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EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

The year 2020 has so far been painfully significant to every human being on planet earth primarily due to the worldwide outbreak of the dreaded corona virus.

This global pandemic has divided our lives into two halves: pre-COVID life and post-COVID life. This wounded humanity is suffering like it never did before on a global scale. Millions have lost their life and more than a billion have lost their sources of livelihood. We saw engineers becoming food app delivery agents. We saw teachers becoming vegetable sellers. We saw MBAs becoming coolies. We saw life turning upside down for almost everyone around us and we, at Don Bosco Anbu Illam could not bear to see the sufferings of the countless many.



We did everything and more than what we could do. Having no financial resources of our own but having an abundance of love and compassion in our hearts, we went out into the streets and helped the helpless with groceries, food, toiletries and even water. This was due to the support of few donor agencies, generous sponsors and volunteers.

We as responsible and most trusted child welfare NGO in Tamil Nadu with a proven legacy of decades in service assisted the Greater Chennai Corporation in our own small but significant ways supporting in five zones. When we could not help in kind, we helped in deeds and when deeds were not enough to solve the sufferings of others, we helped in prayers.

So, friends, remember the saying "*every drop makes the ocean*". So please never hesitate to help a fellow human being in distress. If we as a human race must recover from the aftereffects of the pandemic, we must all be compassionate, selfless, empathetic, generous, helpful, supportive, understanding and kind in whatever way we could.

We thank and appreciate all who relentlessly supported us or anyone in the endeavor to fight against this COVID-19.

Lovingly,

Fr. Joseph Leo

COVID19 COMMUNITIES INTERVENTION PROGRAM

DBAI GCC Covid19- Community Intervention Program was inaugurated by Dr. Radhakrishnan IAS State Commissioner Disaster Management, Mr Prakash IAS Corporation - Commissioner Chennai Corporation & DBAI Director Fr Joseph Leo. It is being implemented in 5 Zones and 12 Divisions all over Chennai. We are intervening in 235 streets covering 25,712 households with 1,02,808 population. The ORWs are reaching out to households and families from 5 zones being allotted to DBAI Chennai to identify the vulnerable group and people who are vulnerable to COVID19.



The major aim of this program is to implement intervention program in selected high density areas of DBAI Intervention areas. We are covering areas such as Thangal, New Washermenpet, Elango Nagar, Santhome, Triplicane, Kodambakkam, Jhaferkhanpet, Kannagi Nagar and Ghandi Nagar. Our programs involve door-to-door survey, identification of COVID19 symptoms and referring the patients for testing, distribution of services such as Kabasura kudineer and Masks. DBAI GCC COVID19 CIP conducted MedicalCamps/ Fevercamps for the community people and Infra-red Thermometer was by DBAI Staff to check the fever.

CHILDREN'S HOME

CHILDREN AND NATURE

Eco-club members were involved in eco-friendly activity for at least one hour in a week. Children were involved in cleaning the surrounding area by litter picking. They planted the vegetable seeds in cleaned area. Children were given the responsibility to make their own decision about the changes they want to see & the opportunity to improve their own environment.



REAL WEALTH IS HEALTH

Chennai Corporation organized Health checkup for Saranalayam girls for twice in a week. The doctor gave medicines for cough & cold, vitamin etc., they also monitored the height and weight of all children. Later they gave awareness on COVID-19 and they suggested the foods that need to be taken by children during this pandemic to improve their Hemoglobin level.

SKILL TRAINING

Skill training for the children like computer class, tailoring class, spoken English class & craft working were conducted. In tailoring class they learnt to take measurement & stitch the pillow cover, hand kerchief and facemask etc., and they are making showcase things by using waste water bottles.



STOP CHILD LABOUR

World day against child labour was held on 12th June. Awareness was given to the children about the harmful mental and physical problems faced by children forced into child labour and group discussion was conducted among the children about child development where children shared their point of view.

“*Child
is meant
to learn,
not to earn.*”



YOGA DAY

The international yoga day was celebrated at Saranalayam on 21st June. Children did various type of asanas like standing asanas, tadasana & urdhva asana to boost their immune system.

CHILD LINE 1098

Though COVID-19 pandemic has locked people in the homes, many children are not safe in their places. There were cases of domestic violence, child sexual abuse and physical abuse even during this lockdown. We are continuously helping the children in need and also providing them protection.

A total of 38 cases were received during the period of May and June. Due to COVID-19 lockdown, many families lost their income resulting in not getting their basic needs which resulted in the nutrition help cases. A total of 5 cases were received as nutritional help in which fact finding about the family situation was done and the children and their families were provided with grocery kits.





As COVID-19 lockdown has locked the children in their home , there were children in need of Emotional support and guidance for whom we supported. It is disheartening that there were 3 sexual abuse cases and 7 physical abuse cases even during this lockdown which states clearly that children are not safe at their own places. As Childline was not able to celebrate the World Day against Child Labour due to the lockdown but we ensured that children are not into labour at any cost.

“Childline is not locked down”

DON BOSCO’S INTERVENTION IN COASTAL SLUM COMMUNITIES

ART IS AN EXPERIENCE

Drawing competition was conducted in which 150 children participated under two categories and exhibited their talents. Children from 1st to 5th submitted colorful entries on the topic ‘My Country’ and children from 6th to 9th submitted entries on ‘My Dream’. This wasn’t only a contest but also a moment to see our children’s capacity in artistic expression.



CLC TRAINING

It was ensured that monthly CLC session was not disturbed by anyways as a result of which the trainings were given through WhatsApp. Weekly assignments were announced and teachers were made to do the assignment and send it for evaluation. We have also received 30 training kits which will be distributed after the lockdown.

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Fancy dress competition was conducted for children between 3 and 8 years in which 40 kids participated and staged their talent. Children dressed up like Gandhi, Kamarajar, Jansi Rani, Jayalalithaa under the topic 'Influential Leader' and few appeared like birds and animals to proclaim that this earth belongs to animal kingdom too. Participants also spoke for a minute on the topic opted which added meaning for the contest.



QUIZ COMPETITION

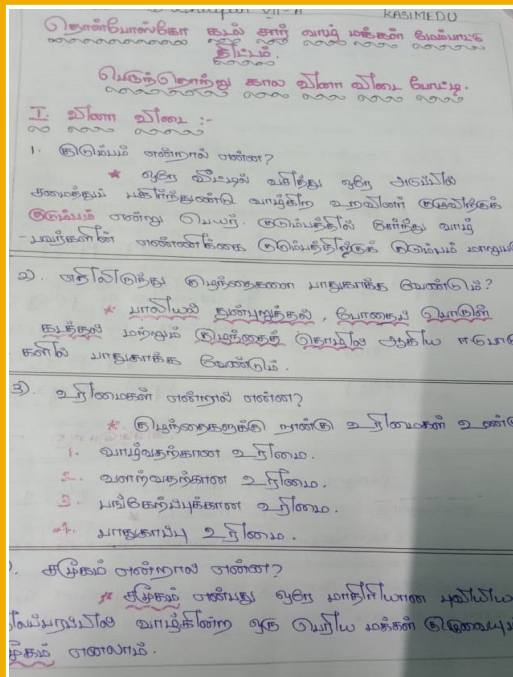
In order to test the knowledge on child rights, quiz competition was organized for children from classes 6th to 9th, Mr. Udhaya Kumar Advocate from Madras High Court conducted question and answer session. This event helped children in remembering what they have acquired from various child rights events.



DISTRIBUTION OF GROCERY KITS

Groceries kits were distributed for 300 intensively livelihood affected families in 10 communities. This is the second phase of distribution for the ones who are economically crippled with no scope of income and some with physical disabilities. The listing was done with the help of community leaders/heads and in some places with the help of networking partners to ensure that the poorly affected receives the welfare. Each kit consisted of 5kg rice, 3kg wheat, 2kg oil and 2kg Rava





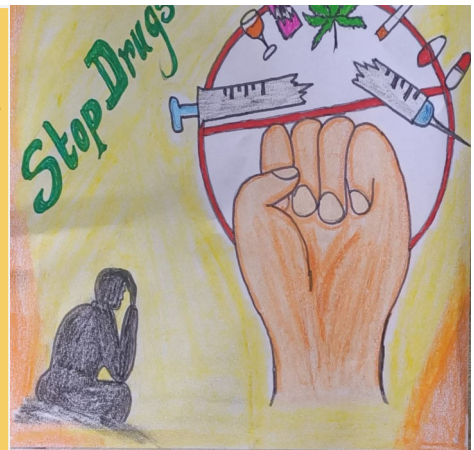
WRITING CAN MAKE EVERYTHING

To kindle the thought process of women, critical writing contest was organized in which 20 people participated and four got selected for award of prizes. Topics were on current affairs that shocked the entire nation in one night. Mr. Eronimus moderated the competition and supported in identifying the best article. He also reflected on the articles during monthly CLC workshop instructing the teachers to give more orientation for women's group on importance of reading and critical thinking.

DBAI HCLF

GROW BY LEARNING

HCL Children's Club and MY Community engaged the students and imparted knowledge by giving a topic/activity on daily basis. Also the important days like World Day against Child Labour, World Refugee Day and International Day against Drug abuse & Illicit Trafficking were also celebrated through online competitions.

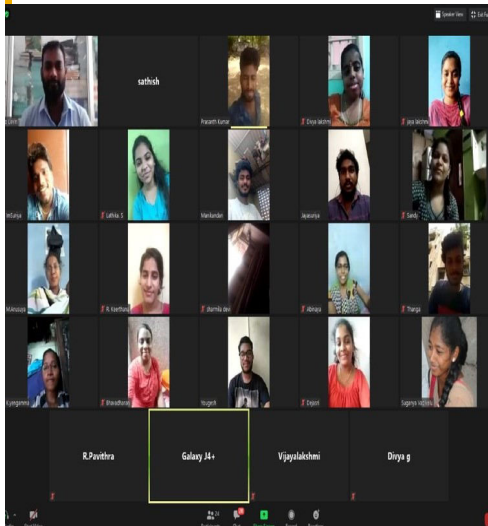


ART IN CRAFT

Arts & crafts workshop was conducted for children by HCL Children's club. The objective of the workshop was to train the students, bring out their drawing talents and guide them to achieve more. The Trainer Mr. Flemming -HCLF taught the students about the drawing skills and guided them. He also gave task to students and the best drawing was selected and prize was given.

PLAN FOR A CAREER

Career Guidance workshop was organized by Children's club through online on 14th June for 12th students and 21st June 2020 for 10th students. This event was organized to make the children to think about their future in clear way. Chief Guest of the program was Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Executive Director DBAI for 12th students and Rev. Fr. James Raj, Administrator DBAI for 10th students. Resource person for both the programs was Mr. Nirmal, Life Skill Trainer. They spoke about different fields which showed different fields for the children to choose in their next stage of life.



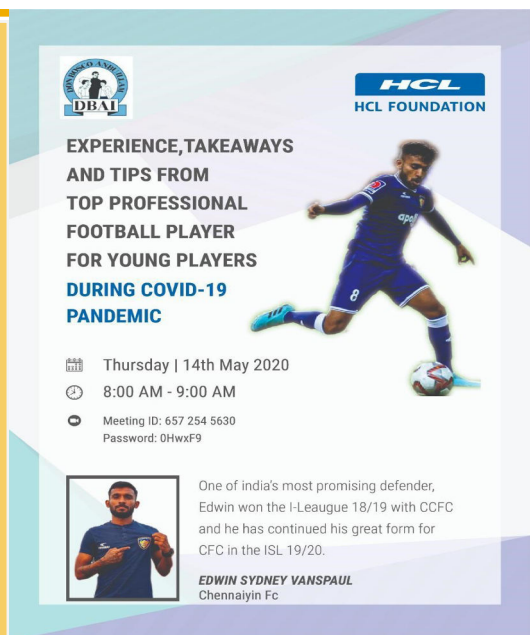
ONLINE PLACEMENT TRAINING

The online placement training was conducted on 21st May, 2020 by SDC to help students in HR interactions. The resource person Mr. Alex Melwyn held the session more interactively. The topics discussed were about introducing oneself and its importance, the issues behind attending interview, body language and ways to cope up the entire conversation with the interviewer, communication skill, responses about hobby and its importance, Creative thinking, innovative thinking, critical thinking. The second session was planned by SDC to help students in Placement Preparations on 1st June. The resource person Mr. J. Mohan Prem held the session more interestingly. The topics discussed were career development success, Placement development, Professional development, Performance discipline etc.

SPORTS

The sports students were encouraged to do daily workouts and follow up was done regularly on a daily basis through a Zoom Call meeting by the respective coaches. Apart from this, Zoom call sessions were conducted on different topics which are as follows:

- A Zoom call session was conducted on 14th May, 2020 on “Experience, Takeaways and Tips from Top Professional Football Player for Young Players” by Mr. Edwin Sydney Vanspaul. More than 60 students participated in the session.
- A Zoom call session was conducted about Nutrition intake to increase the stamina and blood Haemoglobin level as it is very important for sports students. Around 50 students participated in the session.
- A Zoom call session was conducted on 10th June, 2020 on the topic “Child Rights and Child Safety”. The resource person was Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Executive Director of DBAI. Around 55 students participated in the session.
- A motivational session was conducted on 28th June, 2020 to motivate the sports players. The special guest for the session was Mr. Adam Sinclair, Hockey Olympian Indian Hockey Team. More than 50 students participated in the session.



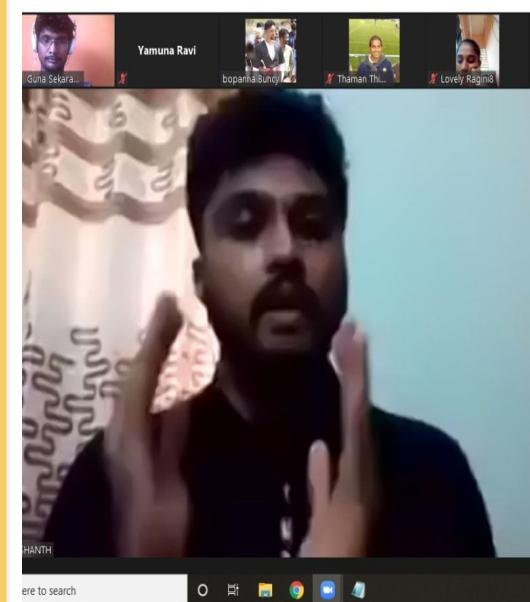
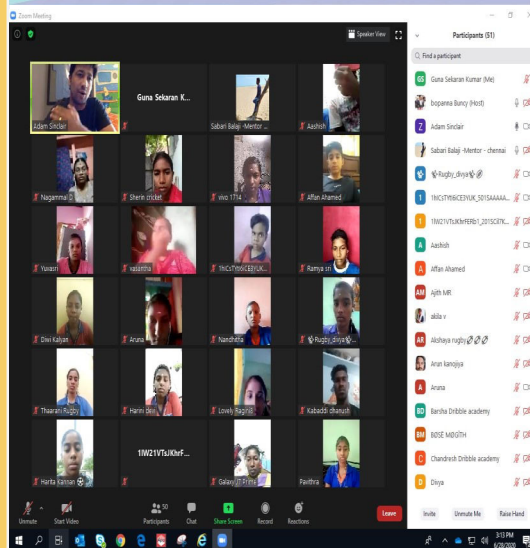
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EXPERIENCE, TAKEAWAYS AND TIPS FROM TOP PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL PLAYER FOR YOUNG PLAYERS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Thursday | 14th May 2020
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Meeting ID: 657 254 5630
Password: 0HwxF9

One of India's most promising defender, Edwin won the I-League 18/19 with CCFC and he has continued his great form for CFC in the ISL 19/20.

EDWIN SYDNEY VANSPAUL
Chennaiyin Fc





BE A DONOR, SAVE A LIFE

Don Bosco Anbu Illam – HCL Foundation Scout Coordinator Mr. Ashok Kumar attended the Blood Donation Camp and donated Blood on 3rd May, 2020. The Camp was organised by Don Bosco Scout District. Rev. Fr. Thomas Maria Raj, the District Chief Commissioner headed the Camp. The blood was given to COVID-19 Patients through Red Cross Society, Chennai District.

WATER IS LIFE

Government allotted special trains for the migrant workers to reach their natives. On 12th of May, 2020, DBAI-HCLF distributed 2000 filled drinking water bottles for migrant workers who travelled from Chennai to their natives in Jharkhand and Mizoram.



DISTRIBUTION OF GROCERY KITS

DBAI HCLF MYC distributed grocery kits as part of COVID 19 lock down. Some of the families faced problems in getting basic grocery things to run their day to day life. So, basic grocery kits were distributed for around 300 migrant workers families on 27th May, 2020 at my community Gandhi Nagar. Some of the Scouts and guides student's parents from Okkiyam Thurai-pakkam Community were affected by Corona, so grocery kits were distributed for them on 29th May, 2020. Some of the sports student's families were also distributed with grocery kits.



ABILITY BEYOND SKILLS

SDC Team participated in the training with the purpose of enhancing and enriching the existing Yuvakendra skill building trainings by an integration of the ABS curriculum and implementation of the same with current students of the Yuvakendras. The resource person was from PRAVAH Team. There was 6 sessions from 20th May-24th June, 2020



GCC COVID-19 CALL CENTRE FOR MIGRANTS

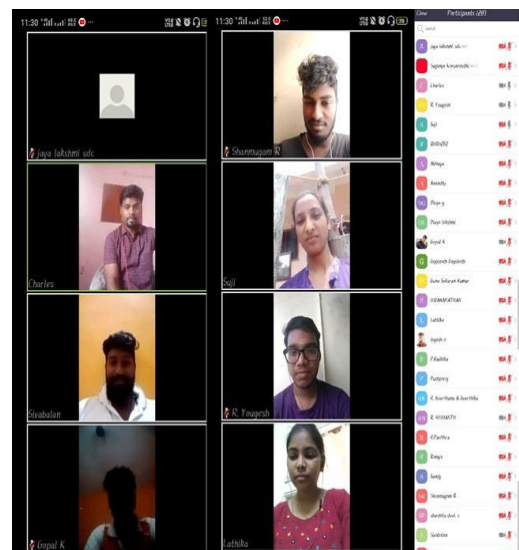
DBAI HCLF SDC was involved in Migrant Call Centre work along with Greater Chennai Corporation. Nearly 4500 Migrants were helped to get back to their native.

When the whole world is **silent**,
even **one voice** becomes **powerful**.

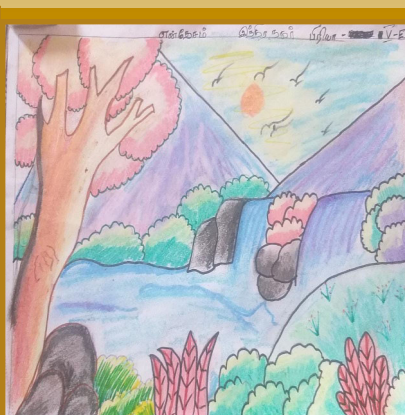
- Malala Yousafzai

HCL VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

Mr. Charles HR HCL Technologies have taken the online zoom session for our student on 25th June, 2020 as a part of HCL volunteer engagement. It was an introductory session to know about the communication level of the students to continue to the further sessions. 28 students participated in the session.



We thank everyone who supported us during the pandemic



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