

# E-STREET VOICE

*Editorial Note...*

## Of Waiting and its Weight!

“And sure enough, even waiting will end, if you can just wait long enough”, says William Faulkner. Life often takes us to moments in which we have to wait, due to multifarious reasons and for varied results. Reaching early and waiting for someone’s arrival and the perplexing thoughts that would be crowding one’s mind is a familiar scenario. The patient wait of a farmer praying to the gods of nature, the agonising wait outside an operation theatre, the anxious wait of students

for their exam results, the tearful and prayerful wait of a mother for her beloved child’s correction of erratic ways of life; the needles of the clock run slow, tendons of resolve gradually wane.

Engaging in social action and endeavouring for social transformation too involve ‘waiting’ of various sorts. Working with certain target groups that exhibit negative, destructive behaviour patterns and addictions, their recurrent relapses and hard-to-come-by course correction could prove to be rather taxing on the mind of any social worker.

As we work with children and youth especially those in difficult situations, may we have the patience and the optimism to hold their hands time and again as they plod along to a sometimes seemingly impossible goal. Let us let the caterpillars be, that they may flutter their colourful wings one day!



*Fr. Prasad SDB*

## Third Quarterly Evaluation of BOSCO

Third quarterly evaluation of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bangalore on March 13, 2018. Welcoming the gathering, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bangalore, appreciated the professionalism with which documents are maintained at the organization.

The concerned coordinators presented reports of projects and programmes from the various areas

and centres of BOSCO. Planning for the next quarter was done based on the learning and suggestions during the evaluation. All the new staff were welcomed and introduced to BOSCO.

A common birthday celebration was held for all the staff who celebrated their birthdays from December 2017 to February 2018. All



the managing directors of BOSCO and staff were present for the programme.

# Women's Day Celebration at BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO CREAM Project organized International Women's Day for the members of Srushti Self Help Group (SHG) and Sadhana Mahila Sanga, at BOSCO Nilaya on March 8, 2018. In the keynote address, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director BOSCO Nilaya, said, "Everyone should join hands to protect women and promote gender equality".

In her inaugural address, Malarvizhi Balachandar, Programme Officer, Action Aid, said, "Men and wom-

en are equal. Mutual respect and understanding are essential in every society". Addressing the group, Fr Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore, said that women's contributions to the society are remarkable. Everyday should be celebrated as women's day. Sharanamma, Police Constable, Cotttonpet, Bangalore, said, "Police is your friend in need. There is a wing for



women assistance in every police station. So approach this wing for assistance at any time".

The event included cultural programs by children, competitions and party games. Menaka, Community Mobilizer, BOSCO Nilaya welcomed the gathering and Annamal, Community Mobilizer, BOSCO Nilaya proposed the vote of thanks. Fr Rubin Mathew, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya and Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM were present for the programme. Hundred and thirty-seven SHG members participated in the programme.

## Open House and Swachh Bharath Campaign

CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bangalore organized Open House and Swachh Bharath campaign at Nagarabhavi, Bangalore on March 11, 2018. Srinivas, area leader, Nagarabhavi, said, "Cleanliness in next to godliness. Everyone should make efforts in



keeping the area clean". Nagamani, Coordinator, CHILDLINE Nodal Centre, Bangalore exhorted children to concentrate on education. The parents were reminded of their duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE BOSCO Ban-

galore, explained about the services rendered by CHILDLINE 1098, the twenty-four hours national emergency helpline for children in need of care and protection.

Children shared about the various issues and CHILDLINE assured to address them in the best manner possible. The programme concluded with a drive to clean the area. All the partici-

pants, including children, elders and project staff joined hands in cleaning the area. Over eighty people participated in the programme.

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## Value Education

BOSCO Sumanahalli organized a Value Education class for the youth at Bosco Life skill training centre, Sumanahalli, Bangalore, on the theme, 'Helping people to help themselves', on March 19, 2018. Prashanth Moorthy, Coordinator, BOSCO Sumanahalli, asked the youth to share about their experiences on helping others. They were made to realize 'that one has to teach fishing instead of giving him fish.' Sixteen youth participated in the session.

## Task Force Formation at BMTC Depot

Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM), BOSCO Bangalore, facilitated the formation of Task Force/Child Protection Committee (CPC) formation for BMTC officials at Depot No. 16, Deepanjali Nagar, Bangalore, on March 21, 2018. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM Project briefed about aims and objectives of CPC and task force. He exhorted task force members to actively participate in promoting children's rights and protection mechanisms, human values in their set up and

about the necessity to inculcate social responsibility among the children.

Mr. Renuka O., Depot Manager, Depot No. 16, Deepanjali Nagar, Bangalore, shared a few examples where children were rescued and handed over to their parents. He stressed on the need to be supportive and encouraging to children in pursuing their fields of interest. He also instructed his staff to be vigilant, help children in need and use CHILD LINE 1098, toll free service for



rescue and rehabilitation of children in need of care and protection. Seventy BMTC staff and five volunteers were present for the programme.

## Training for community leaders



Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM), BOSCO, Bangalore organized a training program on 'Child rights and child related issues' for the community leaders of J.J.R Nagar, Shivajinagar, K.R. Market, Flower Garden, J.C Road, Nelamangala, Ranasinghpeta, Chaluvadhivalya and Tippu nagar on March 24, 2018 at BOSCO Nilaya, Bangalore.

In his inaugural address, importance, Procedure for RTE Dr. Aslam Khan, State Schemes, Values of being human, President of Urdu schools, Children protection mechanisms, J.J.R Nagar, Bangalore said, 'Child is for learning labour. Shivamallu, Coordinator, not for earning'. Jabeen Foster Care Program, BOSCO Bangalore, briefed about the procedures Cluster, Bangalore urged required for adoption and foster care. Many leaders suggested that and support government schools. training programmes of the sort Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO could be conducted often, so that Nilaya said, 'We see God in children. It is important to be human the benefits. Parvez, Union Leader, and see them as individuals with Caring Community, Motor Parts, their own identities'. Mr. Ramaswamy, Shivajinagar, Bangalore pledged to stop child labour in his community. Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO Kamal, Muslim Community Leader, Bangalore, briefed the purpose of J.J.R Nagar, Bangalore and Forty-one community leaders attended the the program with a motivational video. The sessions were about Protocols for social security and their program.



*Every child deserves a family*

## Training for NGOs

Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bangalore, organized training programme for CREAM Coordinators and Social Activists of Ramnagara, Mysore, Chitradurga, Davanagere & Hospet Districts on March 4, 2018 at Chitra Don Bosco Center, Chitradurga. The training started with the Inauguration by Fr. Joy, Executive Director, BREADS, Fr. Julian, Don Bosco Chitradurga, Fr. Pinto, Ajjinahalli Don Bosco, Ramnagara and Fr. Vergis Pallipuram, Director, Don Bosco, Chitradurga. Suresh Mahadevappa spoke about Activism, Methodology and Advocacy. Sr. Dulcine Crasta, spoke about the importance of documentation. Thirty-one CREAM coordinators and social activists attended the training.



## Training for CWC



Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bangalore, organized training programme for the newly elected Child Welfare Committee (CWC) members at BOSCO Mane, Bangalore, on March 14, 2018. Welcoming the participants, Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Program, introduced BOSCO and the activities and services rendered by the organization. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE, and Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Mane, addressed the gathering.

## Awareness in Various Districts

Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bangalore, organized awareness programmes for BBMP daily wagers and Asha workers of Bangalore, Anekal taluk and Ramohalli respectively from March 01-05, 2018. Information was given on BOSCO and its activities, Child Rights and Child Protection Mechanisms and Emergency helpline – CHILDLINE 1098.

The facilitators explained about the concept of foster care, the difference between foster care and adoption, eligibility of foster parents, different types of placements (individual and group placements), age group of children, time frame for placements and basic understanding of foster parenting skills.

# CHILDLINE Annual Review Meeting

CHILDLINE review meeting was held at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, on March 21 & 22, 2018. Inaugurating the programme, Sheela Devaraj, Director, CHILDLINE, Association for Promoting Social Action (APSA), Bangalore, said, "It is of utmost importance to evaluate our activities and programmes that we may be able to reach out to children in a more effective and efficient manner". Vasudev Sharma, Executive Director, Child Rights Trust (CRT), said, "We are working together with the govt. departments and with different NGOs. Let us keep our egos aside and work for the child". Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bangalore said that team work and networking are quintessential for success social

work.

Sessions on team-work and leadership on the second was animated by Nagasimha, Director, CRT, Bangalore. Ice breaking and

planning session on the day was facilitated by Naganmani, Coordinator, CHILDLINE Nodal Centre, Bangalore. CHILDLINE Directors, Coordinators and staff members from BOSCO, APSA, CRT and Sathi Organization participated in the programme.



## Open House Programme



CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bangalore organized Open House programme at Govt Model Higher Primary School, Nekarara Colony, Bangalore, on March 12, 2018. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE BOSCO Bangalore, explained about the services rendered by CHILDLINE 1098. Suresh, Member, SDMC, speaking on the occasion said, "The government has been taking several initiatives towards the free and compulsory education of children especially the deserving ones. Everyone should avail the schemes for their betterment". Geetha, Headmistress, Govt Model Higher Primary School Nekarara colony, Bangalore exhorted the children to concentrate on their education. Over two-hundred children and project staff participated in the programme.

## Mothers' Meeting Organized



Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) team of BOSCO conducted mothers' meetings at the Anganwadi centres in Vyayam Shaale and Jolly Moholla on March 16, 2018. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, spoke about the multiple roles of a mother and how she has to balance her family and health. Vinnarasi, Social Mobilizer, ECCE program, stressed the importance of education, age at marriage, and maintaining reproductive and sexual health, and menstrual hygiene.

Twenty seven mothers residing at Vyamashala and fourteen mothers from Jolly Moholla attended the meeting. Anganwadi teachers, Rajeshwari and Shailaja and Nilaya staff- Manjula, Annamal and Priya were also present at the meeting.

# BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



## March- 2018



	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	301	49	350
Service provided	113	12	125
Grand Total	414	61	475

### Service Provided

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	11	00	11
Bangalore Bus stand	14	00	14
BOSCO Yuvodaya	03	00	03
<b>BOSCO Nivas</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>
BOSCO Vataslyabhavan	00	02	02
CSN	54	06	60
BOSCO Yuvakendra	01	00	01
BOSCO Child line	08	04	12

### Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	20	07	27
Home Placement	216	34	250
Government organization/NGO's	61	07	68
<b>Referred to Back to police</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Replacement to School</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Replacement to Hostel</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>
Counseled and Sent/ Went off	03	01	04
Dead	01	00	01
Grand Total	301	49	350

### Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	27	07	34
Unaccompanied	58	08	66
Made accompanied	216	34	250
Total	301	49	350