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Director's Message

Featured in this issue of Waves is the International women's day celebration, educational and medical aid distribution, awareness camps on malaria & oral cancer, inauguration of the third phase of We-auto project etc.

The summer camp of 2022 was a major event of the month. Due to Covid the children definitely did lack interaction and playtime with their peers, affecting their social skills. The two weeks fun filled summer camp was definitely a welcome break. It is also matter of pride that we have received two awards of the consumer federation of Kerala; FCDS - for outstanding customer service and 'Vishappinu Vida' - for the project with outstanding social commitment.. We appreciate the confidence that all our donors, members and readers have placed in us and our works.

We will continue to strive to reach newer heights.

-Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP)

Third Phase Inauguration & Distribution



The third phase of the We-auto project was inaugurated on 14th of march, 2022 by Smt. Mini.S (Ward councillor, Vaddy). Till date a total of 10 electric autos have been distributed under the project. Keys were handed over to three new beneficiaries in a function held at FCDP hall, presided over by Dr. Sindha. H. Mendez (Chairperson, FCDP). Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS) extended the welcome. "We-Auto is a perfect example of women empowerment"- said Smt. Mini. S in her inaugural address. Mrs. Irin, Mrs. Shiny. and Mrs. Sony received their keys from Smt. Mini. S. Present at the function were also Mr. N. Tomy (Ward councillor , Pallithottam) Mrs. Agnes John (President,TMS) , Sister Mary Karuvelil (Asst. Director, TMS).

International women's day celebration

International women's day celebration organized by Theeradesa Mahila Society and FCDP was held on 7th March 2022 at Rotary Club hall, Pallithottam. Mrs. Prasanna Earnest, Hon. Mayor of Kollam, inaugurated the programme. Mrs. Agnes John (President, TMS) chaired the programme and Mrs. Sunitha Vimal (Judge, ESI & Industrial Tribunal) gave the keynote address. Dr. Sindha H. Mendez (Chairperson, FCDP) welcomed the gathering. Mr. Tomy N (Pallithottam ward councillor), Mr. Sajeev Soman (Udayamarthandapuram ward councillor), Mr. Vipin Kumar (President, Rotary Club of



Thangassery) and Sr. Mary Mathew (Superior, Snehakiran) offered their felicitations. The theme of the day was "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow" (the UN theme for international women's day 2023). While speaking at the function, Hon. Mayor of Kollam, Mrs. Prasanna Earnest, highlighted that projects like WE-Auto run by FCDP-TMS, ensure a sustainable tomorrow. Mrs. Sunitha Vimal (Judge, ESI & Industrial Tribunal) reminded that women should find various sources to generate income. 14 women who completed their e-auto driving training were distributed licenses. Students from Don Bosco College, Kottiyam presented a street play focusing on the issues of women. Theme dance by TMS members and an afternoon of games and competitions made the day fun-filled and entertaining.



FCDP receives Consumers Federation of Kerala Award

FCDS, the production unit of FCDP and Vishappinu Vida, the hunger eradication programme started under FCDP received awards from Kollam District Committee, Consumers Federation of Kerala (CFK) at Consumer's Day celebration, held at Joint Council Hall, Kollam. FCDS received the award for outstanding customer service. Mrs. Mary Bindhu and Mrs. Reshma Grahari accepted the award on behalf of FCDS. The award for outstanding social commitment was given to Vishappinu Vida and was received by Mrs. Gretta Raju (Coordinator, FCDP)



FCDP welcomes "Njanum Pokum" Campaign



As part of the Women's Day Celebrations, FCDP welcomed the "Njanum Pokum" campaign against gender based violence, organized by the Trivandrum Social Service Society in collaboration with KSRTC. The campaign started at FCDP, Kollam with a public meeting followed by a street play performed by the TSSS team. A discussion was initiated by the team based on the theatrical presentation and pamphlets were distributed. The three-day campaign from Trivandrum to Kozhikode was led with the message "Gender equality for a sustainable tomorrow".

FCDP celebrated the feast of St. Joseph

FCDP family celebrated the feast of St. Joseph as every year at Vishappinu Vida Centre. The celebrations started with a prayer after which "payasam" was distributed for everyone.



Three day camp for DBYF members

Don Bosco Youth Forum members participated in a three day peer conference at Maria Rani Centre, Trivandrum, organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) in collaboration with Kerala State Aids Control Society (KSACS). 8 members namely Jobitha, Jincy, Jomol, Subin, Sabu, Roshal, Dayana, and Merlin represented DBYF in the residential camp that started on 17th March 2022.





At a function held on 19th of March, 2022 educational & medical aid were distributed. The function organised in FCDP hall

Educational and medical aid distributed

was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Thomas Anchukandam sdb. Dr. Sindha H. Mendez (Chairperson, FCDP) presided over the program. Scholarships were given to 22 students and financial assistance to 10 persons. The function also served as an opportunity to thank Rev. Fr. Thomas, who as provincial, helped FCDP out of a

major crisis. His interventions paved way for the growth and development of FCDP to the present stage. Present at the function were also Fr. Joby Sebastian, Sister Mary Karuvelil, Mrs. Agnes John & other FCDP board & staff members.



Collectorate March and Dharna

FCDP staff participated in the Collectorate March and Dharna organized by the Theeradesha Samyuktha Samiti, Kollam. The demands set forth by the March included reversing the increase in kerosene prices, timely supply of kerosene through civil supplies and interventions by the government to end destructive fishing practices. Rev. Fr. Xavier Lazar inaugurated the dharna. Stephen S, (Independent fishermen's President) Jackson (Fisheries Co - operative Society, Thankassery) Augustine Lawrence (Fisheries Fed President, Port) Jackson Pillai (Independent Fishermen's State President) Robin (CITU District President, Kollam) James (FWS President, Muthakara) Ambrose (Independent Fishermen's Secretary, Kollam) addressed the fishermen who participated in the dharna.

Free Buttermilk Distribution as a Relief from the scorching heat

To beat the heat this summer, Fishermen Community Development Programme along with Don Bosco Youth Forum intervened with free buttermilk distribution at various places in Kollam. Begun at Kollam harbour on 31st March 2022, the program was officially inaugurated on 1st April by Adv. P.R. Walter (Secretary, Kerala Bar Federation), and Adv. G. Vijayakumar (Government Pleader) outside the Collectorate. At the port

Kollam auction hall, Mr. N.K. Premachandran (honorable MP) felicitated the team for the laudable venture. Buttermilk was distributed to over 1500 people at Port Kollam, Harbour, Vaddy, Chinnakkada bus stop, Collectorate, Asramam, District Hospital, Thuyyam, College Junction, and other important areas in Kollam.



World Malaria Day Awareness Camp



As part of observing the World Malaria Day, a workshop was organized for 60 participants at FCDP on 25th April 2022. Mr. Raghavan K.S (V.B.D Officer, Kollam) extended welcome at the function chaired by Dr. R. Sandhya (Deputy D.M.O). The programme was inaugurated by Sr. Mary K (Asst. Director, T.M.S) and the session for Malaria awareness was led by Dr. Athira Giri.

Oral Cancer Free Kerala Project Launch and Awareness Camp

Indian Dental association (Kollam Branch) in association with ASMIK organized a Dental Camp at FCDP hall on 24th April 2022 as part of the Oral Cancer Awareness Month observation. The camp was inaugurated by Mr. M. Noushad (MLA, Eravipuram). Ms. Shanima (Convenor, CDH) welcomed the gathering at the programme presided over by Sr. Mary K (Asst. Director, TMS). Dr. Mili James (IDA Kerala State CDH Chairperson) and Dr. Deepa (Secretary, ASMIK) offered felicitations. The project 'Oral Cancer Free Kerala' was also inaugurated during the programme. The dental camp held under the leadership of Dr. Abhilash and Dr. R. Krishnan ended by 2pm in the afternoon.



Don Bosco Summer Camp 2022

Don Bosco Summer Camp 2022 was a two-week camp filled with fun and learning. The camp was inaugurated by Fr. Stephen Mukkattil (Rector and Parish Priest, St. Stephen's Church, Thope) on 18th April 2022. The summer camp provided the students belonging to the age group of 9 to 15 years, training on personality development, life skills, and spoken english. The daily pattern followed included an interactive session with special guests, activity based learning, games and team work. We thank all our special guests - Mr. Ajidas (Assistant Excise Commissioner), Dr. Shibu (Dentist and President, Coastal Bank), Adv. K. P. Sajinath (Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee), Mr. George F. Xavier (PRO, Red Cross Society and Founder of We Care), Ms. U. Pavithra (Chairperson, Health standing committee, Kollam Corporation), Adv. Rahul (Panel Lawyer, District Legal Services Authority), Mr. Ravi Verma (Coach, Kerala hockey team and Ex Indian hockey team), Mr. Krishna Kumar (Assistant Sub Inspector, Pallithottam Police and Student Police Cadet trainer), Mr. Nipun Chandran (District Youth officer, Nehru Yuva Kendra), Mr. Milton (Higher secondary school teacher, and Board member of FCDP) and Mrs. Agnes John (President, Theeradesa Mahila Society) for their precious time at the summer camp and guidance to our little friends.



FCDS at "Ente Keralam"



Fishermen Community Development Society (FCDS), FCDP's new venture participated in the seven-day exhibition and marketing fair – "Ente Keralam" (My Kerala) organized by the District Industries Centre held at Kollam Asramam ground from April 25 to May 1 2022. The week-long exhibition was organized in connection with the first anniversary of Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan's government (Hon. C.M. of Kerala). The stall put up by FCDS marketed the products prepared by the self-help groups under FCDP. The fair was able to bring a variety of attractive items to the masses at affordable prices, including a variety of pickles, spices, home care products and handicrafts.

Celebrations!

Mrs. Reshma Grihari & Ms. Anisha . B. Chacko celebrated their birthdays in the months March and April . We wish them years of happiness and prosperity ahead.



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