

Sneha shabd

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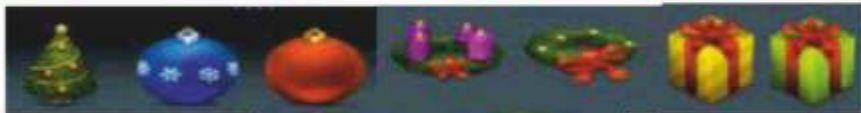
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Director Speaks

We are in one of the most beautiful and colourful times of all the seasons. Christmas is a time to celebrate the gift of life each of us has received from God and realize its value. As usual Sneha Care home is in the atmosphere of celebration. Past two months we were busy with lots of activities and programmes. Furthermore we witnessed the success of three major programmes namely champion In Me arts and sports day, Champion In Me Marathon and starry night. We are indeed happy to have an increased number of participants. We had 470 children from different centers and 26 districts of Karnataka. It was an amazing show of excellence by children, which is an encouraging factor for all, who are working behind. A special note of appreciation to all the staff who prepared their children for a beautiful performance. Wish you all a happy Christmas and Joyful and blessed New Year.

Fr. Vince koickal MI



Provincial's Message



It's Christmas again! TO CELEBRATE LIFE

All of us are attracted by children. There is something about a child that appeals to us. A suffering child moves us much more than a suffering adult. Even the most hardened heart melts before a child. We reach out to them at once. That is why when God decided to become one of us, he came to us in the form of a baby.

In a special way, the celebration of Christmas invites us to see God in babies and children. There are so many forces working against them in today's world. Each child is a gift from God and they are made to feel special in a child friendly environment with a lot of colour, plants, birds, fish, trees and plenty of love and acceptance that have helped these children to grow into beautiful loving healthy children. They have also been given scope to develop their potentials using intelligence and creativity. The awareness programs and activities have helped others accept them with less stigma and discrimination.

I am indeed very delighted to know that, "Sneha shabd" that literally means the voice of love, is published from Sneha Care Home and from the Shining Star School. I do believe that you have become a voice to these voiceless poor children, a voice of tender love, a voice of compassionate care, a voice of affection and generosity, a voice of encouragement and friendship, a voice of health and wealth and a voice of intellectual creativity and spontaneity. I do sincerely appreciate Fr. Vince Koickal MI and his committed staff for making these little children shining stars for the humanity. A star has been born and this star has brightened the lives of many stars as they look to the future with love, dignity and hope bringing God's message of love, joy and peace this Christmas.

Christ placed the child at the very heart of the Kingdom of God: Let the children come to me and do not hinder them for to such belongs the kingdom of Heaven. By fostering and exercising a tender and strong concern for every child that comes into the world, we both, you and I can fulfil this fundamental mission. May our world be filled with warmth and good cheer in the Holy season and throughout this year 2014.

Fr. Baby Ellickal MI



Champion in Me

Champion in Me, a customized arts and sports events for Children living with HIV, organized by us on 30th November and 1st of December 2013. Around 470 children from 9 centres in Karnataka, one centre from Tamilnadu and two each children representative from 27 districts of Karnataka participated in it. Moreover we also had about 100 staff and volunteers accompanying these children from different centres.

The arts competitions were held on the first day. The competitions were held for different age groups which were conducive for their talents and tastes. There were individual competitions and group competitions. The main arts competitions were singing, dancing, Painting, drawing, skit and Rangoli. The arts competitions began with the inauguration ceremony. Coincidentally, we also had the inauguration of blood donation camp as part of the World Aids Day organized by Snehadaan during the same time. The arts day was inaugurated by Mrs. Sheela, a renowned Classical dancer. Fr. Mathew Perumpil, Director, Snehagram, delivered the World Aids Day message.

Various arts competitions followed the inaugural ceremonies. We had accomplished artists like, Mrs Anisha, and Suma two famous Karnatic vocalist, and Vaibhav Neelghar, a Kannada movie artist and various others to judge the various events.

Mr. Prabhananda M, Delivery Manager of HCL Technologies was the Chief guest during the valedictory function. All the winners of the arts competitions received prizes during the valedictory function.

Champion in Me 5 K Run 2012

1st December 2013 dawn witnessed a huge gathering of socially committed people at Snehadaan campus. They were gathered to pledge their solidarity with children living with HIV and run to make the society committed for their future. People began to throng the grounds from 6.30 am. The run was flagged off by, Ms. Marjiam, Mayor of Netherland, along with two of our children. Before the run was flagged off, Ms. Reeth Abraham an athlete of international fame read out the World AIDS day pledge and all the participants repeated the pledge after her and Mrs. Chanda, the gym instructor of Contours gym guided the warm up session for all the runners.



The event was supported by Bangalore School Sports Foundation, Runners High, Decathlon and Champion Group and many others .

Champion In me Sports day for the Children living with HIV

Following the run, "Champion in me" sports meet for children living with HIV was held at Samascan Grounds, Ambedkar Nagar . The event was inaugurated by Ms. Marijam , Mayor of Netherlands in the presence of many people from corporate sector and film and fashion industry. Mr Abhaychandra , honourable sports minister of Karnataka was one of the many distinguished guest who came to see the event.

In the morning various track events for different age groups of children from various centres were held. Children participated in the competitions with sportive spirit. The events were conducted by Mr. Elvis Joseph, Ms. Reeth Abraham and his team from Bangalore Schools Sports Foundation.

In the afternoon, Football for boys and Handball for girls were held. The football games were organized by Valentine Chikka Okoli the football coach of BSSF and his team.

In the Evening the valedictory function was conducted and prizes were distributed. Mr. Jude Felix former Indian Hockey Captain and Olympian was the chief guest during the occasion. Fr. Vince Mathew , director of Sneha Care Home expressed words of gratitude to those who worked behind this mega event.



Starry Night

Starry Night is a Christmas programme organized by Sneha Care Home during Christmas season. The principal aim of this programme is to bring together the well wishers, friends, benefactors and people who are closely associated with Sneha Care Home for a common Christmas celebration with the children and staff of Sneha Care Home. This year it was held on the 15th of December from 6.45 pm.

The programme was held at the lawn before pastoral centre. The whole area was decorated with lights and stars, and a crib was made.

People who were invited began to come from 6 pm and they were ushered in by Fr. Biju Mathew, Fr. Vince and the brothers. The cultural programmes began around 6.45 pm. The guests were welcomed by Fr. Biju Mathew. The programmes were compeered by Mrs. Ivy Thomas. Mr. J Alexander a former IAS officer and MLA of Karnataka was the chief guest on the occasion. Mr. James Alukkas and Mr. Vaibhav a famous Kannada cine artist were the other two important people who joined the celebrations. Fr. Bay Ellickal delivered the keynote address and Fr. Vince Mathew made a presentation about the activities of Sneha Charitable Trust. The children of Sneha Care home and Snehagram put up cultural programmes for one hour. Besides we had guest performances by eminent violinist Mr. Manoj George and children of St. Sebastian's parish Mathikere. The guests enjoyed the talents of children and appreciated them.

The cultural programme was followed by sumptuous dinner. The guests enjoyed all the dishes and it was a time for the people to meet and interact with their friends and share the good tidings of Christmas.

About 450 people from outside attended the programme besides our children and staff. The volunteers distributed Sneha Care Home Calendar and a memento to all the guests as they went home after the programme.



Special celebrations

Independence Day

Independence Day is celebrated on **15th August** every year, by every citizen of India irrespective of caste, creed and religion. Sneha Care Home celebrated the 67th Independence Day of our Nation with all due patriotic spirit and zest. The formal function began at 9 am. Fr. Bijoy, Provincial procurator of Camillians in India hoisted the National Flag and spoke about the relevance of independence and freedom for all of us. After the Flag hoisting, the chorus of children sang the National Anthem, joining their voices with millions of others extolling our glorious past and admiring the valorous deeds of our freedom fighters. The Independence Day messages were delivered by the children in English and Kannada respectively. This was followed by an array of patriotic programmes by the children.

Teachers Day

September 5th is the birthday of Mr. S. Radhakrishnan, a renowned educationist, freedom fighter and the first President of Independent India. The birthday of this great man is celebrated in India as 'Teachers' Day'.

On this day Children of Sneha Care Home honoured their teachers in a memorable way. They decorated the school and welcomed the teachers as they arrived at the school. They organized a cultural show and various fun games for the teachers. They prepared gifts for the teachers and distributed them to the teachers.

Gandhi Jayanthi

Sneha care home paid homage to Gandhiji the Father of the nation on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi, on October 2nd. On this occasion children prayed for our Nation through songs and Bhajans. During the programme, Mrs. Radhamma, one of our teachers narrated several anecdotes from Gandhiji's life which are of great value even today.



Children's Day

November 14th the birthday of Jawaharlal Nehru is observed all across India as children's day for the fact that he loved children and loved to be in the company of children. Shining star school also celebrated the children's day in a grand way. Teachers organized different fun and entertainment games for children on this day.

Sneha care home children attend a foot ball match

Sneha Care Home children were part of the audience to watch a football match on October 10th in Bangalore football ground between Bangalore Football Club and Mohemeddans Football Club. It was amazing and first-hand experience for our children. 40 children who were interested in football were selected by the coach to view the match. As Sneha care home uses sports as a medium of transformation to come to the main stream of the society. The children enjoyed the football match with great energy and encouraged the players. It was a new experience for the kids to meet the players and the 22 kids accompanied the players to the stadium.



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MERRY XMAS &
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2014



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