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Editorial Note...

Sense and Sensitivity

“The heart has its reasons of which reason knows nothing,” says Blaise Pascal, one of the renowned philosophers of the seventeenth century. People often claim themselves to be ‘of the heart’ or ‘of reason’.

Once, one of the officials of a Child Care Institution, at the time of admission of a child in need of care and protection seemed to have questioned the staff, “Why do you

bring these kinds of difficult children to the shelter home?” At another instance, while involved in rescuing a girl, a victim of child marriage, it was noted that some of the social workers were busy clicking away selfies with the victim. They justified their action saying they needed documentary evidence for their intervention.

‘Sense’ is defined by Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary as ‘An

ability to understand something’. On the other hand, ‘Sensitivity’ is defined as ‘the ability to understand other people’s feelings.’ As we reach out to children in need of care and protection, let us strive to develop a balanced blend of heart and reason, that each of our interventions may be efficient and efficacious.



Fr. Prasad SDB

Bangalore Railway CHILDLINE Anniversary



BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE (BRCL) celebrated the third anniversary of the project, at Bangalore Railway Station, Bangalore on July

3, 2018. Pratheeka S.L., Project Coordinator, BRCL presented a brief introduction about BOSCO and the statistics of children who were rescued in the past one year and the various sources of contact. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Mathew Thomas extended gratitude to all the officials who had been supportive towards BOSCO’s activities. Kalyani Sethuram, ADRM/A,

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acknowledged the activities of BOSCO and BRCL team.

As a token of appreciation, Chengappa, RPF Inspector Bharathi, TTE and others who helped in rescuing children, were awarded for their outstanding service in providing care and protection for children in 2017-‘18. Fr. Rubin, Director, BRCL, welcomed the gathering and Uma, BRCL proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-five officials participated in the programme.

Caring Committee Meeting at BOSCO Nilaya



CRY project, BOSCO, Bangalore organized Caring Committee Meeting at BOSCO Nilaya on July 24, 2018. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya,

ya, said, “One of the most important duties of the parents is to spend time with their children. Parents and teachers together can carve a successful life for the children”. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, said, “It is the joint responsibility of the parents, community members and NGOs to bring children into the mainstream of the society”. Vinod Kumar, Student Representative, welcomed the gathering. Twenty-four members participated in the meeting.

Training for Railway Police

Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO, Bangalore organized training programme on “Confronting Child Trafficking”, for GRP personnel across Karnataka, at KSR railway station on July 27, 2018 in view of the International Anti Human Trafficking day July 30. Inaugurating the training programme, Mahesh Srinivasa Reddy, DYSP, GRP, Bangalore, spoke on



“The police play a vital role in providing care and protection to children. Rapport and networking with the department would ensuring the safety of children”.

KSR, Bangalore, spoke about the importance of protecting the children who come in contact with the railways. Arunmozi, Senior Programme Coordinator, Azim Premji Philan-

the SOP for Railways to ensure care and protection of children in contact with Railways, vulnerability issues of children and the functions of CWC and JJB as per JJ Act.

William Christopher and Acca Varghese, IJM, Bangalore facilitated sessions on trafficking, the process of trafficking and the actions

to be taken against traffickers and employers. He also explained about the kinds of exploitation trafficked children experience. Police officers interacted and expressed the views on trafficking and the kind of support that would be given in handling such cases. Thirty-seven GRP officers from seventeen GRP stations in Karnataka participated in the training.

Training for Panchayat Raj Institutions at Anekal

CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore, organized training for PRI members at Mayasandra panchayat, Anekal, Taluk, on July 28, 2018. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, CREAM Project, BOSCO, Bangalore, said, "If every village and its people are empowered on child rights and follow the same, then a Child friendly village can be established." He explained about BOSCO, CREAM Project, Child Rights and their importance.

Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, briefed about Panchayat Raj Act and UNCRC. He said,

"According to Panchayat Raj Act, it is the responsibility of Grama Sabha to make sure that child rights violation does not take place in the village. Children are the Wealth of a nation." He spoke about CHILDLINE and Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU). Jyothi, Foster Care, BOSCO, Bangalore, spoke on parenting, importance of parental care and Foster care.

Amaresh, PDO, Mayasandra Panchayat, appreciated CREAM, BOSCO and welcomed CREAM



Team to conduct more training in the next Grama Sabha. Latha, Agriculture officer, Vijayal, CDPO, R. Suresh, BEO, Harish, Grama panchayat member, twenty-seven government officials, four Staff and forty people participated in the programme.

Community Mobilization Programme



Child Safety Network (CSN) Project, in collaboration with BOSCO Sumanahalli organized a community mobilization programme at Devaraj Urs Community, Sumanahalli, Bangalore, on July 29, 2018. Speaking on the occasion, Thippanna, Dalithara Samara Sene (DSS), Bangalore, said, "Education is the biggest gift you can give to your children".

Devaraj, Rescue Coordinator, CSN, BOSCO, Bangalore, exhorted the parents to encourage children to attend the school and tuition classes regularly. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO, Sumanahalli told the community members to make best use of the opportunities and facilities. Over sixty people including children participated in the programme.

School Bags Distribution



Bank of Baroda, Moodalpalya Branch, Bangalore, on the occasion of the 111th anniversary of foundation, distributed school bags to the children of Devaraj Urs area, at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, on July 18, 2018. The team distributed fifty bags and snacks to the children, college students and youth undergoing skill training at the centre.

Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Pallavi Shrivatsava, Branch Manager, Vani, Office Staff, Mrs. Nagamani, Cashier, and Ms. Renuka, were present in the program. Thirty-eight children and eighteen youth participated in the program.

Capacity Building for ICDS Staff at BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), organized training for ICDS Staff on Emergent Literacy and Math (ELM) and distribution of Teaching and Learning Materials (TLM) at BOSCO Nilaya, Bangalore, on July 25, 2018. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, ECCE program, interacting with the Anganwadi Teachers, said, “Early education is important to lay the foundation for every child’s future. Anganwadi Teacher should, therefore, be a role model for every child. Let’s work together towards achieving this goal”.

Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE, spoke about CHILDLINE and child rights. He ex-



horted the participants to join hands in reaching out to the children in need of care and protection in a timely, efficient manner. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE program briefed about the ECCE programme.

Shwetha, Child ELM Consultant, enlightened the participants on areas of early childhood development under which language, communication skills, physical development, cognitive development and emotional development. Jyothi, Counsellor, Foster Care Program spoke on Foster care and its importance. Mr. Eeraswamy, Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), Bangalore, appreciated BOSCO and said, “In order to retain Anganwadi Centres (AWC) inculcating new technologies is necessary. We need to adopt new technologies for change and success”. Teaching and Learning Materials (TLM) were distributed to Anganwadi Teachers. Thirty-two Anganwadi teachers attended the training program.

Foster Care Training



Foster Care Project, BOSCO, Bangalore organized training Program on the concept of foster care, for the staff of Don Bosco Centre, Ramanagar, on July 28, 2018. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Project, BOSCO, Bangalore, explained about foster care, difference between foster care and adoption, eligibility of foster parents, different types of placements like individual foster care, group foster care, kinship care, (short term, long term foster care), age group of children, time frame for placements and legal procedures involved in becoming a foster parent, roles and responsibilities of CWC, etc.

Muthuraj Coordinator welcomed the participants. Fr. John Peter, Director, Don Bosco, Ramanagar proposed the vote of thanks. Fourteen staff attended the training.

Life-Skill Session On Self-Awareness

Life skill session on Self-Awareness was organized at BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bangalore, for the youth residing at the centre, on July 30, 2018. Celine Antony, Volunteer began with an introduction on self-awareness. ‘Knowing oneself’ activity was conducted where the boys were assigned to think about the positives and the negatives of oneself.

Boys were assigned self-assessment exercises to gain awareness of emotions and to track one’s feelings. Twenty-two youth participated in the life skill session.

Open House Programme

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bangalore organized open house programme at Smt. Gangamma S Thimmayya, Govt. High School, Shivanagar, Bangalore, on July 23, 2018. In his keynote address, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bangalore, spoke about the vision and mission of CHILDLINE and the goals and objectives of the open house programme. S. Krishnappa, BRP, Bangalore North-1, said “The government has set in place various programmes and schemes in order to ensure that every child, especially the less privileged receive quality education.” He exhorted the students to avail the facilities and gain optimum benefits from them by excelling in their curricular and co-curricular activities.



Muthuraj A, Training Coordinator, Yuvaspandana, NIMHANS, Bangalore, spoke to the students about the ill-effects of substance and drug abuse. He briefed about the various facilities available at rehabilitation

centers to break away from addictions. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bangalore, spoke about JJ Act and children in conflict with law. He emphasized on the need to focus on academic issues and avoid keeping company with people who maybe involving themselves in criminal activities. Nagamani CN, Nodal Coordinator, CHILDLINE, Bangalore facilitated the interactive session in which children expressed their concerns about care and protection. The authorities present gave suggestions and solutions for the issues.

Fr. CV George, Director, SJPU, BOSCO, Bangalore, Ramesh Desai, ASI, Basaveshwar Nagar Police Station, Vinayak, CRP, Shivanagar, Bangalore, Ramesh, Headmaster, Primary School, Venakataraman, Teacher, High School, Marilakkappa, SDMC Member, Smt. Gangamma S Thimmayya, Govt. High School, Shivanagar, Bangalore and 230 children participated in the programme. Vinod Sandeep, Team Member, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bangalore, welcomed the gathering and Nagamani CN proposed the vote of thanks.

Medical Camp Organized



Medical camp was organized at BOSCO Life skill training centre, Sumanahalli, Bangalore, for the youth residing at the centre on July 26, 2019. The general health check-up included blood pressure, sugar, eye checkup and treatment for common ailments like cold, cough and fever.

A team headed by Dr. Abraham from St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore, conducted the health camp. Fr Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, welcomed and addressed the gathering. Twenty-one youth and eight staff of BOSCO Life skill training centre benefited from the medical camp.

Child Rights' Training for Children

Child Rights Education Action Movement (CREAM), BOSCO, Bangalore, in collaboration with Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bangalore, organized a training program for the children of Vani Vilas Government Girls High School, Kalasipalya, Bangalore, on July 3, 2018. Initiating the interactive session, Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO Bangalore, introduced BOSCO, its activities and CREAM program. He explained about the purpose of the training.

PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bangalore explained in detail about UNCRC, Child Rights, Child protection mechanisms, Child Rights Violations

in Karnataka, Child Helpline -1098. Vidya, Head Mistress, felt that the information given to the children was very useful for their self-protection and requested for a continued association with BOSCO for the coming days. Fr. CV George, Director, SJPU, BOSCO Bangalore was present during the training program. Ninety-eight high school girls attended the training.



Focus Group Discussions at BOSCO Mane



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO, Bangalore, organized focus group discussions with parents of children in conflict with law, South Division and West Division, Bangalore, at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, on July 15 and July 29, 2018.

Fr. C V George, Director, SJPU, Bangalore, inaugurated the program and spoke about the importance of

BOSCO, Bangalore, explained about the importance of children's follow up and present situation of the serious and non-serious offences. Parents were concerned about the future of their children.

Basavaraju P N, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bangalore, explained in detail about child protection, child rights, POSCO Act, child marriage and child trafficking

child rearing and providing a good family environment to the children. Basavaraju P N, Coordinator, SJPU,

citing various examples. The participants were shown a video on Child Marriage. The resource person asked the parents to immediately contact the social worker in BOSCO whenever they required assistance. He asked the children to make use of the services of BOSCO for counseling and vocational training.

Two youth enrolled themselves for skill training in BOSCO after the discussion. Kavitha, Social Worker, SJPU, BOSCO Bangalore, shared that the reports on home visits, counseling sessions with the children and behavior of the children were submitted to Juvenile Justice Board regularly. Eleven parents and nine children participated in the discussion.

CREAM Project Staff Training



CREAM Project, BOSCO, Bangalore organized training for the project staff at BOSCO Nilaya, Bangalore on July 30, 2018. Facilitating the interactive session, Fr. Regi Ja-

cob, Director, BREADS and CREAM Project. BOSCO Fr. Maria, Anand, Youth Director, CREAM explained about the importance of team coordination, about strategies such as planning, communication, co-operation, patience, concentration, acceptance and fund raising. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM Project, BOSCO, Bangalore explained about Child Rights, UNCRC, Vivek, HR Manager, BOSCO Bangalore, explained in detail about the Child Protection Policy of BOSCO. Sixteen staff attended the training programme.

Plant a Tree, Get Oxygen Free

BOSCO Life skill training centre, Sumanahalli, Bangalore organized World Environment Day in collaboration with Toyota Kirloskar Motor Company, Bangalore on July 7, 2108. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, welcoming the gathering, spoke about the importance of nature, its protection and plantation of trees. Toyota Kirloskar Motor Company sponsored fifty saplings to be planted at BOSCO Sumanahalli campus. Staff from BOSCO, youth, children and employees participated in planting trees.

Mr. Kiran conducted a session on Environment and introduced the



concept 'SAY NO TO PLASTIC' and the impact of using plastic products on nature and animals. He said that the need of the hour is to replace plastic with eco-friendly materials. The Toyota Kirloskar team played football and basketball with the youth at the centre. Over 50 employees from the company participated in the program. Seventeen Youth and staff from BOSCO Sumanahalli, CSN team and forty children from Devaraj Urs area participated in the programme.

Parents Meeting at BOSCO Mane

BOSCO Mane, Bangalore, in association with BOSCO Vikas organized parents meeting on July 8, 2018 at the centre. Papaiah, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas, welcomed the gathering and briefed about BOSCO and its activities. The meeting was inaugurated by watering a sapling by Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Mane, Bangalore. He stressed about the need to obtain important documents of children, like, birth certificate, Adhaar Card, Transfer Certificate, etc. by the parents. The parents were made aware of their roles and responsibilities and the ways to prevent their children from major social evils. An awareness program was arranged for the parents and



children on HIV/AIDS and TB, which was addressed by the staff of Ahalya Charitable Trust, Bangalore. Ten parents attended the meeting.

Health Camp at Mackan Compound



An outreach Health Camp for the students of Nava Bahar Shah School and residents of Mackan Compound was conducted in the premises of the school, by Dr. Abraham and team from St. Martha Hospital, Bangalore, in collaboration with BOSCO Health Care Department on July 13, 2018.

Services provided were medical tests for blood sugar, blood pressure, suspected Tuberculosis, cardiac cases, and vision impairments. Majority of people who attended the camp availed the Diabetic and Optical examination facilities. Several cases of diabetes were identified during the camp. It was observed that many of the children were suffering from visual impairment related issues. Patients suspected to be suffering from Tuberculosis were asked to produce sputum samples to the closest BBMP Hospital for medical examination. Seventy-one students and seventy-two residents benefitted from the camp.

Health Camp at KR Market

BOSCO Nilaya organized a health camp in collaboration with BOSCO Health Care Department and Community Health Department, St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore at BBMP Office, K.R. Market Complex, Bangalore, on July 6, 2018. Eye check-up, B.P, Diabetics tests was conducted for all. Medicines were prescribed. Few medicines were given to the ailing, for free.

Fifteen people with Cataract disease were referred to Minto Hospital for further treatment, five Blood Pressure cases, ten cases of anemia, nine cases with respiratory symptoms and twenty-four diabetic cases were referred to Jayadeva Hospital, H.Siddaiah Referral Hospital, Victoria Hospital and St. Marta's Hospital for further treatment.

Health Inspector appreciated BOSCO and suggested conducting training for BBMP workers and other stake holders on First aid. Hundred and sixty-five people availed the services of the camp. Dr. Selvaraj Abraham, Dr. Cathrin, Dr. Lithi, Uma Raj, Social worker, Ms. Shabina, Assistant coordinator, BOSCO Health department conducted the camp.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



July- 2018

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	346	34	380
Service provided	86	21	107
Grand Total	432	55	487

Service Provided

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	21	00	21
Bangalore Bus stand	07	00	07
BOSCO Yuvodaya	05	00	05
BOSCO Vatslyabhavan	10	01	11
CSN	16	09	25
BOSCO Nivas	05	03	08
BOSCO Nilaya	04	03	07
BOSCO CHILDLINE	13	05	18
ARSP	05	00	05
TOTAL	86	21	107

Final Action Taken

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	15	05	20
Home Placement	136	18	154
Produced before CWC	139	09	148
Referred to OH	20	00	20
Referred Back to Hostels	09	01	10
Recommended to Hostel	01	00	01
Counseled and Sent/ Went off	05	00	05
Data is not available	21	01	22
TOTAL	346	34	380

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	44	10	54
Unaccompanied	302	24	326
TOTAL	346	34	380