



**Montfort Community Development Society (MCDS)  
Chennai  
Quarterly Report June 2017**

Dear All,

Greetings from Montfort Community Development Society (MCDS), Chennai.

I am happy to update you on the recent happenings at MCDS during this quarterly period ending June 2017.

**Eye Screening Camp:**

**MCDS, in association with India Vision Institute (IVI) conducted Eye Screening Camp for the members of R APuram and Chemmencherry Federation members of the SHG as well as in KUILThottam and Annai Sathya Nagar, near Port Trust for the General Public. More than Three Hundred and Ninety Three people benefitted through this screening.**



**Eye Screening Camp in collaboration with 'India Vision Institute'**

**Diabetic Screening Camp:**



**MCDS, in association with Clinical Research Department of SRMC conducted Diabetic Screening Camp for the members of R APuram, Kannagi Nagar and Thiruvanmiyur Federation members of the SHG. More than One Hundred and Twenty Five people benefitted through this screening. Follow-up of those beneficiaries for further treatment is taken care by SRMC.**

### **Mental Health Day:**

**MCDS in association with Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF) conducted Mental Health Day Awareness programme for our SHG members of Men and Women by pasting stickers on their Autos. This was facilitated by Dr.Mangala from SCARF. She spoke about the importance of talking to depressed people. Following this, there was a talk show organised by SCARF organisation and people from all walks of life participated in huge numbers. Our Women SHG members actively participated in this event.**

### **Autism Day:**

**Autism Day was celebrated in all our CBR centres with active participation from our Special Children and their parents.**



### **CBR Multi Medical Camp:**



**Our Special Children with their Parents and Students availed the Free Medical Camp jointly organised by MCDS and Kavery Hospital under the able leadership of Dr.BalaMurali, Senior Consultant, Spine and Neuro Surgeon supported by Dr.Karthik, Cardiologist and Dr.Ramya, General Physician. Doctors from Kavery Hospital had an interactive session with the parents of our Special Children with regard to the follow-up programme of their Children**

## **CBR ANNUAL DAY:**

**The first ever combined Annual Day of our Four Centres was held on 6th May 2017 at Chemmencherry. Special Children from each centre showcased their dancing skills by their scintillating performance. Other Sectors like Youth and Senior Citizens actively participated. Parents of our Special Children participated with their children in 'Fashion Parade'.**



**Special Children and Elders at their best**

## **CBR Staff Training at Vidya Sagar:**



**VidyaSagar, an NGO dealing with the needs of Special Children conducted training for our CBR staff on how to communicate with the Special Children and how to prepare Communication Chart for the children etc.**

## **CBR Survey:**

**All our CBR centres were closed for Summer Vacation in the month of May to spend quality time with their siblings at home. During this month, all our CBR Staff with the help of field work students doing their BSW/MSW conducted survey for the Special Children in the slum areas. They highlighted the needs of the Special Children in the community and the presence of our centres in their locality to avail this free facility.**



**CBR Survey at different slum locations of the city & its neighbourhood**

## **CBR Reopening Day:**

**All our centres after a short break of summer holidays reopened on 5th June for the year 2017-'18.**

## Study Centres:



School going children who performed poorly in their studies are likely to become 'drop-outs' and soon become child labour. To prevent this happening, MCDS has started Evening Study Centres for the children studying in Corporation Schools. MCDS in collaboration with L & T started 13 such centres in Thiruvanniyur, Kannagi Nagar, Chemmencherry and Perumbakkam. Students from standard 4th to 8th avails this free facility in their respective areas. Orientation to the Study Centre Teachers was organised in the month of May and again as the academical year started on 5th June.

## Inauguration of Study Centres

## Open School:

MCDS Open School is for the dropped out of 10th/12th standard for the children/youth in the slum areas and relocated areas after Tsunami and Chennai Floods. Results of the 2017 Public Examination 10th standard: Five students appeared for the examination and two came out successful.



Ms. Jennifer M Mrs. Gayatri K

Results of the 2017 Public Examination 12th standard: Twelve students appeared for the examination and three came out successful.



Mrs. B. Selva Rani Ms. M. Soniya

Instead of pursuing and repeating the Tamil Nadu Board exam, this year MCDS is availing the expertise of Brother Mathew in conducting NIOS (National Institute of Open Schools) and operate three Open Schools for the School Drop outs. This move will surely bring in more pass percentage since students have the option of choosing subjects of their choice.



Ms. A. Ramja

## Senior Citizens' Forum:

This year MCDS has started two more centres for the Senior Citizens apart from the two centres that we had in Srinivasapuram and Nochi Nagar. The new ones are at Chemmencherry and Perumbakkam. They gather in the evenings and engage in their daily activities which include Prayer, Yoga, Sharing day-to-day tips, dancing, singing etc. All our four centres started functioning from the beginning of June after a short stint of summer holidays.



**Elders performing their physical Exercises**

## Women Empowerment Programme:



**Artificial Jewellery training and the final product**



**Phenyl Preparation training and the product ready for sale**

MCDS in association with EQUITAS conducted Entrepreneurship training programmes for the members of our Women SHG groups to uplift them in the society. Skill training was imparted on Blouse cutting, Chudithar cutting, Artificial Jewellery making, Simple Chemical preparations, Masala Powder preparation and they are enthusiastic to start units according to their competency.

## MCDS Clinic on Wheels:

**i. Mobile Clinic on wheels: This facility reaches out to people mainly in slums and those who were shifted and relocated after Tsunami and Chennai Floods. Total Number of patients: 5959**

**ii. Mobile Dental Clinic on wheels reaches out to poor children studying in Government schools as well as to people living in slum areas. Number of beneficiaries on Dental Hygiene is 749.**

## **Death Anniversary of Bro. Patrick :**

The second Death Anniversary of our Founding Director, Rev. Bro. Patrick was remembered by Special Mass at Besant Nagar Velankanni Church and blessing of the Tomb of Bro. Patrick at the Heritage Park, Eachinkadu attended by MCDS staff and Brothers as well as by the Novice Master and Novices at Eachinkadu.



### **Blessing of Tomb at the Heritage Park**

**We acknowledge and thank 'Talking Tech Foundation' for the continued support for the programmes carried out by MCDS for the cause of the Down Trodden. I hope you are kept updated about the activities through electronic media periodically.**

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