EXPOSURE VISIT

DBAI HCLF organized two days of Education exposure visit to Rameshwaram for Children from all Clubs. On the first day they had a visit to Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's home. There the club children had orientation about the history of Abdul kalam. The whole life journey of his highness A.P.J. Abdul kalam was really an inspiration. Next they had a visit to Abdul kalam's memorial and Dhanushkodi beach point. Their journey extended to the second day and had a visit to Vivekananda Memorial, Pamban Bridge & Marine national park. Children were given exposure on the architectural construction of the Pamban bridge and they learnt the uses of floating stone to construct ancient bridge connecting Dhanushkodi to Talimannar. There was a good Coordination between the children and the staff. The children enjoyed the educational visit and they have observed & learnt a lot to build up their level of knowledge.





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DBAI HCLF VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

Valedictory function was organized by DBAI HCLF VTC on June 19th 2019 for students of 2nd& 3rd batch who completed the Tally & ITES courses. A total of 100 students were certified by the HRD & DBAI. The Chief Guest for the program was Mrs. Simi Suri, AGM of HCLF, and Mr. Ashok Kumar Deputy Commissioner of Police, T.Nagar, Rev. Fr. Jospeh Leo Director of DBAI, Mr. Tholkapiyan Asst.Commissioner of Police T.Nagar, Rev.Fr. James Raj Administrator of DBAI and Mr. Newton Raj, AM of HCLF.







TOBACCO AWARENESS

DBAI HCLF Organized an awareness on World No Tobacco Day at Kannagi Nagar Police Boys and Girls Club. The Chief Guests for the awareness programme were Fr. James Sdb. Mr. Balamurali Inspector of Kannagi Nagar, and Mr. Sri Ram HCL. The rally began after the waving of the flag by Mr. Balamurali. The rally headed for about 2 Kms. The children distributed the pamphlets to the people, who came to know more about the Ill Effects of Tobacco. The Inspector gave awareness on the ill effects of Tobacco and other substance abuses. The Police officers who participated in the rally too spoke to the children and people and appreciated for the efforts taken to conduct the awareness programme. DBAI HCLF finally thanked all the children, Police officers, Volunteers and the community gathered for the Support and finally distributed the refreshments to all the participants.





NO TOBACCO DAY

CHILD RIGHTS CLUB FORMATION

DBAI HCLF Organized the Child Rights Club Reformation for the Month of June at Arumbakkam Police Boys & Girls Children's Club. CRC orientation was given by Mr. Jayaprakash from DBAI who spoke on the roles and responsibilities of a leader in respective right clubs. The talk was about Patron Ship of rights and its procedure in exercising it, Ice Breakers for self-introduction etc. Finally The Session Ended With Evaluation.



CAREER GUIDANCE

DBAI HCLF Children's Club organized a Counseling Service for Board Exam Students, in which Prof. Moses from Madras School of Social Work - the Resource Person handled the Session through Video Presentation and thought provoking messages. He also conducted SWOT analysis, which helped the Participants to know their positives individually. The Students were asked to Share their carrier plan. Many shared their future career and some were not able to say what they are about to do in their future. So the Counselor gave detailed information about the courses that are available to study and how it would help them to choose their goal in the future. The Carrier Guidance Counselor gave hints of How to expand their Network.



WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

World environmental day was celebrated with full enthusiasm at Kodambakkam and Arumbakkam. It was organized by DBAI HCLF Police boys & girls club. Children participated in plantation drive to make their surrounding green. Saplings were implanted by the scout children at Kodambakkam and a short film was shown for children to create awareness on solid wastage management. Reshma of the 10th STD from Arumbakkam, presented a thought provoking speech on environment pollution, followed by Mr. PRAKASH (Tuition teacher) who shared about the history and importance of environment day.







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MEDICAL CAMP

DBAI HCLF organized a free general & eye checkup camp on the 8th of June 2019 at Thiruvortiyur police boys & girls club. The health checkup started at 10.00 am & it ended by 1.30 p.m. Around 116 people availed the free medical facilities indiscriminately provided by the medical center. In this medical camp Bp, Sugar checkups were also paid special attention. Main complaints among the adults were related to diabetes. Doctors advised them various medicines and consultation during the camp and doctor gave some suggestion and tips to the community people of how to maintain their health. The camp was organized successfully in collaboration with the team from Apollo hospital.



WORLD CHILD LABOR DAY

The World Child Labor's Day awareness rally was prepared by the children of Arumbakkam on June 14, 2019. It was organized by **DBAI HCLF police boys & girls children's club.** The Chief Guest of the programme was Mrs. Renuga devi (inspector of police) from K8 Arumbakkam police station. She had an interaction with the children to motivate them. The children went on a rally to create awareness about the day and they were carrying placards and raising slogans against the social evil of child labour, the harmful effects of child labour, the necessity of sending a child to school and the importance of education. More than 120 children participated in the rally.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

DBAI HCLF Children's Club organized an International Yoga Day. It Was Celebrated by The Club Children With Great Enthusiasm. Children did Various Asana animated By Ms. Sumitha (Yoga Instructor). Warm Up exercises were done and all the Children performed sitting and standing Asanas, importance of these asanas were explained. The Celebration concluded with the Vote of Thanks by the Club Children. The Yoga instructor said that regular practice of Yoga would surely help our children to achieve a better life, physically, mentally And spiritually.





HEALTH & HYGIENE

DBAI HCLF MYC organized awareness program on Health and Hygiene for the sports summer camp. Mr. Anand was the resource person for this session and explained few healthy and hygienic facts for the sports especially during the summer. Few tips were Hand washing, taking showers immediately, taking care of personal care items, wear dry clothes, maintain proper hydration and most importantly to have a good amount of required sleep.









Good health is the key to happiness.

Hygiene is the foundation of healthy living.

VALEDICTORY

DBAI HCLF MYC conducted summer camp valedictory ceremony on 21st May 2019 at Don Bosco Centre Gandhi Nagar. The guests were REV FR. JOSEPH LEO - DBAI Director, MR. MARSHAL KUMAR - HCLF, MR. PRIJOE THARU - HCLF, MR. NEWTON - HCLF and guests of Honor are MS. JANE PRECILLA - language Trainer and MR. RAVI - sports coach. Participants from WASH Institute, Bro SIGA, I Lead, Cancer Institute and MAMTHA joined in the summer camp valediction. The program was hosted exclusively by children which was very impressive.



NIGHT VIGIL

DBAI HCLF MYC organized night vigil camp on 24th May 2019, there were different sessions conducted for the children. Mr. Ashok and Ms. Angeline from DBAI conducted Peer pressure management for the boys and Reproductive health for girls respectively; Mr. Ganesh, and Ms. Usha

Rani from Cancer Institute oriented awareness on cancer with video presentation.

He also conducted rebirth celebration for the children. Ms Jayalakshmi from Cancer institute conducted a session on Substance abuse and the aftermath. Mr. Anand conducted sessions on child rights and awareness on child line 1098. Around 70 beneficiaries participated including children and community people and all NGO partners participated. Children performed skits and dances during camp fire. The overall night vigil camp was very useful with essential sessions and was successful.



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STAFF CAPACITY

DBAI HCLF MYC organized Staff capacity building for the tuition teachers and Mobilizer. MR. BABU was the resource person for the day. He explained on how to handle the children and how to address their issues especially the adolescents. He also explained about the characteristics of migrant children and how to organize programs and services for migrant children. He mentioned the services offered by DBAI for the children and how the tuition teachers and the mobilizers can make use of these services for the children as well as for the community.



The sessions were very helpful for the participants and other NGO partners. MR. NARAYANAN, the day by thanking the participants and the resources persons Mr. Babu and special thanks to WASH Institute and Mamta NGO.

SPORTS' RULES & REGULATIONS

DBAI HCLF MYC Children were given orientation on Basic Rules and regulations for the game football at DBAI centre, Ghandhi Nagar on 4th May. The resource persons are Mr. Vijay, the football coach, Mr. Sakthi, P.E.T master from KRM Public school and Mr. Asif, football player helped the children to gain more knowledge on the sport. 30 children were benefitted through this session. The children gained knowledge on the sports, and how a person has to maintain well balanced diet in order to have balanced mental and physical growth.





BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND ACADEMIC STRENGTH IN KIDS

Summer camp was conducted at Annai Sathya Nagar on the theme "ஒற்றுமையே வெற்றிக்கு வழி". The camp duration was 6 days starting on May 13th and continuing till May 18th. The main motive of the camp was to engage the children in activities during the summer.

Mr. David from DBAI inaugurated the camp around 70 children participated for the first day. Quiz com-

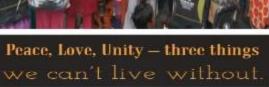
petition, Drawing competition, Speech competition, English vocabulary classes, counseling program for youth and Valediction were the programs that had been conducted during the five days of camp. The children had been given gifts and Educational materials for their participation.

Mr. David organized an Inauguration program for the new academic year. He encouraged the children and gave them a new spirit for them to happily get back to schools. Mr. David created child rights club and divided the children into groups to establish child rights club. The children were given educational materials for the new academic year.











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CHILDLINE - 1098

CHILDLINE 1098 - AWARENESS PROGRAM

On 3rd May 2019, Childline Team member Mr. Vignesh and Fr. James Raj were invited as Resource Person for an awareness program at St. Antony Church to give awareness about Childline and Child Rights. Mr. Vignesh had an interaction session with the children where he gave a motivational speech to the children. The children were very attentive and showed active participation throughout the program.



MASS AWARENESS AT ONDIKUPPAM

DBAI ICSC conducted a medical camp at Ondikuppam, where the Childline team gave awareness on Childline and Child Rights. The Childline team arranged a stall and distributed hand bills and poster with regard to Childline. The total no of beneficiaries for the awareness were around 150.



DBAI-CHILDLINE-NEWS



WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

The Childline team organized three days of programmes and celebrated World Day against Child Labour at three different areas. On 12/06/19 DBAI Childline and DBAI HCL joined together and Celebrated World Day Against Child Labour at Chintadripet. The team organized a rally where Chintadripet Police Inspector, Fr. Joseph Leo and Fr. James Raj did the flag off. Around 60-70 children from the Chintadripet Police Boys & Girls Club and from the community took part in the rally. Later the team went to St. Augustine Matriculation School to animate the gathering with regard to Childline and Child Rights. The team conveyed the message on Child labour through Street Theater and Group Song.

DBAI Childline and DBAI ICSC joined hands together and conducted programmes for two days. On 13th June the team went to Government Higher Secondary School, Pudhumanaikuppam, and on the 14th June to Government Higher secondary School at Vinayagapuram to animate about Childline and Child Labour day, where 200 children participated. The team had an interaction session with the children. The children actively participated. The team performed Street Theater and Group song.













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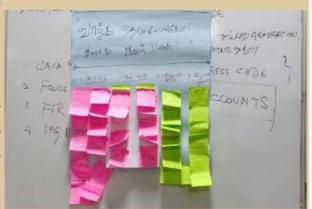
STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING

Staff capacity building was organized for the staff members on 7th June 2019 to Mahabalipuram. This programme gave space for all to exhibit their individual thoughts and ideas. The day begun with cold welcome drink followed by gently walk on the sea shore where the rest spent wonderful time in the swimming pool during the first half.

It was a great moment to see sharing and caring taking place during the lunch service, the fellowship meal added flavor to the aim of this trip. Delicious fish fry and chicken gravy with spicy Biriyani brought a refreshing mindset to our staff. Second half was completely on staff animation which included educative team games that helped to learn Sustainable Development Goals easily and happily. Mr. Ashok Bosco administered this session. The third session dwelt with progress of each and every project, staff members

came out with positives and negatives points that helped the coordinators to design future program well. Rev.Fr. Joseph Leo administrated this exercise.

It was close to 4:30pm when Fr. Leo came out with shocking news which made the entire family to drop tears for a wonderful person who is leaving the portals of Anbu Illam. It was an emotional moment to see staff members hanging here and there for one last photo click with Ms. Margaret Malini, Program Manager who had served suc-



cessfully for the past four years. Rev.Fr.Rajanna prayed for her followed by blessings by Rev.Fr. James Raj. On behalf of Don Bosco Anbu Illam we sincerely acknowledge the dedicated service rendered by Ms. Malini and pray for her bright future.





A VERY BIG THANKS TO

Ms. Margaret Malini



WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR FUTURE

ENDEAVORS!

Special Thanks to Ms. Malini who served as the Program Manager and sub-editor of this DBAI NEWSLETTER.



We Wish Ms. Sheela Janet all the very best as she is taking the new role as the Program Manager of DBAI and the sub-editor of DBAI NEWS-LETTER



Advance
happy
birthday
Fr. James Raj,
SDB





"Youth can be the leaders of tomorrow "

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