

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE YEAR

2018-2019

GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

SCHOOL DROPOUTS – MARIAN HOME

OPEN SHELTER FOR GIRLS– MOTTUKKAL

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POOR WOMEN AND GIRLS WELFARE PROGRAMMES – SALEM





Good Shepherd Convent was started in 1924. It was registered under Society Registration Act on June 27, 1959. The Society number is 55/1959. It was then amended and approved on February 11, 2009 by the Tamil Nadu Registrar of Societies. It is organized and managed by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to cater to the Educational, Medical, Social and other related needs of the poor people.

The Society has two units that is Chennai and Salem. The activities of the Society for the year 2018-19 are as follows:

1. EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

- **Objective (d) :** *To initiate, support and promote the advancement of Educational activities in all its branches, particularly schools.*

GOOD SHEPHERD MAT.HR.SECONDARY SCHOOL

We, the sisters of the Good Shepherd, along with the dedicated staff strive to render qualitative service in the field of education. We endeavor to inculcate the spirit of our Foundress in every activity of the school. The maxim that we follow is, “DO WELL ALL THAT YOU DO”. We foster the holistic development of each student in her uniqueness so that they become well balanced persons who will be able to face the challenges of life.

Our total school strength is 1265 students belonging to various communities of which Catholic and Christian students constitute 593. This year, 17 students were given fee concession and 5 economically backward students were provided free ship.

The overview of academic and scholastic activities of the year 2018- 2019 are given below:
The students were welcomed into the campus for the new academic year on 1st June 2018 with renewed energy and promise of the dedicated staff.

Seminars for Teachers:

The two days seminar conducted by Sr. Inigo was a rejuvenating experience for each staff member. By way of relating her personal experiences and sharing valuable inputs she explained the psychology and spirituality of teachers. *Dr. Kannan and his team trained our teachers to conduct 'Leader in Me' programme for children. Teachers also attended orientation programme conducted by Education Department regarding new syllabus.*

Spiritual activities are very vital for the moral and spiritual growth of the young minds. Religious instruction is given to the Catholic and Christian students and value education is imparted to the others. Monthly mass is celebrated. The annual *Retreat* conducted for the students was a reflective and enriching experience.

Seminars for Parents: Parent teacher seminar was conducted for classes VI-XII. Dr. Kannan Girish a renowned Psychiatrist and the founder of Live Life Foundation enlightened the parents on Seven Habits of Highly effective people. Parents were motivated to take up 'Leader in me' Programme for children from classes VI to IX.

The various seminars conducted for the students are:

- A one-day activity experiential learning camp was conducted for classes VI, VII and VIII by J Team Ministries.
- Mrs. Josephine Rose, one of our senior staff members gave a career guidance programme for the students of Std. X
- A seminar was organized for students of Std. X, XI & XII separately by Dr. Kannan Girish and Team. This seminar motivated the children to practice Seven Habits of Highly effective people.
- Regular sessions on 'Seven Habits' were conducted for students of Std. VI to IX by our teachers who are trained by Dr. Kannan Girish.

Sports day: The Annual Sports Meet was conducted in the month of July.

Inter- House and Inter-School activities like the Oratorical, Debates, Cultural, etc, which hone the talents of the students and foster team spirit were conducted. The students also meritoriously participated in various activities outside the school, like Inter-School Cultural, Debates and Science Expo and Quiz. In the field of Sports, they have participated in Basket Ball, Squash, Swimming, Chess and Athletics in the District, State and National level.

School Celebrations like Investiture Ceremony, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Kamarajar's Birthday (referred to as Education Improvement Day), Republic Day, Independence Day, World Aids Day, Youth Awakening Day, World Environment Day, NCC Day, World Day of Child Labour, St. Mary Euphrasia's Birthday etc helps to foster unity and respect among students. Religious festivals like Christmas, Pongal, Ramzan and Deepavali were also celebrated thereby instilling respect for all religions. We observed the 25th of every month as *Orange your neighborhood*, as part of the movement to end violence against women. A meaningful programme to sensitize the students on child safety and human trafficking was conducted on **World Anti-Human Trafficking Day**.

Academics: Regular cycle tests for Std. X and XII, class tests, FA (A), role play, group activities, assignments, worksheets, group projects, Cambridge English classes are carried out along with the FA (B) and terminal exams for classes VI to IX in order to achieve excellence.

Open Day gives the opportunity for the parents to meet the teachers and apprise themselves of their child's progress.

Field Trip

The Parent Teacher Association organized field trips for all the classes to various places of educational importance.

Excursions and picnics

Students of Std. XI went to Hyderabad and Std. IX went to Mysore and Coorg for their excursion and all other classes had a one-day picnic in and around Chennai. The Teaching staff went to Singapore and the Non-Teaching staff went to Kodaikanal for a picnic.

Family Visits: *We visit the families of students especially, those who have any difficulties or problems and provide emotional support.*

Joy Of Giving Carnival: *A Carnival was organized with the help of Parents, Students and other volunteers on 1st September 2018 to promote the cause of Girl empowerment and to create awareness about the girl empowerment programmes undertaken by the sisters of the Good Shepherd in various parts of our country.*

Valedictory Function: *Students of Std. XII had their valedictory function on 19th January 2019 with the theme "What lies behind you and what lies in front of you are tiny matters compared to what lies within you". This celebration motivated the students to look forward to life with hope and courage.*

We are awaiting the results of the 169 students who have appeared for the SSLC Examination, 177 students who have written the Higher Secondary First year and 183 students who have appeared for Higher Secondary Exams in March 2019.

OUTREACH PROGRAMMES FOR 2018 – 2019

Sampoorna, our school's outreach programme has been an integral part of this academic year. From the very beginning of the year, the students of Sampoorna have been part of many programmes and supported many causes.

This year, the students of Std. XI went regularly for their Community Service to Assumption School and Vigilance Home and interacted with the students and girls taught them spoken English. Each class spent a day of precious learning by way of their visit to Homes for Mentally Challenged abandoned children, such as Sri Arunodayam, Prema Vasam and Jeevodaya Hospice. Class XI and XII students visited the Government Vigilance Home; the centre for women detained for prostitution and enlivened their drooping spirits. Students of Std. VI & IX volunteered to help Sri Arunodayam children for their Sports Meet which was organized in our play ground.

The service rendered as scribes for visually impaired students and special children in schools and colleges continues this year as well, thanks to our zealous students and supportive parents.

64 children along with few staff and the Principal went for an exposure programme to Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh. Housed at the Good Shepherd Convent, Mangalagiri, the students visited the nearby

villages and helped the people in cleaning their surroundings .We also conducted a camp for children in Karunalayam a Home for disadvantaged destitute children. These exposures made the students learn to show concern, to adjust and understand the needs of others. These students shared their experiences with the rest of the students and motivated them to participate in reaching out to the less privileged children

All these visits and exposures have helped our students to recognize God's blessings and to be more sensitive to the less fortunate children.

JUNIOR SECTION 2018-2019



and interaction.

“Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly”

Keeping this in mind we plan our activities to empower our girl students to provide an environment of a better life for all. To fulfill the purpose of educating intellectually and socially aware girls who are indifferent to all genuine individuality. We hold events where we host children from the under privileged schools for a day of fun

WOMEN'S Day was celebrated with 150 women from the nearby slums. Gift hampers, entertainment and lunch was shared with them. We conduct tests, exams and activities both for the individual and the group. Their leadership skills are given wings to enjoy the fruits of being a leader in different fields through the **“TALENT EASE PROGRAMME”** **“KIDS JOURNAL”** our school magazine helps the children in being writers where their language proficiency is tested and put to good use. Technology is also given importance keeping in mind the inquisitive mind if children with **Robotics** classes for Stds III to V. According to Pope Francis, “Holiness does not mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith.” We inculcate these through our Eucharistic celebrations and prayer services on different occasions. Our Foundress' **St. Mary Euphrasia's Day** is conducted with great pomp and enthusiasm which instills the importance of being a **GIRL** and they learn about her principles and charism. To inculcate our Foundress' dream of protecting the girl child we celebrate **“ORANGE YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD”** at the assembly on the 25th of every month.



We follow a simple logic to try and fail but not fail to try. Participation is given prime importance. The children participate in expose their talents and build a spectacular display of on our **Sports Day**. This is done Drills and March Past children believe that all power is should use it wisely.



various competitions to competitive spirit. The sportsmanship is exhibited after days of PT classes, practices. To make our within them and they



Our children profess their gratitude on special days like **Parents Day** and **Teachers' Day**. The teachers in turn celebrate **CHILDREN'S DAY** with gusto and exuberance. We teach them to break the bonds of injustice and oppression which give rise to social inequalities. This is achieved

by taking them on Field Trips, sharing and caring for the aged at **BULBULS** outreach and spreading the message of service at the bulbulscamps.



“EVERY CHILD IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF FLOWER AND ALL TOGETHER MAKE THIS WORLD A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN”

NURSERY SECTION

ACADEMICS :Reading, Writing and Arithmetic were the basic skills taught in the Nursery Section. Different teaching methods and aids were used to gain the active participation of the children like Story Telling, Puppets, Plastic Models, Pictures, Flash Cards and Audio Visual Learning.

DAILY ACTIVITIES: Activities like Charity, Library, Music, Physical Training (P.T) Nature walk, Free play and Cambridge were conducted on a daily basis to enhance the holistic development of the child.

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES: St. Mary Euphrasia's birthday, Parent Teachers Seminar, Sports Day, Art and Craft Exhibition, Picnic, Teachers day, Children's day and Kindergarten, Farewell day were celebrated with greater enthusiasm and interest. The active participation of the children in these activities helped them to develop their overall performance.

FESTIVALS:With joy and excitement the festivals ofChristmas, Pongal, Diwali and Ramzan were celebrated. It helped the children to learn about the different cultures and religious festivals of our Country. The Celebration of Independence Day and Republic Day instills in the children a spirit of patriotism and to know and honor the great leaders who sacrificed their lives for our Nation.

The children of the Kindergarten are given a wholesome education which develops their overall performance at this tender age and helps them grow physically, psychologically, spiritually and morally sound.

Mottukal

Introduction:

Mottukal (Buds) is a centre, works for the Disadvantaged Girl Children and for the Community Development. It is an NGO established in 1996, by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at Chennai. Mottukal (open shelter) is committed to serve the Children in difficult circumstances, vulnerable, underprivileged, distressed girls without family protection and in abusive situation, through providing Care and Protection. Mottukal strives to reach out the girl children by providing qualitative education and vocational training. Mottukal through the outreach program, provides community development program in 10 slums of Chennai city and also evening coaching class for the school going children and formation of women and youth groups. There are three contact points for the open shelter.

1. Mottukal - Open Shelter (Care and Protection):

During this year we have received 41 children to Mottukal open shelter to give care and protection. Children are referred through Child Welfare Committee (CWC) with order, Non Governmental Organization's (NGO's), Different Child Lines, Railway child line and Police stations. Most of the Children are runaway from families, begging children, semi orphans, destitute, poor, physically and sexually abused children, drop outs, child labourers and children from broken families. This year 34 Children were home settled through Child Welfare Committee (CWC). We do the follow up of these 34 Children and update the progress of the children and their families. At present we have 7 Children.

Staff Pattern:

Project co-ordinator, Social Worker, Care Giver, 3 Outreach workers, cook and 10 tuition teachers.

Meetings and Trainings: Monthly staff meeting is conducted for reporting, evaluation and planning. During this year the staff attended various meetings and training to build up their capacity. These trainings were organized by CWC, DCPO, different Child lines and various NGOs. Regular visits are made to Open Shelter by Central, State, and District level committees

During this year 15 girls are in Shelter Home 2 girls are studying B.sc Nursing. 2 girls completed their Teacher's Training. 2 completed Degree, one finished

Engineering. One girl is studying degree now. At present, 4girls are staying in a boarding school and doing their schooling. 4girls are joined from Marian home and 2 settled and 2 are in Mottukal.

Celebrations and Outings:

The children take active participation in all the functions like National & local festivals like Christmas, Pongal, Easter, Deepawali and Birthday celebrations.

The children weretaken to different times for movies, Marina Beach and Adayar Beach and one day outing to Pondicherry.

Outreach Program

Evening Coaching centers:

Total 350children are undergoing coaching in 10 tuition centers. Special attention is given to the weak students to improve in studies. They were given many opportunities to bring out their creativity, skills and talents. They were encouraged to take part in all competitions in their school. Educational materials were distributed to the children. Counseling is also given to the children, especially those who are not regular for their schooling.

Children's Meeting:-

Monthly meetings are conducted for children in the areas. They were given awareness on child rights, value education, life skills, career guidance and personal hygiene. Through these meetings the children were able to understand and take initiative to improve on their strength and overcome from their limitations. Games were conducted for the children according to their interest.

Meeting for Youth

The girls were given input session on personal hygiene, education, decreasing of early marriage, self confident, awareness program on child sexual harassment and it was also conducted to share their problems.

The Resource Persons were Ms. Sarumathi and Ms. Agalya from Sugibava NGO Bangalore. Total participants were 89.

Children's Day Celebrations:

The total participants were 150 children from 9 areas. The Children's Day celebration went on very well with their cultural programs and different games were conducted.

St. Mary Euphrasia's Birth Day celebration:

We organized the Birth Day celebrations of St. Mary Euphrasiaour M. Foundressfor our children and for the elderly people.The total participants were 250. We distributed to the elderly people provision, toiletry kit. It was a memorable event for them all.

Christmas celebration for our tuition center children:

The total participants were 175 children. The Christmas programme went of very well. The staff took lot of trouble to prepare Christmas message and cultural programme.

Senior Citizens get together

The total participants were 100 Senior Citizens from our working areas. Most of the senior citizens were abandoned by their own children. This gathering brought smiles and happiness in their faces. They had dental checkup. Tasty and nutritious food was severed to all. At the end of meeting all the senior citizens got the gifts.

Monthly Meetings for Parents:

In 10 different area's Parents' meeting is organized and every month minimum 25 women attend this meeting. Different topics and social issues are discussed.

International Women days Celebration:

On 2nd of March 2019 Women's day celebration was organized in 2 areas. Women from 4 areas nearly 125 attended this programme. Mahila Movie and BistoBai life was shown to them. These women's life inspired them to be more courageous. This was organized by Good Shepherd Lay Partners. At the end of the programme the participants got a small gift.

On 8th March 2019 150 women from 10 slums participated in the women's day celebration at Fatima hall in Good Shepherd Convent. This programme was organized by the Good Shepherd School Junior section. Games were conduced and school children gave an inspiring message through their dance drama. Delicious lunch was given with a small gift to all the participants. CWC chair person was the chief guest. Srs Mariam and Amala was the guest of honor.

Outing:

All the staff along with the shelter home and open shelter home children were taken to Pondicherry for one day outing.

Jesus the Good Shepherd has done marvelous things to carry out the Vision and Mission of Mottukal. Staffs are encouraged to help the disadvantaged and deprived children. Here, we gratefully remember all the benefactors and our Congregation specially our community for supporting this Mottukal through their direct and indirect contributions.

Photos of Children's day celebration:



Photos - Birthday of St. Mary Euphrasia:



Photos of Christmas celebration:



.Marian Home (Vocational Training Center for School Dropout Girls)

Marian Home, a unit of the Good Shepherd Convent, Chennai, provides Residential Care for young girls and women in the age group of 16 to 25, who are in moral danger, or with emotional and behavioral problems or school dropouts.

Ordinarily they stay in the Home two to three years.

Programmes: Basic instructions are given in:

- ✚ Reading and writing, spoken English
- ✚ Home management and first aid
- ✚ Religious and moral education
- ✚ Singing
- ✚ The girls acquire skill in cutting, tailoring and embroidery.
- ✚ They get exposed to group living and team work, cooking, gardening and housekeeping, enabling them to be better persons and useful citizens.



In the month of August, we had 4 girls and they were shifted to Mottukal and they come from Mottukal to stitch as we have the tailoring centre where the school uniforms are stitched. These girls stitch and earn their living. Among these 4 girls 3 are pure orphans and one is semi orphan. They are given constant counseling to adjust with one another.

Important festivals were celebrated like Diwali, Ayudhapooja was celebrated by doing pooja for all the machines in our centre. This year Christmas was celebrated along with Mottukal staff to share the joys with one another. It was a memorable day for all the girls and the staff.

Cultural programs were conducted occasionally which gives them opportunities to develop their talents in singing, dancing, drama and elocution. Importance is given to prayer which helps to face the ups and downs of life. Outings to Marina Beach, Kishkintha, VGP and Queens land and movies were enjoyable and helped them to relax.

Skill training for the slum women and girls:

During this year in the month of September and October 10 girls and women were given two months training in tailoring. In the beginning they were regular and at the end of two months few dropped out so

we could not continue and decide to have in summer. All those who were regular learnt well and able to stitch in a better way.

We are ever grateful to God for giving us many opportunities to train the girls and women. This training enables them to learn a skill which will support them in the future. We also thank our Good Shepherd Community, our School, all our benefactors and lay partners for their support in our endeavor to help the girls and women.

Report of Roshini Nivas

Roshini Nivas is a Hostel for young working women and College students, a home away from home. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd Convent Chennai, with the mission of sharing the compassionate love of Jesus the Good Shepherd, opened the Hostel on 1st October, 2000, with the aim of catering to the needs of the working women and college going students (girls). It is our objective to provide shelter, food and a conducive atmosphere through personal care, guidance and counseling. The main aim is to inculcate in them good values for life, give a better facilities and safe environment.

We have admitted 115 girls during this year, but 22 girls discontinued and now there are 93 girls. More young girls and women are coming to the city for their higher education and in search of jobs. The College students go to nearby Colleges like Loyola College, Stella Maris College, Ethiraj College and Women Christian College. Some of the working girls continue their education through correspondence. While most of the girls come from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh a few come from North India. They belong to different religions and the age group is between 18 to 30 years. Generally only unmarried girls and women are admitted. The duration of stay is usually for three years, with an application requesting renewal of hostel admission must be submitted every year.

Regular meetings are held in general as well as in groups for all the hostelites. In the month of June Sister in charge conducted a meeting for all the girls after the many admissions for the year and the hostel rules and regulations were explained. Fees structure also explained. Ms. Sharon Kiruba was selected as the leader and Ms. Aksa Abraham as the assistant leader of RoshiniNivas. We had regular meetings with the whole group.

Special Events:-

- ❖ In the month of July 2018 we had a farewell to Sr. Olivia. Girls appreciated her work and presented a gift. Sr. Mariam also spoke few words appreciating her work. They had delicious meal in honor of Sr. Olivia's service in the hostel. The girls were happy to welcome Sr. Udaya in the place of Sr. Olivia.
- ❖ In the month of August we had a meeting to Review the food menu. The menu was displayed and reviewed and approved by hostelites. They reported that the food served was hot and nutritious and there was variety. There after Sr. Udaya gave few instructions to remind the residents about the importance of keeping their rooms, washing places, bathrooms and toilets clean.
- ❖ In the month of February 2019 Residential Care Committee members Srs. Aruna George, Divya Jacob and Nirmala Daniel visited the Roshini Nivas and checked all the records, registers, accounts and rooms of the girls and gave their feedback.

- ❖ A special awareness campaign on the importance of use of organic natural products in one's daily life was animated by Mr. Pauly in December 2018. The products promoted was of a brand called ModiCare. The session was interactive and beneficial for the hostelites.



Two main Celebrations:-

- Hostel day:** - Hostel Day was celebrated on 22nd July on the Birthday of St. Mary Euphrasia our Mother Foundress. We had Eucharistic Celebration by Fr. Antony Pancras in the Fatima Hall at 6.00 in the evening. Cultural event and grand dinner along with Mottukal Children, girls from Marian Home RoshiniNivas and Sisters of the Community. A get together was arranged with Games and prizes were distributed for RoshiniNivas girls.



- Christmas Celebration:** - The hostel celebrated Christmas on the 20th of December along with other units of the campus. Christmas celebration began in a grand manner with a Solemn Eucharist in the Convent Chapel celebrated by Fr. Robert SJ. Hostel girls had organized a get together and had some games and prizes were distributed to all. Cultural items were performed by the girls and a festive meal was served for all the inmates of the campus. This coming together of sisters of the Community, girls and women brought great joy and peace to all.



We are grateful to the Almighty God, for His protection and guidance on all the inmates of RoshiniNivas all through the year. We are grateful to Sr. Mariam and Community for their prayers and support.

GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT -Salem

OUR PRESENCE IN SALEM:

The Good Shepherd Sisters came to Salem in the year 1999 at the invitation of the MSFS Fathers from Udayapatti Parish, to do social service. The first year our Sisters stayed in the MSFS father's house and shifted to a rented house in Masinayakanpatti on 18th June 2000.

Our Social Action Ministry is called VIKASINI, which means towards growth and development. The Sisters started a small Non-formal Residential School for about 25 Child- Laborers and School Drop-outs, since it was a need, but had to give it up after 2 years, as it was not feasible. The children were admitted to other Institutions run by Sisters. The Hall indeed is a boon for our Children from Nochipatti who enjoy their coaching classes here daily. It is also used for the various training programmes, monthly meetings for our Staff and target groups, celebrations, Summer Camps and some of the Medical Camps. Our commitment here is to serve to uplift the families by working with those women and children who live in conditions such as illiteracy, poverty, bonded labour, child abuse, child marriage and child labour with the help of Chennai Society and Chalice project we carry out our activities in 17 villages of Ayodhyapattinam block, Salem District, Tamil Nadu. Our main service is to educate the children, eradicate Child Labour and empower women and children.

VIKASINI PROGRAMME

Coaching classes:

About 200 children are helped daily through the 5 coaching centers in the evenings in different villages. In order to prepare our children for their future we have regular monthly meeting



based on value education for the children and parents in different areas. Counseling is also given whenever needed.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION.



The international Women's day was celebrated on 17th March 2019 for the Women. Around 200 women from surrounding villages have participated in this celebration. The celebration was started at 11 am. We had Prayer service conducted by Staff. The Chief Guest S. Kalavati, (Tamil Nadu Retired Government employ Association, Assistant Leader), sisters and two of our women had lit the Lamp. We invoked the Presence of God by a prayer dance and followed by short cultural programme. Sr. Gracy has explained about the success story of Mrs. Bristo Bai and her achievement and encouraged the women. Sr. Lucy has given the Goat for a poor woman to improve the income of the family

To Encourage and make the women to feel happy and enjoy on this special day, we conducted the competition for them. Like Spoon & lime, filling the bottle with water, Thread and Needle, Putting the knots in the thread. They were very energetic and thrilled to be part of the games. Winners were awarded with prizes.



YOUTH MEETING

Month of March we have conducted the Youth meeting.

Around 40 Boys and girls attended the meeting. We motivated them to start the youth Parliament. The orientation was given on the rules and Functions of the Youth Group. They Also Expressed their Views and Ideas in the Larger Group. We had discussion and chart work on Goal setting for the future.



INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY

The international Girl Child day was celebrated on October 11th 2018 in Varagambadi Government School. We gave the awareness programme on importance of Education for girls, Prevention of Child marriage, Nutrition, and the importance of Parental care and their Rights. Vikasini Staff, Sisters and



Teachers from school were part of the programme. Children were very happy and attentive in the programme. At the end sweets were distributed for the children.

HEALTH CENTRE:



We practice alternative system of medicine, especially herbal medicine. We also give health awareness programme and teach the people herbal preparation and home remedies. Alternative medicine helps them to avoid unwanted side effects of the drugs and unnecessary expenses. After taking the heart tonic many patients felt

better who were suffering from heart block without any surgery.



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME:

We, the Sisters at Salem are helping the underprivileged children/families from 17 villages through Chalice Sponsorship Program, funded by chalice Canada, supporting them in their Education, Health & Hygiene and Family Development. At present 186 Children are benefitting.

HEALTH &HYGIENE

The Medical Camp was conducted for Chalice children but people from neighbouring villages also benefitted from it. The Programme began at 9am.with an Opening Prayer and a Devotional Hymn. There were 3 Doctors, 20 Nurses and 2 lab technicians from St.Mary's hospital to conduct this camp. Around 400 people including the chalice children underwent medical check-up and treatment. Free medicines were given to those who are sick. Most the children were anaemic. They were advised to take more vegetables, milk and meat. We distributed drumstick tonic and Dates syrup for 10 children for improving their Hb level. Those who required further management are referred to various other hospitals including St. Mary's hospital.



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Training on WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene)

We have organized training on WASH (Water and Sanitation Hygiene) for women's group. Around 100 women from various villages have participated in this programme. Sr. Amali from AmalaAnbuKarangal spoke about the importance of Health and sanitation. Also explanted about different methods of Hand Wash, prevention of waterborne diseases, and balance diet.



Gift Catalogue

In the year 2018 -2019 under Gift Catalogue 14 deserving families were helped with 3 goats each to improve in their Income and Family Devolepment. Three houses were build for the Poor Family. Now they are safe and happy.



Skills @ Chalice

During this year 90 young girls and women have completed Tailoring / Embroidery. Also conducted different trainings for them like Income generating programme and Economic development programme, Talks were given on Developmental Issues and also given various other Guest lecturers. They were given chances to visit many industries. After completing the Course, 4 of them are employed in various garments factories and others are self-employees.



Mobile service Course;

This year we have started mobile repairing course. Total 25 students including few girls completed this training programme. Certificate was issued after completing the course. The candidates were very well equipped to be self-sufficient.



CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated Christmas on 23rd December 2018. The Children have joyfully gathered for the celebration. They gave very good cultural programme related to Christmas. Sr.Ruby from Good Shepherd Convent, Mangalagiri delivered a meaningful Christmas message. To make the Christmas more meaningful GST Chalice Circle Groups (CCGs) came forward to help 24 poor families by providing Nutritious food. They have distributed to each family a bag of different food items.



Children's day celebration on



18 November 2018.

We invited Karipatti Sub Inspector Mr.Muniyarasan as our chief guest. During the programme he had given an inspiring speech about the important of children's day. Annual report was read by staff Sudhaand gave a short presentation on the ministry of Good Shepherd sisters at Nochipatti. We also enjoyed the cultural programme given by our children and staff.

We celebrated the Pongal (Harvesting festival) on January 14th along with our Children those who are in Sponsorship Programme and tuition center, staff. We started the programme with prayer service thanking God for the farmers,

and for the good harvest. We cooked Sweet pongal. Children gave the cultural programme and also we have conducted the rangoli competition. All shared their happiness and enjoyed eating sweet pongal and sugarcane.



We express our heartfelt gratitude to Chalice Canada and also our sisters at Chennai who have assisted us with finance to carry out our activities in fulfilling our mission successfully.

Conclusion

The Good Shepherd Society in Chennai managed by the sisters of the Good Shepherd are grateful to God for His continuous presence and accompaniment throughout the past year. One of the major Epiphanies that was translated in to life promoting activity in our campus this year was 'Joy of Giving Carnival'. This gave an opportunity to make known our mission worldwide and to support our ministries for the needy.

We are filled with a deep sense of gratitude to the Almighty God for the blessings we have received and the various persons who generously supported our mission. We thank God for all the staff of our campus for their dedication and service and all those supported us directly or indirectly.

Thank you One and All