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Editorial

I'm very happy to present the April edition of Waves. It is part of our efforts to inform our friends and well-wishers of the happenings at FCDP family. This is because we understand that what we do is part of a collective effort. In fact over the past 8 years, I've realized the extent to which collective involvement in social development initiatives - whether it be charity or empowerment through skilling - affects the scale and effectiveness of the projects. In fact all of you have seen FCDP as part of your family.

I take this occasion to thank you all for your encouragement and support which made it possible for FCDP to emerge as a significant social work organisation in Kollam. My sincere thanks also to the Board and staff of FCDP, TMS and FCDS. Working at FCDP has been a great experience and God has been very good and merciful. As I leave for my new assignment as Director of Don Bosco Veedu Trivandrum, I have the joy of having entrusted the baton to safe hands in the person of Fr. Jithin Sebastian sdb. Fr. Jithin Sebastian, the new director, is a professional social worker and under his direction, FCDP will definitely climb to newer heights in reaching out to the needy and working for the integral development of the fisherfolk of the coastal region of Kollam. I wish him all the best!

**-Fr. Joby Sebastian SDB
(Director, FCDP-TMS)**

INAUGURATION OF SUMMER CAMP - JUNIORS 2024

The first series of summer camps planned for the season kicked off with the Junior Students from class 4 to 6 on April 4, at Don Bosco Boys Home, Mundakkal. Mr. Santosh Kumar. D (Principal, St. Aloysius School, Kollam) inaugurated the "Don Bosco Summer Camp 2024" by lighting the lamp. Fr. Stephen Mukattil SDB (Rector, Don Bosco, Thope), Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS), Sr. Mary K (Asst. Director, TMS), Deacon. Ebin Thomas Abraham, and Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Asst. Director, FCDP), participated in the inauguration ceremony. The summer camp had begun with an emphasis on fun with learning - making the summer season more enjoyable for the children while promoting their overall development. The camps are being held in three phases – the first phase consisting of students from class 4 to 6, the second phase with students from class 10 to plus two and the third phase for students from class 7 to 9.



The eight-day long camp led by Deacon Ebin Abraham SDB turned out to be a very exciting and educative. The classes included Spoken English, dance, drawing and maths. Various life values were brought home through fun games and group activities. Over 70 children participated in the camp. Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) gave away the prizes at the closing ceremony held on 12th April. However, the camp actually closed on the next day with an outing to Adventure park, Kollam. Our sincere thanks to our benefactor for helping us with the transportation.





7TH PHASE OF WE-AUTO DISTRIBUTION

The 7th phase of the We Auto distribution was held at FCDP on 12 April 2024. Rev. Fr. P. S. George (Director, BREADS), was the chief guest and he flagged off the autos. The new e-rikshaws were handed over to six women namely Mrs. Sree Devi, Mrs. Anita, Mrs. Mary Shobha, Mrs. Mareena, Mrs. Mary Sebastian and Mrs. Sushama Sundar. Rev. Fr. Stephen Mukkattil (Rector, Don Bosco, Thope), Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP), Mr. Shibu .S (Managing Director, Mahindra) Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS) and Rev. Sr. Annie Joseph spoke on the occasion. Mrs. Irene Rajan (beneficiary, WE-Auto) shared her experience as an auto rikshaw entrepreneur. During the function, Rev. Fr. P. S. George honored Mr. Anil Victor for his service as Trainer. Present were also Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS), Fr. Jithin Mattamundayil (Assistant Director, FCDP), Sr. Mary K (Assistant Director, TMS), FCDP-TMS Board & Staff members.

The project aims to generate income for women, take women out of the stereotypical career path and mainstream their workforce. So far 25 electric autorickshaw have been to given women in the coastal area of Kollam as part of the project.



EXHIBITION AND FREE DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHES

Under the aegis of FCDP and Vincent de Paul Society Poovarany (Kottayam) a one day Exhibition and free distribution of clothes were organized at FCDP Hall on April 19, 2024, from 10 am to 1 pm. About 250 people availed this opportunity. More than 400 sarees, 75 sets of churidars, 200 tops, 500 shirts, 150 pants and nighties, boys and girls wear, baby dresses, bed sheets were displayed. Garments were sorted and arranged by FCDP - TMS staff members and volunteers. Special thanks to the Vincent de Paul Society for their generosity and initiative for the support of the needy.



BEACH CLEANING ORGANIZED

"As part of the 13th All Kerala Youth Meet organized by Don Bosco Youth Service, Kollam Beach Cleaning program was organized in collaboration with Fishermen Community Development Programme on 13th April. Mr. Kollam Madhu, the honorable Deputy Mayor of Kollam inaugurated the event. Mrs. Elizabeth Lissy (Headmistress, Balika Mariam School, Kollam) gave the keynote address. Over three hundred youth leaders from various districts of Kerala participated. Mr. Tomy Napoleon (Councillor, Pallithottam Division), Mr. Sajeev Soman (Councilor, Udaya Marthandapuram), Fr. Manu Michael (Director, All Kerala Don Bosco Youth Services) were also present.



COMPLITION OF SECOND PHASE DON BOSCO SUMMER CAMP

FCDP organized a summer camp for students of classes 10 to 12 from April 15 to April 22. More than 50 children participated in the camp. The camp provided opportunity for students to develop their personality and confidence, thereby developing their social skills and building rapport. Various classes including, career guidance was arranged. Various competitions & trainings were held for the students to nurture their talents and shape a better future through various. The camp led by Deacon Abin Abraham included Group Dynamics and Life Skills section as well.



FOOD FEST AND CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION HELD

As part of the WYEP project, a week-long fish and Food Processing class was organized at FCDP. The course concluded with a Food Fest and certificate distribution held at FCDP hall, on 20 April 2024. Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) welcomed the gathering. Fr. Varghese Payanadath SDB (Vicar, St. Stephen Church, Thope) presided over the function. Mr. Stephen (Dev Snacks Kollam) inaugurated the function and awarded certificates to the participants. Mrs. Celin Stephen (DevSnacks, Kollam), Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director FCDP-TMS), Mr. Ajay Shankar (Trainer) and Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Asst Director, FCDP) shared the dias. A number of benefactors and well-wishers were invited to the function. Present were also the staff members of FCDP-TMS. The event showcased a variety of food items prepared by the trainees themselves. Some of the prominent items for the food fest included Beef and Chicken Cutlets, Samosas, Chicken Soup, Fried Rice, Kappa, Fish Curry, Chicken Curry, Chicken Sandwich, Fish fingers, Chicken Roll, Fish Nugget and Kappa Puttu.



FOOD PROCESSING TRAINING BATCH-II

The conclusion of the Training of the Second batch for fish and food processing was on April 27, 2024. The Foodfest was inaugurated by Dr. Sindha Mendez, (TMS Board Member & Former chairperson of FCDP). Dr. James Joseph, a social worker and research scholar was the special guest on the occasion and gave away the certificates to the trainees. Fr. Joby Sebastian, Mr. Ajay Shankar Trainer), Fr. Jithin Sebastian and Sr. Mary K., (Ast director) were present.

The event showcased a variety of food items prepared by the trainees themselves. The highlights of the food fest included beef and chicken cutlets, samosas, chicken soup, kappa, fish curry, chicken curry, chicken sandwiches, fish fingers, chicken rolls, fish nuggets, kappa puttu, cake, and noodles.



PHOTO FRAME AND KEY CHAIN TRAINING CLASS WAS HELD

Photo frame and Key chain-making class was organised by FCDP for women empowerment at Kennedy Memorial Library and concluded successfully with certificate distribution. The event not only enhanced their creative skills but also empowered them economically, providing a platform for skill development and entrepreneurship. Such initiatives are crucial for fostering self-reliance and confidence among women, contributing to their overall empowerment and societal advancement. Certificate distribution ceremony was started with prayer. Miss. Anna Saju (Project Coordinator, WE-LivE) welcomed the gathering. Followed by this an introductory speech was delivered by Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS). Felicitation was given by Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Assistant Director, FCDP), Sr. Mary K (Assistant Director, TMS) and Mrs. Sajina S (Resource Person). Followed by this certificate were distributed among the participants. Mrs. Mini Mary (Coordinator, TMS) delivered vote of thanks.



CELEBRATIONS

We wish Mrs. Rinisha Nithin, Mrs. Sindhu George and Miss. Mereetta Roy good health and prosperity as they celebrated their birthdays in the month of April. We also thank them for their dedicated service and support towards the activities of FCDP.



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