



EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

It gives me immense pleasure and joy to say that we will continue to move towards creating a child centered environment in this dawn of new beginning. Jess Lair said, “Children are not things to be moulded, but people to be unfolded”. With that thought in our mind, we would encourage our children to unfold their talents, potentials and confidence in them.



Life is the most difficult exam for which we would like to prepare our children through one of the best ways, that is education. January, a month of new beginning will bring new hope in our children. We should prepare our children for their upcoming exams by providing proper career guidance and support.

It's an honour to present the newsletter for the month of November and December. November, being the children's month, a whole week of See Dosti was celebrated at various places through Childline 1098. December, being the month of celebration, Christmas was celebrated along with children to make them know about the value of joy of giving. Armed Forces Flag Day was celebrated. Winter Sports Camp was conducted with the support of HCL Sports Academy.

I thank all those people who supported to conduct these events in the past months. Its time to look forward with new programs for the children which would help them to realise their hidden talents to express them freely and meaningfully. May this New Year be a year of hope to many vulnerable children.

“The soul is healed by being with children.”

Best Regards,

Fr. Joseph Leo



INM YaR CENTRES

YAR DAY CELEBRATION

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YaR DAY celebration was held at DB Beatitudes Chennai on November 23rd 2019. Children from 6 YaR Centres (DBAI Chennai, DB Beatitudes, DBAI Kavarapettai, DB Gedilam, DB Anbagam and DB ANAT Farm) participated in this event and performed in cultural events and Debate competition on the theme **ALL RIGHTS TO ALL CHILDREN** and portrayed their talents. **Fr K M Jose SDB**, Provincial of Chennai Province was the chief guest and Salesian fathers, sisters from the YaR centres and the YaR commission members also graced the event with their presence. Mr. Arivazhagan Rayan-State program Manager - TN, CRY- UNICEF was the moderator for the debate competition. Mr. Vinodh and Mr Vignesh Shiva from KPY Vijay TV were also present to entertain the children and to judge the competitions performed by our children. It was a wonderful event where all our children gathered together to promote their rights.



CHILDREN'S HOME

CRC @ 30

World's Children's day is also known as Universal Children's day is commemorated on 20th November. This year, it is coordinated and promoted also to celebrate 30 years of Convention of Child rights. The celebration was organized by Forum for Promotion of Child participation. Representation from DBAI, Chennai are Miss. Manju and Mas. Gowtham participated in this program to promote the participation of Child rights.



"Young Team & Talented"

Our Children's Home Boys participated in 27th Rotary talent competition on 22nd November 2019 organized by Neeta Memorial Charitable Trust at Kamaraj Hall, Chennai. They performed in Mime, Dance, Beat boxing and Singing. Around 50 organizations had participated in this competition. Our boys won first place performing in all the above mentioned categories. By this they have retained the trophy, for we were the winners of last year too.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

"Contribute to the Mother Nation"

IAF - Indian Army Forces Flag day was solemnly observed by children and staff of Anbu Illam on 7th December, 2019. Adhering to the call by the Governor and Chief Minister, community level fund raising campaign was organized in which community children and staff members passionately took part and collected fund which was later handed over to Mrs. Mythili K. Rajendran, IAS Public Service - Special Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu.



"Innovative ideas come from children"

Community children underwent half a day training on color and craft as part of their monthly animation for Child rights club. Kraftoon, a private children engaging sector gave excellent training on art from waste and helped the children to prepare their own face masks. Our children actively participated and were confident to create their own masks.



"There is a CAN in CANCER because we can beat it"

National Cancer Awareness Day was organized on 7th November, 2019 at Don Bosco center Gandhi Nagar, Sholinganallur. Mr. Ganesh from Cancer Institute was the animator for the day. He spoke about the National Cancer Awareness Day which is celebrated on 7th November to educate people about cancer, its treatment, and its symptoms. He also gave knowledge about other chronic diseases and its prevention strategies.



CRC Animation

DBAI HCLF MYC organized Child Rights Club Animation Programme on 5th November, 2019 at Don Bosco center Gandhi Nagar, Sholinganalur. Mr. Ravi from DBAI was the animator for the day. He conducted a group session based on child rights in which he spoke about the rights, sports opportunities for children, gave awareness about the skills needed for sports persons and career opportunities for the sports person.



"We come together for the betterment of children"

Consortium Meeting

A consortium meeting was organized on 22nd November, 2019 at Don Bosco Center Gandhi Nagar. The NGO'S Partners meeting was called by Mr. Marshal, HCL Foundation. The main objective of the meeting was to cross learn the concepts and exchange ideas. Every NGO presented their previous month activities, their plans and implementations. Some common future plans had also been discussed in the meeting. Added to that, few suggestions were given to NGOs for their future growth and development. Other institutes that took part in meeting were Cancer institute, id et action - I Lead, Wash Institute, Mamta Institute and BSSSG.



"Children are the heart of everything we do"

Children's Day celebration took place on 14th November, 2019 at Don Bosco center Gandhi Nagar, Sholinganalur. As part of the program some competition like drawing, essay and speech competition were conducted based on child rights. Also cultural fest was conducted for children where children participated in all the programs such as Bharathanatyam, folk dance and many other events. Ms. Hajera from AIDE ET ACTION was the Resources person. He demonstrated making Hand crafts like Embroidery, Paper craft, Pottery and Glass Crafts, Jewelry making. And finally prizes were disturbed to the children.



"ITS ALL IN HOW YOU LOOK AT THINGS"

Counseling and Supportive Service programme was organized on 22nd November, 2019 at Don Bosco center Gandhi Nagar, Sholinganallur. Mr. Jacqueline from Mamtha Institute was the animator for the day. She discussed about many problems related to School failure – drop in grades, Isolation struggles with peer relationships, Anxiety Perfectionism, Depression, Gender role and sexual identity questioning, Self-harm behaviors, Increased sadness, Stress management etc. She spoke about the importance of counseling which would bring development in their personality and relationship.



"BEHAVIOUR IS THE MIRROR IN WHICH WE CAN DISPLAY OUR IMAGE" Night Vigil Camp

DBAI HCLF MYC in collaboration with cancer institute conducted night vigil camp on 23rd November, 2019 at Gandhi Nagar, Shollinganallur. The main objective of the Night vigil camp was to identify the children's addiction to Tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, and also give appropriate treatment to overcome the crisis situation. Mr. Vignesh Kumar - DBAI gave orientation about the child line 1098. Ms. Rajeswari – DBAI gave a brief knowledge about the Reproductive. Cancer Institute - Team gave orientation about the cancer related issues, causes, effects etc.



"ALL RIGHTS TO ALL CHILDREN"

A Seminar on CHILD LINE 1098 was organized at the Bharat Scouts and Guides Head Quarters, Wenlock Park, Chennai on 27th December. The Resource Persons were Mrs. Angeline and Mr. Vignesh, the Child line Team Members from Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Chennai. Totally 36 Scouts and Guides participated in the Awareness seminar. The Resource Persons explained about the Child Labor, Child Marriage, Child Abuse, and Child trafficking, Child Rights, Safe and Unsafe touch.



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"Ill Effects of Cancer"

A seminar on "Ill effects of Cancer" was conducted at Adyar Cancer Institute on 2nd November, 2019. The Resource Person was Mr. Divyaraj Prabhakar, the Psychologist, Cancer Institute, Adyar. Totally 49 Scouts and Guides from various clubs participated in the seminar. The Resource Person taught about the ill effects, precautionary measures etc. of cancer, about healthy lifestyle, ill effects of plastic. Finally the Children took the "Oath" on avoiding and not using of tobacco and other harmful items. They also promised that they will insist and tell the ill effects of cancer to their parent, the elders and their friends who are all using tobacco items.



"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room"

Half Yearly Camp was organized at the State headquarters, Wenlock Park, Chennai on 27th & 28th of December, 2019. It was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Leo Joseph, Sdb, the Director of DBAI and Mr. Manikandan, the Sub. Inspector of Police, D5 Marina Beach Police Station on 27th December at 10:00 am. Mr. Rajasudamani, the State Trainer started his training to the Scouters. Along with him Mr. Gunaseelan, HWB, and Mr. Elangovan, HWB took part in the camp. Scouts and Guides learnt various things like Estimation, Mapping, Signaling etc. At night there was a grand Camp Fire in the Campsite. Mr. Antony Gunaraj, the District Organizing Commissioner of Don Bosco District headed the conclusion ceremony. Mr. Rajasudamani, the trainer chose four of the Scouts and Guides for their excellent behavior during the camp and gifted different woggles to them.



"Cleaning & Organising is a practice not a project"

Cleaning work at the State Head Quarters

Don Bosco Anbu Illam – HCL Foundation Scouts and Guides



did the cleaning work at the Scout State Head Quarters, Wenlock Park, Triplicane, Chennai. Scout Children from various clubs attended the Cleaning Program. The Scout Master Mr. Ashok Kumar started the work with the Scout Prayer and gave the intimations on safety and smart work. The State

Officials distributed the safety materials to the Scouts and Guides.



"Scouting a way of life that makes you understand what you are"

Scout Masters & Guide Captains Meeting

A Scout training was planned from 17th to 23rd November at Don Bosco Camp site, Yellagiri for the Scout Masters and the Guide Captains. The Scout Coordinator Mr. Ashok Kumar arranged the preparatory meeting at the Don Bosco Beattitudes premises in which Rev. Dr. Fr. Thomas, DCC informed about the Scout movement and its history. He taught about the decorum of the Scout Masters and Guide Captains. Then the DCC and the Scout Coordinator distributed the Scout Uniforms and the Camp materials.



"A child educated only at school is an uneducated child"

DBAI HCLF Children's Club

Children's day was celebrated at all police boys & girls club on 14th November, 2019. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was profoundly remembered by children during the celebration. Special events and competitions that exhibited children's talents were staged during the event followed by Club Patron's presidential address that focused on the efficacy of parents, teachers and society in children's life.



"Learning from someone who wants you to grow"

Client Visit

On 11th December 2019, children from Pallikaranai Police Boys and Girls Club went to HCL campus at Navallur for attending an interaction program with abroad clients. This event was organized in order to showcase the services done by HCL through corporate social responsibility and also a platform for our children to directly interact with them. Finally tree samplings were distributed to the children.



"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you"

Educational Exposure Visit

An Educational exposure visit for club children was organized to Egmore Museum & ICF railway Museum on 28th December. Through the visit to museum the children were able to see and learn many traditional things. Secondly in ICF railway museum children saw many different railway trains and different paintings of rails. And Finally First Aid boxes & first aid Materials were handed over to respective in charge of club. 42 children and staff Member participated in the educational exposure visit.



Felicitation Ceremony the Police Department of Greater Chennai Corporation hosted a great Felicitation ceremony for the winner of National sports meet conducted by HCLF on 29th & 30th November, 2019. The chief guests for the ceremony were Dr. A.K. Vishwanathan Greater Chennai police, Mr. Pagalavan, Deputy Commissioner of police, Mr. Marshel, Deputy Manager HCL Foundation. Our children had privilege of receiving Honorarium of cash Award from Dr. A. K. Vishwanathan, Chennai City Commissioner.



Winter Camp A Winter Sport Camp was organized from 27th to 31st December 2019. The chief guests were Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Director – DBAI, Rev. Fr. James Raj, Administrator – DBAI and Mr. Newton – Associate Manager. Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Director – DBAI inaugurated the camp. Children were trained in Kabadi, football, volley ball and women's cricket were also included. Additional things like First aid training, academic and career counseling, child rights and basic life virtues were also handled by qualified field professionals. Rev. Fr. James Raj, Administrator – DBAI graced the valedictory ceremony by his thought provoking message and blessings. 183 children benefitted from the camp.



HCLF-SDC

A new SDC Centre was inaugurated at K8 Arumbakkam Police Boys & Girls Club on 8th November, 2019 to give free Tally ERP9 Course and Communication training to the students. It was inaugurated by Mr. A. K. Vishwanath IPS, Chennai Police Commissioner. A.D.G.P Seema Agarwal, Local Inspector also took part in the inauguration. Nearly 200 students participated in the occasion.



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

DBAI HOMELINK DOCUMENTATION TEAM

A team was initiated by DBAI for documentation on November 4th 2019 to bring other importance of documentation in the organization. Mr. Babu HUB coordinator, animated the team with the SWOT analysis and oriented on the implementation of the documentation for each projects of DBAI. The team together agreed to cooperate and implement the necessary process to develop the documentation level in the organization. The team was given the task to complete the staff and children details of their projects and submit to the management. The second level meeting was conducted on November 21st 2019, in which Mr. Babu presented the track sheet and explained the modules. He asked the team to complete children's profile from the communities and to generate statistical reports to submit for the management.



"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

HUB training program

DB National Forum for Young at Risk, Homelink Network, National office organized Hub training program for DBAI documentation team and Hostel Act implementation team to explain the purpose of the training and to brief on Hostel Act. Fr. Aquinas and Mr. Babu animated the session on research and analysis on Directors perspective on reports and monitoring.



CHILDLINE SE DOSTI

Like every year Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Chennai organized "CHILDLINE Se Dosti" Week celebrations on the eve of children's day from 14th November to 20th November. The campaign involved a range of events for spreading awareness on childline 1098 emergency phone helpline number for children in need of care and protection. The whole week was a celebration of children's day. Various programs conducted throughout the week.



Visit to Commissioner Office

Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Mr. Kevin and Children from Bosco Illam met the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner and tied Surekshabandhan bands gaining support from them. Head of CIF-SRRC, Mrs. Anuradha led the childline team to the Commissioner. The Commissioner and the police officers extended and assured their support for the children in all the ways possible.



Police Station Awareness

On 14th November, Ms. Amudha, Ms. Rajeshwari, Mr. Manikandan, Childline Team Members and Mr. Kevin, Childline Volunteer went to 14 Police stations, met the officials and tied Surekshabandhan and also sensitized about various child abuses. The officers also eagerly learnt about the ways to handle a case which involves a child.



Celebration of Children's Day at Bosco Illam

Children's day was celebrated at Bosco Illam on 16th November where children and childline faculties from CHESS, Bro Siga, Anbu Illam, AYC and Arunodhaya. The chief guest for the celebration were Mrs. Tamil Selvi, CWC Chairperson, Mrs. Sri Devi, SJPU Inspector, Mrs. Gajalakshmi, SJPU and CIF Team. Different games and debate were conducted.



Kids' Corner and Pink Campaign

It was conducted on 19th November at Besant Nagar Beach to promote child rights, create awareness on childline and popularize the slogan "I support Childline" and to sensitize the public regarding various abuses and harassments of children.



Special Open House

A special open house was conducted at Dumeel Kuppam on 20th November where Mrs. Tamil Selvi, CWC Chairperson and Mrs. Sri Devi, SJPU Inspector were the chief guests. Games, competitions like speech, singing were conducted for children. Around 60 children, 35 women and 20 youth from the community participated in the program and expressed their concerns to Childline staff and SJPU Inspector.



Green Initiative

Awareness on green environment and tree plantation was conducted on 18th November at Chennai Girls Hr. Sec School, Perambur and Chennai Middle School, Perambur. Awareness about childline and child rights was also given to the students.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION GALLERY



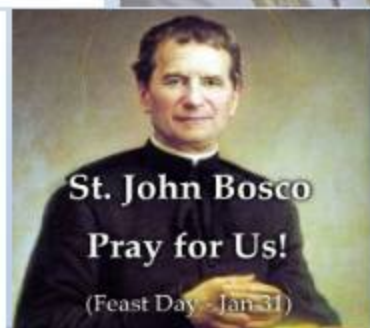


You will be always missed

Mr. Arun Mozhi

(Senior Programme Coordinator, Childline India Foundation)

Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are always with your family. - DBAI, Chennai.



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