

Southern Region - Special Olympics Training Program

Southern Region Special Olympics Training Camp was held at Youth Hostel, Race Course, Madurai on 21.08.2009. Totally 97 participants (Teachers, Parents and NGO heads) from 5 districts namely Madurai, Dindigul, Theni, Ramnad, Virudunagar participated in this program.

This program had two components: i) Theory ii) practical. All were exposed with theoretical aspects of grouping, rules and type of sport activities and in practical both athletic and group games were trained. The main purpose of this program is to make the students to participate in special Olympic sports.



The District Differently welfare officer, District sports officer, our regular supporter Mr. Murali Krishnan seen in the photo.

Mr. N. Mathivanan, I.A.S., District Collector Madurai, inaugurated the Special Olympics Training Program and honored our school staff Mr. Y. Isaac National coach.

Independence Day Celebration

On 15th August 2009 we celebrated 63rd independence day of our country. Our regular supporter Mr. M. Jeyaseelan (Dy. BDO) hoisted the national flag. Our school management committee president Er. R. Jeyaseelan and Pastor D. Stephenson distributed sweets to the children. The guests appreciated the seven students who won medals in state level badminton competition held at Chennai. He emphasized the need for conducting such kind games for these children.



Mr. Jeyaseelan Block Development Officer, Madurai hoisted the National flag at our school on 63rd Independence day Celebration.

Nursing Seminar

Seminar on Role of Nurses in Mental Health was organized by us in association with DATA and Vadamalayan Hospitals at Bell Hotel, Madurai on 27.11.2009. Mrs. Prabhavathi, Principal of Vellalar College of Nursing, Dr. P. Amutha Rajeswary, Head & Chief, Dept. of pediatrics, Madurai Govt. Hospital, Dr. Dheep, a leading psychiatrist, Dr. V. Neethiarasu, a leading neurologist were the guest lecturers of this seminar. The following nursing college students participated: - CSIJA College of Nursing (58), CSI School of Nursing (6), Sacred Heart College of Nursing (9), Christian College of Nursing (50), Mother Teresa Centre (9), Nehru College of Nursing (12), Excel College of Nursing (2). Totally 146 students attended this seminar.

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for Nursing Students



Special Olympics National Meet- 2009

Sports opportunities help them to bring out their innate talents and foster their learning ability. We provide them lot of sports opportunity to suit these needs. State level badminton selection camp was held at YMCA college, Chennai on 07.08.2009. 7 students from our school participated and 1 student was selected for National meet and Mr. Y. Isaac special educator of our school also elected as a coach for Tamilnadu team and he accompanied the Tamilnadu team for National meet. In National Championship meet which was held in Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan state between 28th August 2009 to 3rd September 2009. Our student P. Robert Dinakaran secured one Gold and one silver medal.



P. Robert won gold medal in doubles badminton - National meet - 2009 at Rajasthan.

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When a person born in to the world, may not have any opinion about their life. When they grow older, they learn to cope the life skills through various means especially through education. Unfortunately a group of people in the society couldn't take their own decision due to their mental disabilities. Bethshan special school was established to enable such affected people to live as near to normal life. We also not only concentrating the mentally disabled but have real concern over the society in all dimensions. We are happy to submit the **14th annual report** (2009-2010) with many successful stories.

We organised a peace rally against terrorism on 25.06.2009 at Madurai en route from Meenakshi Govt. College to District Collector's office. (2 Kms) This rally was inaugurated by then Madurai Commissioner of Police Mr. Nandabalan. I.P.S. Mr. K. M. Kanagaraj District Differently abled Welfare Officer, Prof. S. Raju former NSS Coordinator, Madurai Kamaraj University, Mr. L. Muralikrishnan of Kalyani Associates and Mrs. Nirmala Principal of Meenakshi Government college, Madurai were the guests of the program. This innovative social awareness program was jointly organised with Kalyani Associates Pvt. Ltd. and radio partner with Hello FM 106.4

Nearly 400 students participated in this rally. Among them 200 represented from various special schools for the mentally disabled and rest from CSI College of Nursing, Madurai. They hoarded a placards and banners depicting anti terrorism slogans. This program really an eye opening for all public and made a huge impact in the society.

Peace Rally



World Mental Health Day - Weak

World Mental Health Day has been observed on 10th October of every year to emphasis the mental health issues among public. We in association with The Gate Way Hotel, (A TATA group of Hotels) Pasumalai, Madurai have been conducting district level competition for the children with mental disabilities who are studying in various special schools in Madurai district. This year on 10.10.2009, we had such a wonderful competition for them from morning till evening. The following events conducted in three age group category: Clay Modeling, Painting, Carrom, Badminton, Chess. They motivated well and useful prizes and certificates were distributed to all participants. A delicious meal with refreshment was given by the Gate way management. The total program was sponsored by them. Mr.Selvakumar- Managing Director, Lovely Offset printers, Sivakasi, inaugurated the program. Mr.K.M.Kanagaraj District Differently Able welfare officer, Madurai distributed the Prizes and certificates to the participants. Nearly 10 special schools participated and enjoyed the whole program. Creating public awareness about mental disability is a hectic task for us. We in the forerunner of disability management service, ought to educate the public and affected people for the well being of the persons with mental disabilities. We had an awareness campaign in observance of world mental Health day. We distributed pamphlets in all bus stands and Railway junction in Madurai during the mental health day week.

World Mental Health Day 8th year District Level Competition was inaugurated by Mr.Selvakumar, Proprietor, Lovely Cards, Sivakasi at THE GATEWAY HOTEL, Pasumalai, Madurai on 10.10.2009



Mental Health Awareness Handbills Distributed in observance of World Mental Health Day at Madurai Railway Junction & Mattuthavani Bus Stand.



A Different Placement

The ultimate aim of special education is to make them independent and provide meaningful & gainful employment opportunities to lead a successful life. Three of our adult students B.Dinesh, G.Narmadha and S.Rajarajan recruited by the reputed courier service M/s. The Professional couriers, Madurai on 15th December 2009. They are placed in Manifest section where they sort out the proof of delivery copies area wise. Mr.Pitchai, additional collector of Madurai invited as chief guest and Mr.Ramesh and Mr.Suresh, directors of the professional couriers issued appointment orders for them.

Three special employees of The Professional Couriers company received their appointment orders with greatest joy and happiness.



Health Insurance for Mentally Disabled

A new Health Insurance Scheme was launched by the National Trust, Government of India to offer health services to persons with mental disabilities. We as the registered member of National Trust applied for health insurance card for 98 mentally disabled students of Madurai district. The card distribution function was arranged by us at The district Collectors office on 02.11.2009, Mr.Dinesh Ponraj Oliver, Dist Revenue Officer & District collector(i.c) distributed the cards to 98 participants. Mr.K.M.Kanagaraj - District Differently Able Welfare Officer felicitated the function.



"NIRAMAYA" Health Insurance Card given by Mr.Dinesh Ponraj Oliver, District Revenue Officer, Madurai along with Mr.K.M.Kanagaraj Dist. Differently Able Welfare Officer.

Job Placement & Brochure Release

A job placement function & awareness brochure release function was held on 01.02.2010 at The Victoria Edward Hall, Madurai. J.Karthik an adult student trained in our school more than seven years got an appointment order from Mr.VSP.Kannan, Managing Director, Force Motors Ltd., Madurai Mr.S.Prabhakaran, Proprietor, MRSP Bhavani &co, released an awareness brochure (Iraivanin Pataipil Nanum) the first copy was received by Mr.K.M.Kanagaraj District Differently Able Welfare Officer, Madurai.



Mr.S.Prabhakaran, Philanthropists releasing an awareness brochure on 01.02.2010



Photo taken when the appointment order was given to J.Karthik at a placement function

Sibling Support Service

Who after me? is the question asked by many parents. Siblings ought to take such responsibility after their parents. To sensitize them about this responsibility we have been organising sibling support service program on 14.11.2009 & 28.11.2009 for two group of siblings ranging from 4 -11 Years and 12-18. We had offered various programs for them to realise their responsibilities.

Staff demonstrating a skit in front of siblings on II sibling support program held on



A sibling is assisting another on sibling support program held on 14.11.2009

Trekking Camp

Trekking helps to increase the depth perception of a person with mental disability and enhances their breathing & mobility in hilly regions. On 18th March 2010, we took 9 students and 1 parent for a Trekking to Kodaikannal hill. The food and accommodation was given by Er.J.T.Jeyachandran, Partner, Holiday Home, Kodaikannal. The Trekking was started from Pamparpuram to Dolphin Nose point. which is around 6 kms. All men staff were engaged. This was very first program for the mentally challenged kids.

Our children climb down in a hill of Kodaikannal on 18.03.2010. They walked with the help of stick. The staff also accompanied with them.



Field & Factory visits

We take all the students to various fields & factories periodically for their spatial orientation. These visits will help them to understand the facts and functions in a natural environment. This year we took them to visit the paddy fields on 27.06.2009, sugarcane field on 03.07.2009, air port on 20.01.2010 and Textile mill-cone winding unit on 22.02.2010.



Students visiting the cone winding unit of a textile mill at Madurai