

Dear friends of Concerns,

On behalf of all at Concerns, I take great pleasure in greeting you and sharing the news of Concerns. I humbly acknowledge the delay in writing to you. The work at Concerns is going on smoothly by all the committed team members.

CHILD CARE CENTRES:

Four of our Child Care centres among five were under the support of KSCCW (Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare). From April 2016, we got approval for partial support from **Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme** for the children of working mothers under Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development New Delhi. This program helps us to provide more food and nutrition to children. An average of 150 children under five are covered. In May 2016, **Thomson Reuters** volunteers organized special activities for Childcare children in Janakiram layout



Concerns Vocational Training Centre supported by DELL in Baiyappanahalli and SSGA (State Street Global Advisor) in Ulsoor

With the support of Dell and SSGA, We have trained nearly 400 youths and children. 100 are working and 85 are continuing the courses.



In April 2016, 30 students received certificates for short- term and long- term computer course.

In April & June , Dell Volunteers & Nielsen company Volunteers conducted mock interview and did soft skill training for 30 students.

In May & August, Mrs. Anne George and Ms. Anitha of Concern India Foundation did monitoring visits and appreciated our efforts .



EMPLOYABLE SKILLS FOR YOUTH THROUGH (STEP)- SMILE TWIN E- LEARNING PROGRAM SUPPORTED By SMILE FOUNDATION SPONSORED By GLOBAL ERICSSON PVT LTD :

This skill training program started on 21st Aug 2015 and extended till 23rd Aug 2016. We enrolled 120 students. 100 completed the course and 62 are employed .Others are yet to get jobs and some are continuing studies. The certificate was provided by **Microsoft Company**.

This course covered functional English, Computer theory and practicals, Basic and Retail Management and Personality Development. Additional exposure provided were Career Guidance, exposure visits, employment engagement session

EDUCATION SUPPORT THROUGH VATHSALYA CHARITABLE TRUST

Vathsalya increased the sponsorship support for another 45 students .Education support for 115 students was paid to schools as 1st installment fees in July 2016. Parents of 70 sponsored children attended a workshop on healthcare, diet practises and issues related to poor dietary habits.

SUMMER CAMP

April and May **Summer program**- 73 students completed Summer Short term courses on MS office and 160 children completed. Basic computing on MS office was taught to high school students at four centres namely Dell centre, Hutchins Road, Banaswadi & Ulsoor.



CONCERNS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

In the academic year 2015-16 we enrolled 63students 50 got trained and 34 are employed 9 Continuing studies few others are yet to get jobs and few are with family commitments Total of 73 student 54 women and 19 boys have joined this academic year 2016 -2017

Additional Government certification courses

From January to March 2016, 31 Community college students underwent

-**The Meet and Greet** certificate course by the Government (PMKVY) **Pradhana Manthri Kousalya Vikas Yojana** organized by the trainers from Presidency college of Hotel Management.

In Feb 2106 - Sports day was conducted in ITC Playground for all the college students .They participated enthusiastically and won several prizes.

In Feb and March 2016, a Short- term course on Music was conducted for **Early Child hood care & Education** students by **Bangalore School of Music**.



A workshop was conducted on '**Awareness of Alcohol Addiction**' by Alcoholic Anonymous Team for college students which helped them to help the family members and neighbours.

- A '**Family Meet**' was conducted and 32 parents participated. On the same day the students exhibited their teaching aids and displayed it in an interesting manner and the parents felt happy.

- A special program on "**Happy Family**" was conducted for Boys to sensitise them about sexual behaviour by Dr. Eileen.

- In April 2016 **The Community College Graduation day** was celebrated. Students in small groups did health sessions to the community members. 49 students and 14 parents attended the Graduation day. Mrs. Anita Lawrence, Vice-Principal - Clarence High School was the Chief Guest.

KOLKATTA CONCERNS COMMUNITY COLLEGE: KCCC

With the help of partial local support we are facilitating KCCC which has successfully trained 2 Women in Early Childhood Care and 4 Women in Beauty and Wellness and 4 Women in Functional English. KCCC has also established a Child Care Centre as a Laboratory nursery school.

Stitch Craft Unit

From Jan 2016, 30 women have got trained in garment making and 5 got trained in Aari work and 5 in hand- embroidery



CONCERNS STAFF IN- SERVICE TRAINING

· In Jan 2106 –A core team meeting was conducted by Mr. Emerson Samuel with all the CUF core members. The session included CUF origin, objectives, activities and future plans namely strength, self-reliance, sustainability etc.

Three members from Concerns attended a sociological frame work on “Responsibility towards protection of the vulnerable groups” session .It was conducted by Mr. Emerson Samuel with other groups in KROSS.

· Jan and Feb –Ms.Yeshoda completed Advance Excel in Aptech Private Limited.

· From Jan onwards Mr.Dass joined hardware and networking classes in Aptech Private Limited.

From July 2016 Ms. Sangeetha attending Common Purpose leadership program

The Concerns Staff workshop was conducted on 23rd July by Rev. Vasudevan



CUF Building Progress: Architect Mr Ranjan has created a draft plan of the infrastructure .This is based on the criteria of the local government and is now working on finalising it .Quotations will be taken from three prospective builders thereafter . In the meanwhile material cost is also being worked out.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Warm wishes from all at Concerns,

Gnana Chitra