



CONCERNS KALEIDOSCOPE

April to June 2023



Child Care Center in Ulsoor

UPDATES

- Three new assistant teachers were appointed as part-time staff for the Child Care Centres in April.
- We have a new Coordinator for the Child Development Program.
- Training for all the Concerns Universe Foundation staff was conducted on June 30th. The training covered the organization vision, goals and systems.
- Adhyan Charitable Trust has donated 5 lakhs towards the Concerns Community College.
- A meeting was held at KSCCW with regard to financial support for childcare development.
- An MOU was signed with Key Foundation, Crest and Adhyan Charitable Trust.

Dear Friends,
Greetings from Concerns Universe Foundation.
We hope you all are staying well and safe.

In the last three months we have had the chance to impact more individuals in the communities that we work in. Through community initiatives and mobilisation, summer camps and a new curriculum for the Early Child Care and Education program, we have been able to move ahead with the goals we had set at the beginning of this year. Among the 40 students who graduated in May, 33 are now employed and self-employed, 4 are pursuing higher studies and 3 are looking for jobs. We are always looking for more and more ways to use the opportunities we have to serve and care for the underprivileged communities. This can only be done with the continued support of individuals and organizations who understand our vision and mission. We would like to thank our supporters and well-wishers for encouraging us in our efforts to improve the lives of children, youth and women in our society.

With warm wishes
Chitra and all at Concerns Universe Foundation

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES:

- We have implemented the KEY Foundation curriculum which is aligned with the guidelines of the National Education Policy (NEP) & National Curriculum Framework (NCF). A training program was facilitated for all the teachers by the Key Foundation team on the curriculum and method of teaching. The learning kit was given to all the child care centres. A Manager of Key foundation is in contact with the teachers to mentor and guide them through the teaching process.
- All together 173 children have enrolled into the 4 child care centres for the new academic year and all the Centres were re-opened on May 29th.



TESTIMONIAL



Bhuvana has been coming to the child care centre for two years, she is now 4 years old. Her mother is handicapped and has other health issues, her father is an alcoholic and does not go to work regularly, she also has an older sister. The parents are not able to pay the child care fees regularly and Bhuvana had stopped coming for a few weeks. They also live in very unhygienic conditions and many times Bhuvana would come to the centre with dirty clothes and without having a bath. The teachers visited her home and spoke to the parents and encouraged them to send Bhuvana regularly and to practice basic hygiene. Now Bhuvana is coming regularly and she comes neatly dressed. Her mother has also referred other families to send their children to the Concerns child care centre.



Yashik Kumar is a 3 and half year-old boy enrolled at the Concerns child care centre. His mother Nandini graduated from the ECCE course at the Concerns Community College. He has an older sister who is in UKG in Divya Shanthi School. His mother was a house-wife and started working as a house help in June this year. The father does not work regularly and is not able to support the family. Both Yashik and his sister are very malnourished and anaemic. The teachers at the child care centre have been guiding the mother to give the children more fruits and vegetables and vitamin supplements. Yashik has become a happy and healthy child since joining the Concerns child care centre.



COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Program and Activities of The Community Initiative Team

- A **Summer Camp** was held from 24th to 28th of April for school going children in the RS Palya community. About 154 children attended in the age group of 10 to 17 years. Creative activities with Life-skill sessions on self-awareness, saving energy and benefits of Government schemes were conducted.
- **Summer Computer Program:** In the month of May basic computer classes were conducted for 15 school going children.
- **Back to School program:** 26 Students were motivated to attend regular school. 4 students have re-joined school.
- **Medical Camp:** 4 women were taken for a follow up cancer screening test to a Super Special Hospital by Indian Cancer Society and all were found to be cancer-free.
- **Government I.D. Application:** About 629 Community members were assisted in applying for government schemes and I.D. documents, such as Aadhaar card, PAN Card, Bhagya Lakshmi Scheme, Gruha Jyothi scheme, Widows pension and old-age pension.
- **High Protein Mix Distribution:** 23 Packets of High Protein Mix were distributed in the community. 105 packets were given at a discounted rate.
- **Mobilization for CUF Programs:** The community staff members visited the communities, schools, and colleges and motivated 476 community members to join in the Community College Program and early childcare program.
- **Need Analysis Survey** was conducted in four communities with 410 community men and women to help us understand the need for skill training and employment opportunities.
- **Support for women in distress:** A woman who had been the victim of domestic abuse, was referred to an NGO for counselling, residential home and legal support.
- **Education Support** was provided to 2 needy community students for higher education.

"OUR PRIME PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO HELP OTHERS".

THE DALAI LAMA



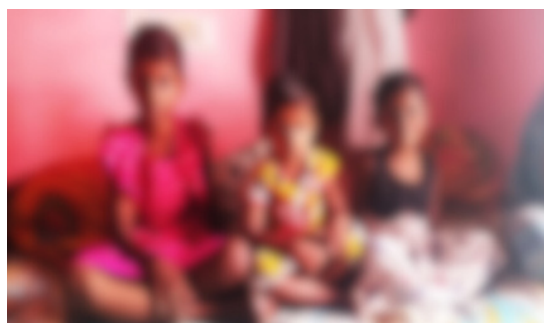
MOBILISATION FOR CUF PROGRAMS



GOVERNMENT I.D. APPLICATION

TESTIMONIAL

Sanjana, who is 3 years old, lost her parents 2 years ago. She has two elder sisters, Ashmitha who is 8 and Mithra who is 6 years old. Their father died after which their mother married another man who ill-treated and tried to abuse Sanjana. When her mother realized and tried to intervene, she was beaten up and burnt with petrol and she passed away. Now the step father is in jail. The two elder sisters, were in a hostel, unfortunately the hostel closed down and they were sent to their grandmother, who could not provide for their education and even their basic needs. Through the CHD community visit we met the family and referred the three girls to a childrens care home. Now all the three children are together and are taken care of by the home and are going to school regularly.



Sanjana with her sisters.

CONCERNS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Program and Activities of The Concerns Community College

-The Community College recommenced classes for the new academic session on 25th April.

-CREST in association with BOSCH conducted sessions in spoken English, life skills and interview skills on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the month of April.

-Weekly lesson plan of the skill training curriculum was updated.

-The Early Child Care & Education students received their completion certificate and grade sheet.

-Graduation Day was conducted on 25th May 2023. Students graduated from the Beautician course, tailoring course, ECCE Course and General Duty Assistant course. The CREST Team, Course Trainers, Chief guest and others were present to solemnize this occasion. Our students took the pledge towards their profession and the society.

-Admissions for the new academic session happened in the month of June. A total of 75 students have enrolled.

-Three days of orientation and ice breaking sessions were conducted for all the new students. The rules and regulations of the Community college were also presented to them.



BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES



GENERAL DUTY ASSISTANT ASSESSMENT SESSION

TESTIMONIAL

Revathi did her Early Childhood Care and Education in 2022 at Concerns Community college.

After she finished the course, she started to look for a job.

She attended an interview at a preschool called Kids Castle,

where they asked her to do a demo.

She was able to demonstrate a story and a rhyme, which she had learnt during her course. Her skill and efforts were appreciated by those who interviewed her and she was asked to join the school the next day.

She has been working at Kids Castle from June 1st 2023.

Revathi says that *"Only after joining the ECCE course I developed self-confidence and was able to apply for the job."*

She added, *"The internship exposure provided by the college was very helpful", "The journey at Concerns Community College has changed my life and I have gone to the next level in my life, I am so proud to say that I am a teacher!"*

Revathi is teaching 12 children at Kids Castle preschool. She finishes her work at the school and is now attending our community college tailoring course in the evenings, as an additional skill.



GRADUATION DAY

"TEACHING IS A VERY NOBLE PROFESSION THAT SHAPES THE CHARACTER, CALIBER, AND FUTURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL."

SRI APJ ABDUL KALAM





SUMMER CAMP



SUMMER COMPUTER CLASSES



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