

CONCERNS KALEIDOSCOPE

Official Newsletter of CONCERNS UNIVERSE
FOUNDATION (August-December 2021)



MANAGEMENT UPDATES

- Concerns' FCRA registration was renewed.
- Concerns 12A & 80G certificate was renewed.
- Mr Paul Robinson & Ms Vani Ramu of Positive Revolution are graciously taking Concerns team through the process of inspiring and engaging for maximum impact and building the organization.
- Dhvani Sahayak team through Asteya Services are providing continuous handholding on the areas of Compliance, HR Finance & Accounts to strengthen Concerns to be more efficient & credible.

Dear Friends,
Greeting from Concerns Universe Foundation.

We hope you all are staying well and safe.
Booker T. Washington quotes " Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." We are thankful to our supporters and well wishers for their constant encouragement and generosity. .

We started the new academic batch of Concerns Community College in the month of August 2021. Responding to the needs of working mothers in the community, we reopened child care centers in November 2021.

As the pandemic resulted in severe adversities in the community, the Community health team is continuing to respond to their requirements and are working towards their sustainability.
We are grateful for your support and hope you are encouraged by our works..

With warm wishes
Chitra and all at Concerns

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AT CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES:

- In this academic year 2020-2022, we have 97 children in Child Development Centers and 62 children in Home based Day Care Centers and the benefit of which is extended to 53 children who get weekly packs from CUF.

- Centers were reopened under the Karnataka State Government guidelines and children were provided with 5 sets of books.

- Online activities, videos, creative activities for the children were shared through parent's WhatsApp groups. Children completed their worksheets under the guidance of the teachers and parents.

- Children of non-working parents, received weekly nutrition pack along with worksheets from their respective centers.

- Health assessments were done for children and were given Vitamin-A and Albendazole- de-worming medication that is recommended for children.

- The community college ECCE (Early Childhood Care & Education) students organised Children's day celebration in the centres.

- As part of our Christmas celebration, children came in fancy clothes, participated in various creative activities, they cut cake and sweets were distributed.

Two of our staff conducted a workshop for pre-school teachers and trainees in KSCCW (Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare)

During the workshop- Developmental activities, importance of early childhood years, rhymes in various languages, games for preschool children and storytelling were taught.



CONCERNS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

- This year Concerns Community College introduced the General Duty Assistant course under NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation). The course was introduced due to the increasing need for trained and skilled in the health care sector.
- All India Community College Trainer's Meeting was conducted by ICRDCE, to review NSDC program implementation.
- Workshop on Financial Management was conducted for Community College students.
- Students of ECCE Course were sent to Child Development Centers for observation visits.
- Students of Office Management visited the Railway station and Banks as part of their practicals.
- General Duty Assistant, Beauty and Wellness, and Stitch craft students did their practical in the community College.
- Workshop on "Work place Etiquette" and "Premarital sex" was conducted by a volunteer for all the students.
- Mid- term assessments, parents meeting and trainers meeting were conducted.
- In the month of December 2022, Community College organized a Christmas sale- masks, cupcakes, frocks, table runners etc were sold as part of fund raising effort.
- Students participated enthusiastically in the college Christmas program.



For the Academic year inauguration, Rev Yesupatham, Director of CDSIAG Youth Department encouraged students to be focused and achieve their goals and dreams. Students also got to exhibit their talents by participating in singing, dancing, rangoli, hair style, bridal makeup, mehendi, drawing and painting competition.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES BY THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM:

- 429 packets of High Protein Mix were distributed to the community members.
- Out of 104 members 86 people received "Covid Relief Package Karnataka for Domestic workers" for one time support of Rs. 2000/- from the government.
- CHD team identified 40 children who were unable to attend school as their fees wasn't paid due to the pandemic. With the help of donors, CUF paid a partial amount of Rs 5000/- for each student. Now the children are able to attend classes.
- Health awareness sessions on topics like Reproductive health, Family planning, Mental illness etc were provided for women.
- Awareness on National and state minority scholarship schemes and Sukanya Samrudhi Yojana (schemes related to girl children) were also given to access benefit from government schemes.
- 531 community members were referred to health institutions for further investigation and treatment of chronic illness.
- 428 community members were guided to make changes and apply for new BPL(Below poverty Line) card, APL(Above Poverty Line) card, Labor card, Aadhaar card, income and caste certificate which will help them avail government provisions.
- 23 applications for new born babies under the Sukanya Smrudhi yojana (girl child scheme) was applied and the CHD team helped 21 women open bank account.
- Sessions were organized on topics like integrity, good habits, prevention of anti-social activities, personal cleanliness, hygiene etc. for teen groups in the community.



2 Cancer Screening Camps were conducted in October 2021, which benefited 169 community members from Janakiram layout and Karnataka housing board quarters.

This was organized by the ICS (Indian Cancer Society) team in collaboration with Concerns Universe Foundation to detect cancer & Life style diseases in the early stages and thereby preventing complications and saving lives..





Augustine is a 15-year-old boy from Bagalur layout. He has 5 siblings and his father was working as a mechanic in a TV Repair shop. Due to the pandemic, his father lost his job. As it was difficult to provide for 6 children, two of them were sent to Andhra Pradeish to their grandparent's house. Four of them

could not go to school as fees was not paid and the family was struggling to meet their basic daily living needs. Concerns supported the family with a partial amount of Rs. 5000/-. Augustine was able to attend classes regularly. His 2 elder sisters were not working but with the motivation of our community health team, one of them got a job as an assistant in a school and another sister works in D-mart. The family is happy and are grateful to those who supported them in the time of need.

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