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FOREWORD

Dear Reader

Life as we know it has never been more complicated than it is now. The second wave of the dreaded corona virus is much more destructive than the first. Billions across the world are impacted, millions are infected, thousands are dying every day; yet humanity is battling on, fighting the pandemic, and its socio-economic devastation across every state in every country. Let us do everything and more. Yes!. Let us be one in solidarity with the suffering humanity. Lives are lost, livelihoods are lost, the young and old alike are displaced, without home or food or protection. Yet, let us do everything we can and more, and this is the mission of Don Bosco Anbu Illam as we battle the onslaught of the pandemic in our own way.



We did everything and more than what we could do. Having no financial resources of our own, we could not help in cash, but we certainly helped in many Acts of Random Kindness (reminiscent of Noah's ARK). As part of our mission to keep our children safe, secure and healthy, we engaged them with lots of sports and games to keep them mentally and physically fit, as that boosts immunity which will in turn keep the virus at bay. At the same time, we ensured good healthy timely food and immunity boosting medicines for the children. We also kept them emotionally nourished with good habits. The summer camp 2021 "Grow to Glow" has thrown the seeds of hope and confidence to fight hard for the future which they deserve.

If we as a human race must survive, we must all be resilient, courageous, compassionate, selfless, empathetic, generous, helpful, supportive and understanding. There is simply no other way. Let us remember, Together Everyone Achieves More, so let us pray for our politicians, the police, the medical personnel, teachers, volunteers, etc. to work as a team to overcome this calamity so that we as a human race can look for a new beginning and a brighter future.

May God give us the strength to overcome, the wisdom to stay united, the hope to stay positive, the virtue to stay true to values, and the ability to continue to work hard.

Lovingly

Fr. Joseph Leo SDB

SPECIAL ARTICLE

DARE TO HOPE

Hope always paves a way to a new horizon of life. At this present catastrophic situation of Covid – 19, people are easily losing their hope. Many questions arise within everyone. Will the coronavirus affect me and all of us? Do I live long or die soon? Can I eradicate or destroy the virus? How can I safeguard and prevent myself? The answer for all these questions is 'hope'. Everyone must have the hope to face all these unexplainable challenges.



Our life may end but the hope never ends. There is no life, without hope. Our Rector Major in his Strenna2021, reflected and presented on the theme, *“Moved by Hope.”* He emphasizes upon, we are called to give hope to others at this point of time. Hope makes everything new. Every mother has the hope for her new born baby. The baby will speak, hear, walk, play, jump and run one day. It does not mean, when a baby is deaf and dumb or paralyzed, the mother will ignore or throw away a baby. She accepts and accompanies with it to make the child feel comfortable and respected.

Therefore, the hope doesn't mean that our dreams come true in reality but accepting the reality and dreaming again and again till our death. Some people are losing their hope because; their expectations are unfulfilled, not seen in real life. Hope is to admit and accept the unexpected situation and dare to bring the change inside oneself and not outside. Thus, at this pandemic world, everyone is compelled to dare to hope for the better world. In giving the hope to hopeless; help the helpless; serve the needy; accept the neglected; and respect the vulnerable. Let's have a new life in having and giving hope.

Fr. James Raj sdb

Administrator

Giving HOPE to the HOPELESS

CHOOSE TO CHALLENGE

International Women's day was joyfully celebrated by the women staff members of Don Bosco Anbu Illam on 8th March 2021 at the Head Office. Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo delivered greetings followed by Rev. Fr. James Raj's motivational talk. Fun games and competitions were conducted to add glow for the day. Delicious fellowship meal was arranged on behalf of the management.



WORLD SAFETY DAY

On 4th March at 6.30PM our Saranalayam children celebrated World safety day Sr.Poongodi spoke about how to keep ourself very safe & Safety measures .The children watched small presentation video.

SPIRITUALITY: THE ART OF KEEPING YOUR INTERNAL FIRE ALIVE

Annual Spiritual Retreat for the staff members of Don Bosco Anbu Illam was organized on 19th March 2021, (Luminous Feast of St. Joseph) to MazhaiMalaiMaadha Shrine at Achurupakkam. The retreat was moderated by Rev. Fr. Leo Edwin, Rector & Parish Priest of the Mount Shrine. Rev. Fr. Joseph Gnanam presented the spiritual talk followed by the con - celebrated Eucharistic High Mass. In the noon, Rev. Fr. James Raj offered Way of the Cross at the mount shrine. Thereafter, special prayers at the Cathedral of St. Joseph marking the great feast. Rev. Fr. Micheal, Parish Priest briefed about the foundation of the cathedral.



நீரின்றி அமையாது உலகு

On 22nd March at 6.00PM our Saranalayam children celebrated world water day, we invited Mrs. Franchana (Nurse) who spoke about the uses of water. Our children acted mime about how to save the water.





GROW TO GLOW

The Salesian community of Anbu Illam planned ten days of Summer Camp for the Anbu Illam Boys and Saranalaya Girls. With the foreseen plan of Fr. Leo Joseph, the Rector, the summer camp was well planned and executed for the boys. The Summer Camp was inaugurated on 13.04.2021 by Rev. Fr. Leo Joseph, the Rector. The theme of the Summer Camp was “Grow to Glow”. The Summer Camp was coordinated well under the direction of Fr. Arulanand, the Camp Chief, together with Br. Joseph as the Coordinator of the Summer Camp and Br. Clinton as the Assistant Coordinator of the Summer Camp. The Summer Camp for the girls was coordinated by Sr. Salima and Ms. Indhukavi, the Staff of Saranalaya Girls Home.

The boys and girls were facilitated with lots of meaningful sessions like learning handicrafts, good manners, banking skills, scouting skills, life skills, Health and Hygiene, career guidance, and inner motivation. The Children were divided into three teams. The Children also learnt to work together as a group and not as an individual person. The ten days of camp was also filled with

lots of competition for the children to enhance their talents.

The Children were vibrant and energetic during the ten days of the Summer Camp. The Children were amazed at their growth when they brought their best. The Conclusion of the Summer Camp took place on 24th April 2021 at 06.00 p.m. at Bosco Illam. Mrs. Asha Parek Nandhiny (SUH City level Coordinator GCC), Mrs. Karunya Devi (CWC Member – North Chennai), Ms. Anitha (SUH City level Coordinator GCC) and Mr. Surya (SUH City level Coordinator GCC) graced the occasion. The children exhibited their talents in a fantabulous way. The entire summer camp boosted the positivity of the Children.

summer is messy,
 summer is fun,
 summer is spending all
 day in the sun.
 summer is campfires,
 smores, and late nights,
 summer is windy days
 spent flying kites.
 summer is tan lines and
 splashing in lakes,
 summer is mornings with
 chocolate pancakes.
 summer is time spent
 with family and friends,
 summer is hoping that it
 never ends.

RESCUE OPERATION

A 12 year old boy ran away from home on 18th of March 2021, The boy was unidentified by RPF in Beach railway station, then they informed 1098, Team went to rescue the boy, he was came out from Erungattukuppam, Salem.



When he came to Chennai he was keeping a bi-cycle, the team was little bit confused, RPF too, because bi-cycle is not allowed in Train, but the boy insisted that he came in train, after interaction the boy told that he came in Bus, Then child-line team forwarded his basic details to Madurai, Salem, and Thambaram childline, On next day his parents were traced by childline team, when they came here and met the boy he taken back to home, he wanted to study in home itself due to family crisis, Then team referred to CWC and explained the family details and issues, Then they placed the boy in Don

Bosco Anbu Illam Chennai. The ChildLine Team provides Emotional Support for the boy and his family.

CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Don Bosco Anbu Illam & HCL Foundation organized the Career Guidance Program on 6th March 2021 at K8 Arumbakkam Police Boys & Girls Club. In this program the Trainer Mr. Moses Selvakumar(Social Work Department – MSSW College) clearly explained about the future opportunities and the way of choosing course after their school education and also he explained and taught about the how to prepare for Government Exams. After that

session students clarified their doubts and gave good feedback about this Workshop. In a valediction Program, Mr. Saravanan - ArumbakkamInspector participated and honored the Trainer with a memento. Inspector gave good feedback on this initiative.



NO ONE EVER DROWNED IN SWEAT

On 05.04.21 football match was conducted by Mr. Prem fieldwork student from Madras school of social work at 7AM at Bosco Illam ground. Two teams were formed namely VJ and VK, Each team consisted of 7 children. The duration of the match was 40 minutes with 10 minutes break time. The teams gave their best but the match was drawn, each team scored a goal each So the winner was selected through penalty kick. Team VJ won the match by scoring 3 goals. After breakfast, the children gathered at the assembly area for the Awareness programme on disciplined student life, conducted by Mrs.V.Mercy Florence, former NSS officer and P.G.Assistant at CSI Bishop Corrie Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School. The awareness session was brief around 45 minutes. The session made the children to think about their own discipline life. It was an interactive awareness program where the children contributed their opinion in the session. The awareness program came to an end with a pledge where the children promised that they would live a discipline life. After the awareness program, prizes were distributed to both the winners and the runners of the football match. The player of the match was selected and given a special prize. The winners were provided with gold medals. The runners were provided with silver medals. The best performer was given a small trophy. The children were very happy to get individual medals.



CELEBRATING WOMEN

Don Bosco Anbu Illam and HCL Foundation Organized the Women's Day Celebration on 8th March 2021 at R2 ko-dambakkam Police Boys & Girls Club/ K8 Arumbakkam Police



Boys & Girls Club / F1 Chindatripet Police Boys & Girls Club, where we conducted the various level of games for club beneficiaries parents and the

community people. They actively participated in this event. In Kannagi Nagar our club students performed a mime show in the concept of Women Safety measures. In this celebration, the Respective Inspector of police participated and conveyed their wishes to them and distributed prize to the Winners.

PRECAUTIONS AWARENESS

Don Bosco Anbu Illam – HCL Foundation organized a Face mask handing over program at Ribbon Building. Fr. Joseph Leo gave 600 masks to Mr.Megnath Reddy, IAS Greater Chennai Corporation for Election awareness.



WOMEN'S CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Don Bosco Anbu Illam - HCL Foundation organized Woman's Cricket Tournament on 7th March 2021 at Government Higher Secondary School, Thoraipakkam, Chennai. The theme of the event was to create 'Awareness about Breast and Cervical Cancer'. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Rithu, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Tiruvallur District who has always been a great pillar of support for the Police Children's Club Project. The 30 over Woman's Cricket Open match was conducted in two innings. The girls gave their fullest potential wherein the winning team scored 198-6 in 28.3 overs. The young girls decided among themselves and contributed the cash prize to support the Cancer Patients with wigs. This act of the little minds amazed all the Police Officials, HCL Volunteers, staff, and parents present at the event. The young girls have validated the wonderful saying, 'When women are empowered, they make an enormous impact on the world'



BLUE CROSS PROGRAM



Don Bosco Anbu Illam - HCL Foundation Scout Troop had a Visit at Blue Cross Society, Velacherry, Chennai on 27/03/2021. The Scout Law mentioned that the Scout/Guide is a Friend to Animals and Loves Nature. On this day, Mr. Velu from Blue Cross Society to explained their history, Activities etc. and also he gave the information about how to rescue Animals, Birds and the other creatures. Afterthat session scouts & Guides to taking care of the animals and to construct the



pet Bowl for animals.



THE ONLY GOOD CAGE IS AN EMPTY CAGE

On 3rd March 2021 –World wild life day. Besides this national day. Don Bosco Anbullam, My Community at Gandhinagar organized a drawing competition. 35 Children have actively participated in this drawing competition which gave a great outcome. The main *motive of this event is to “create awareness on wildlife. The theme of forest and livelihood: sustaining people and Planet”.*

WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION @ GANDHI NAGAR

On behalf of this day Don Bosco Anbu Illam along with Aid Et Action organized a women’s day celebration at Gandhi nagar. Ms. Siva Nandhini- Resource person of that day who gave a mesmerizing speech about the women, role of women, and their role in society, how a women should be? She spoke on various topics about women which was undoubtedly wonderful. **Mr. Marshal Kumar –HCL Foundation** spoke about the theme of the international women’s day **“Choose to Challenge”** women who have joined this celebration 45 women’s and children have actively participated and spoke openly about what was their real challenge. Then welcome dance, and other cultural program like singing, poem telling was done by the Don Bosco My Community Children. At last, it was ended with refreshment.

CHILD RIGHT CLUB ANIMATION PROGRAMME

On 13th March 2021, Don Bosco Anbu Illam along with Wash Institute Organized Child Rights Club



Environment (Water) Animation Programme at Gandhi Nagar, Wash Institute Team, they met the children and gave orientation about the water and its importance. The Most notable thing is that they gave definition about Wash. Then they discussed with the children and gave information about the percentage of water and availability of fresh water, and source of fresh water, water desalination system, waste water treatment, potable reuse system. These were discussed

with the children it help them to know about various water related plan. At last students came up with their own interest and spoke about the how to conserve the water and environment. Around the 35 children are participated in this event.



WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAMME @ SDC

We have cordially celebrated International Women's day at our Skill Development Centres. On 8th March 2021 we celebrated at R2 Kodambakkam police boys and girls club, the Chief Guests were Mr.Palani inspector of police R2 Kodambakkam police station, Mrs.Kumari AA and Mrs. Usha Rani from Cancer Institute. On 9th march

2021we celebrated at Arumbakkam Police Boys and Girls Club. Chief Guest: Mr.Dinesh Kumar, Sub Inspector of Police K8 Arumbakkam Police Station, Along with women police officials and our police official Trainees. On 10th March we celebrated at New Washermenpet. Chief Guest: Ms.Revathy PC H5 Washermenpet police station, all the SDC students and police boys and girls club students are participated.



“The fastest way to change society is to mobilize the women of the world”.

- Charles Malik



ALMOST NOTHING NEED BE SAID WHEN YOU HAVE EYES

On 17th March 2021 Don Bosco Anbu Illam Coastal Slum Intervention Project in partnership with MCDS and India Vision Institute distributed



20 spectacles at free of cost for those who underwent vision therapy and consultation during the eye camp held at Appar Nagar in February. Out of 60 patients – beneficiaries 20 were referred for cataract removal and vision correction.



ROAR OF WOMEN'S SILENCE

Don Bosco Anbu Illam Coastal Slum Intervention along with Seva Priya Trust celebrated international women's day on 20th March 2021 at Thiruvottiyur. A total of 170 women participated at lager in this program. Mrs. Sheila Mary, Inspector of Police, H8 AWPS presided over the program in the honored presence of Mrs. Suguna, Inspector - Crime Branch H3 Police station. Empowering messages, live testimonies, motivating talks and talent shows were conducted as part of the noble celebration. Peace leaders, Directors from local NGOs, women college students, philanthropists and local residents also participated in the program.



WOMEN'S FREEDOM IS THE SIGN OF SOCIAL FREEDOM



On 26th March 2021, one day seminar on women empowerment and entrepreneurship for self help groups' members was organized by Coastal Slum Intervention project at Don Bosco Youth Animation Center, Ennore. Rev. Fr. Jagedeesh, Administrator inaugurated the seminar. Mrs. Jaya, Advocate in Madras High Court and Mrs. Jaya, Women entrepreneur consented to be the chief guest and deliver keynote address and motivation talk respectively. A total of 130 women from various self help groups participated in the seminar.

BUILDING YOUTH FOR FUTURE

Two day workshop on leadership skills and personality development was organized for the members of Coastal Slum Intervention Project Youth Parliament on 27th and 28th March 2021 at Don Bosco Youth Animation Center, Ennore. A team of freelancing trainers Mr. Aravind and Mr. Rakesh consented to conduct enhancement training which was attended by 30 select participants. The workshop included mind games, 'dream a day', stage show, emceeing methodology, personality development and stage manner.



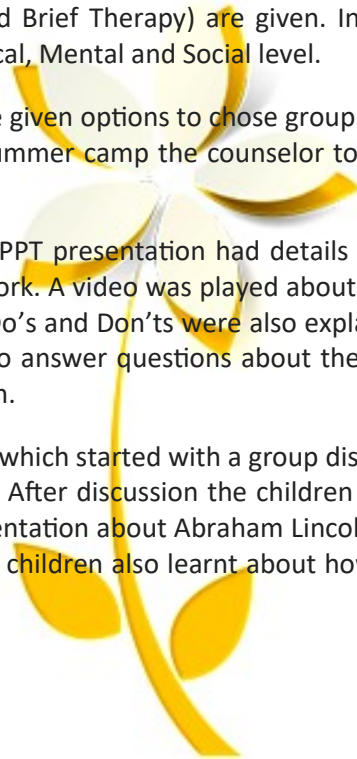
INTENSE COUNSELING PROGRAM

The counselor has been interacting with all the children who are studying from 9th std till 12th std. Individual and group counseling is done and therapies like CBT (Cognitive Behavior Therapy), REBT (Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy), Talk therapy, SFBT (Solution Focused Brief Therapy) are given. Individual Care Plan is done regularly to know about the children improvement in Physical, Mental and Social level.

The children who have completed 10th std were given options to chose group for higher education. They have chosen group according to their interest. As part of summer camp the counselor took life skill sessions for the children on 20th & 22nd of April'21.

On 20th the session was about "Team Work". PPT presentation had details about Leadership and group members. The session started with a game about team work. A video was played about bad and good team work which helped the children to understand about team work, Do's and Don'ts were also explained to build the team strong. The session was very interactive as they were made to answer questions about the topic. As a team the Leaders/Captains were able to identify the dynamics of their team.

On 22nd "How to handle failures" was the topic which started with a group discussion of how they handled a failure in their personal life which lead them to success. After discussion the children were informed to share the same with the whole group. The session had a video presentation about Abraham Lincoln's and Derek (Olympic athlete) life history and how he became successful in life. The children also learnt about how a successful person leads his/her life, and their habits.





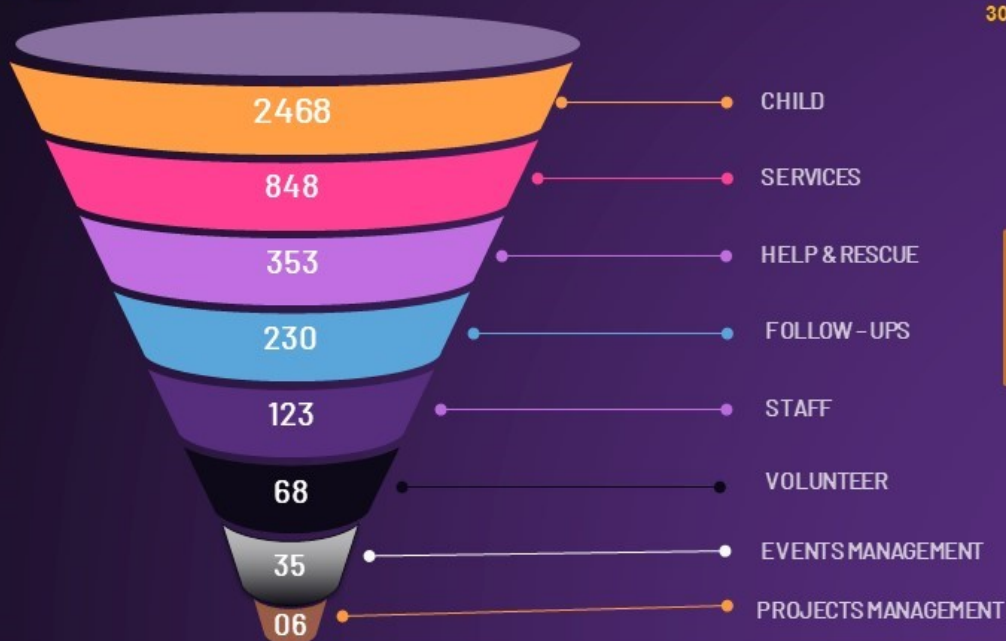
DATA ENTRY STATUS OF DBAI CHENNAI 2016-2021



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Snippet
30th April 2021

Data Source – HomeLink Network



Data entered in Child MISS Web Portal by DBAI Chennai - Node

TYPE OF INTERVENTION (Rescued)	TOTAL
Child Begging	15
Runaway	13
Child Labour	10
Physical Abuse	07
Emotional Support & Guidelines	06
Family Issues	06
Emotional Abuse	05
Child Marriage/Post Child Marriage	05
Shelter Help	05
Child Sexual Abuse	05
Educational /Medical Help	04
Abandoned Child	02
Illegal Adoption	02
Child Custody	02
Missing Child	01
Grand Total	88

STATISTICAL REPORT OF
MARCH & APRIL 2021
(CHLDLINE DATA)



“FOR WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN, AND SO WE BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL BRING WITH JESUS THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN HIM” - [1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-14]

Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society sincerely mourns for the demise of **Rev. Fr. Gerard, sdb** on 22nd March 2021 at the age of 81 in Don Bosco School, Wisdom Town, Redhills. He founded Don Bosco Social Service Society in order to uplift the lives of socially unreached society. He was instrumental in bringing up technical course at Pulianthope. He had good friendship with then political and cinema stars. His acquaintance with great personalities had helped in shaping young minds. He had served in various managerial capacities in the Salesian Province of Chennai. His service to the society and congregation is highly applauded. May his good soul rest in eternal peace of Risen Christ.



Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society mourns the demise of **Rev. Sr. Regina Sindhuraj**. She served as vocational skill mentor in Don Bosco Beatitudes Social Welfare Center, Vyasarpadi. She committed her life to serve the Divine wine-yard in 1988 as a nun from Salesian Congregation. May her soul rest in eternal peace of Risen Christ

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