



# CONCERNS KALEIDOSCOPE

July to September 2023



## QUICK UPDATES

- **Concerns Community College Alumni and Industrial Partner Meet was held on 23rd September.**
- **Independence Day celebration was conducted at the Community College and at the Child care Centers on August 11th and 14th.**
- **On 2nd September a Cancer screening camp was organized by Indian Cancer Society (ICS) in collaboration with Concerns Universe Foundation at the CUF Resource Centre.**
- **Mrs. Santoshi has been added as a new member on the Board of Concerns Universe Foundation.**
- **Change of address for the Concerns registered office has been done on 12th September 2023, to Concerns own building, in RS Palya.**

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Concerns Universe Foundation!

The last three months have been busy and exciting for us at Concerns Universe Foundation! The teachers at the Child Care Centres have their hands full with the new KEY Foundation curriculum. Children and parents are being impacted by this new curriculum and the teachers are also learning new teaching methods and techniques. We are grateful to the KEF team for their constant support and guidance, as we prepare the children for formal school.

The Concerns Community College students have also been busy, with exposure visits, assessments and other college activities. The Stitch craft and Beauty and wellness students are preparing for their NSDC exam, after which they will receive certification, leading to better job prospects. The Basic Computer program students will be done with their course by the end of October and the Early Child Care and Education students will complete their course in March 2024.

The Community Initiatives team have been reaching out to the community through different programs, such as a well-baby show, a Cancer screening camp, teen clubs, HPM distribution and other community outreach programs.

We look forward to doing more for the community and hope that our efforts have a long-term impact in the lives of the children, women and youth that we serve.

All of this work is being done with the help of our donors and well-wishers. We would like to thank you all for your continued support and encouragement.

With warm wishes,

Chitra and all at Concerns Universe Foundation

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES:

- CC Centre teachers have been attending the KEF online training meetings once a month. Updates are sent weekly and monthly to the KEF Coordinator, regarding class work, workbook assessment and parent worksheet tracker.
- Parent Engagement Meeting was conducted at all the CC Centre's in July.
- Key Foundation conducted a special Teachers Day online meeting for all the teachers on September 2nd and 3rd.
- KEF Check point was done for all the children in August and September

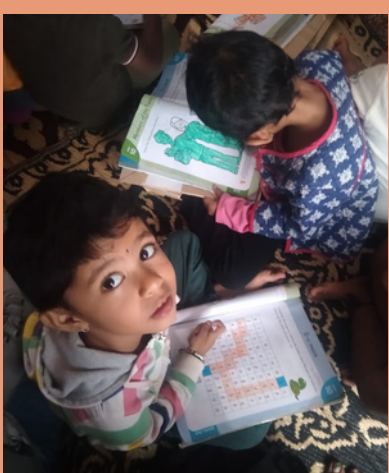


INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM AT CC 2 RS PALYA

## PARENT'S MEETING AT CC 1 JEEVANHALLI



KEY FOUNDATION ACTIVITY AT ULSOOR CC CENTRE



WORKBOOK ACTIVITY AT BAIYAPPANHALLI CC CENTRE



# COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

## Program and Activities of The Community Initiative Team

- **Staff Training:** A few CUF staff members attended the Urban India ministries online training sessions, from 10th to 12th July 2023. The training was about how to effectively serve and reach out to poor community families, especially teens and youth.
- **Back to school program:** 18 students who have dropped out of school were motivated to go back to school. 3 students re-joined school and are attending regularly now.
- **Cancer screening camp** was organized by Indian Cancer Society (ICS) in collaboration with Concerns Universe Foundation to detect sickness in the early stage and to help prevent complications and to support people with existing health issues. The screening camp was conducted on 2nd September 2023, in Janakiram Layout at the CUF Resource Centre. 80 men and women were screened for cancer. The results of the cancer screening have shown that there are no Oral, Breast and Cervical suspects for follow-up and there are no beneficiaries identified to have Tobacco habits.
- **Well Baby Show:** Individual visit was made to 25 houses for the well-baby show and monitoring and assessment was done in Janakiram layout community at the CUF Centre and in Jeevanahalli CC Centre, on 30th August and 21st September. Follow up was done for mother and child regarding diet, hygiene and child rearing practices. 25 young mothers with infants from 6 to 18 months old, benefitted from this program and were guided to follow healthy child care practices.
- **Government I.D. Application:** 695 Community members were assisted in application and correction of Government I.D. proof to avail government benefits.
- **Health assessment** was conducted by Dr. Eileen for 59 Community College students and 47 Child Care Centre children in August and September.

## TESTIMONIAL

Sanjay, a 12-year-old young boy from Janakiram layout was encouraged to go back to school. His father expired 4 years ago due to a severe illness, his mother is deaf and mute and works as a house maid. Due to financial difficulties the family could not send Sanjay to school and he dropped out and was at home for two years. During a community visit, the Concerns community staff motivated and encouraged the family to send him back to school. After several visits to Sanjay's home, the family finally agreed. Now he is going regularly to Siddhartha High school and is studying in 8th standard. We also requested the school to provide a concession for his school fees. The community initiatives staff are regularly in touch with the family and Sanjay. The mother is happy that her son is able to go back to school.



**SANJAY**



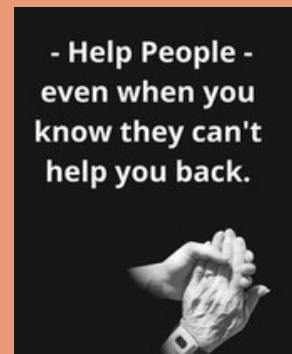
**WELL BABY SHOW**



**CANCER SCREENING CAMP**



**HEALTH ASSESSMENT**



# CONCERNS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Program and Activities of The Concerns Community College

### JULY

#### - TOT - Training of Trainers

On 3rd and 4th July, Mrs. Malleswari and Mrs. Parvathi attended the Training of Trainers Meet at ICRDCE, in Chennai. They learnt about the introduction, purpose and dynamic of the training program, procedures to enroll students for NSDC, curriculum, teaching methodology, group mock test, skill council, job roles, creation of NSDC Training center, Guidelines of assessment and Life skill training.

-The **Bosch Soft-skills** workshops are being conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays by Crest Foundation. Sessions in spoken English, Communication, interview skills and work readiness are being taken.

### August

#### -Trade skills Exposure Visit

A field trip was organized for the students, according to their trade skill, to see how the skills they are learning can be used in the work place. The students had a good learning experience in their respective field visit and are now aware of how they can use their trade skills and contribute to society.

#### -Health Exposure visit to various Health Institutions in Bangalore

All the Community college students were taken by the Community Initiatives staff for an exposure visit to various medical institutions. Students were made aware of the various diseases and addictions and treatment options for the same. They are now more conscious of their own health and realize the need for good nutrition and are aware of the addictions to avoid, to stay healthy.

### September

-**Industrial Partner visit** to the College: Ms. Chaitra Shree conducted a session on crochet knitting for the Tailoring students. Ms. Shirley, a Makeup Artist, conducted a seminar for the Beauty and Wellness students about Skin Analysis.

-A **Class competition** was conducted within the respective trade skill classes. This was a good opportunity for the students to showcase what they have been taught so far and also to inculcate healthy competition among their classmates.

**Alumni and Industrial Partners Meet** was held on 23rd September at the CUF Resource Centre. Alumni students and Industrial partners were invited for this event along with the current batch of students and their family members. A few alumni students shared about their experience at Concerns Community College and they also motivated the current batch students to make use of opportunities that come their way. Industrial partner Mr. Antony Jude, CEO of Pathcom Pvt. Ltd., was the Chief Guest and he encouraged the students and others to always be ready to gain knowledge and learn, to have a clear goal, to work hard and to be persistent.

## TESTIMONIAL

Kavitha is a 17-year-old girl from Janakiram Layout. Her father passed away when she was three years old. She is being taken care of by her mother and grandmother. She has two older sisters who are both studying in college.

All together there are 15 members in her family. She dropped out of school in 9th std. and was sitting idle at home. During a community visit and mobilization, the Concerns staff encouraged her to join the Community College for skill training. She was not interested at first, but after meeting her a few times and encouraging her, she decided to enroll for the Beauty and Wellness course.

Kavitha is a very shy person, but after joining the course and interacting with her trainer and other students, she has improved a lot and speaks openly and is friendly with everyone. She says that she has learnt a lot of things and has improved personally and professionally. She is grateful to Concerns Community College and the staff and trainers who have encouraged her to overcome her fears.

Kavitha will finish the Beauty and Wellness course in November and will get the Concerns Community College and NSDC Certificate.



KAVITHA



TRADE SKILLS EXPOSURE VISIT  
COMPUTER STUDENTS &  
TAILORING STUDENTS



HEALTH EXPOSURE VISIT



BOSCH SOFT-SKILLS STUDENTS



dreams  
don't  
work  
unless  
you do.



## ALUMNI & INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS MEET



**MR. ANTONY JUDE - CHIEF GUEST**



**ALUMNI STUDENT-ASHA RANI**

HOWEVER DIFFICULT LIFE  
MAY SEEM, THERE IS  
ALWAYS SOMETHING YOU  
CAN DO AND SUCCEED AT.

—Stephen Hawking

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