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Director's Message

It is not enough to love the young; they must know they are loved". In every young person a point of goodness is accessible and it is the primary duty of the educator to discover that sensitive cord of the heart so as to draw out the best in the young person. This is the motto that drives the initiatives at FCDP.

There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children. Our youth are the foundation on which our nation will be built, our greatest asset as a nation is our young population. They will be the leaders of our country, the creators of our national wealth who will care and protect our people.

Activities for the month included, summer camp, football tournament and a drug awareness program. DREAM Kollam (Drug Rehabilitation Education and Mentoring) helped to raise awareness of parents on the growing menace of drug abuse among children and the methods to tackle it.

Each of us as citizens has a role to play in creating a better world for our children. Our children are our future and one of the basic responsibilities is to care for them with a compassionate heart.

-Fr. Joby Sebastian
(Director, FCDP)

Don Bosco Summer Camp 2023 Kicks off:

The Don Bosco Summer Camp 2023 jointly organized by Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP), Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS), and Don Bosco Youth Forum (DBYF) Kollam, began on 10th April 2023. More than 250 students participated in the camp. The camp was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Stephen Mookkattil SDB (Rector & Vicar, St. Stephen's Church, Thope). Mrs. Bindhu Harrison, (Coordinator, Children's Forum) welcomed all. Fr. Joby Sebastian, (Director, FCDP-TMS), Mrs. Annie (Chairperson, FCDP) and Veronica Antony (President, TMS) addressed the camp. Deacon Rubin Matthew, Br. Jibin, Sr. Mary K, FCDP - TMS Staff, DBCF and volunteers were present at the inaugural function. The Summer Camp organized with the aim of keeping the students engaged during the holidays by developing their talents, provided them a platform to explore



and express their creativity, ability to face their fears, try new things, push their boundaries, make new friends & learn team spirit. Summer Camp was earnestly appreciated not only by the participants but also by their parents.

Awareness cum training program conducted by Dream:

DREAM (Drug Rehabilitation Education and Mentoring) Kollam, in collaboration with Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) and Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS) organized an awareness cum training program for the parents against the growing menace of drug abuse among children on Wednesday, 26th April 2023. Ms. Athira Wilson, project coordinator of DREAM led the session on Signs and Symptoms of Substance abuse. DREAM (Drug Rehabilitation Education and Mentoring) is a project focusing on protecting children and youth against addiction by educating and mentoring them on substance abuse and various addictions. Ms. Susanna (Project Director, DREAM, Don Bosco Mondo, Bonn, Germany) addressed the audience during the meeting. Rev. Fr. Rubin (Executive Director, BREADS, Bangalore), Mr. Benny Augustine (Project Manager, BREADS), Rev. Fr. Bino Nadackal (Director, DREAM, Kollam), Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director FCDP & TMS), Mr. Jayasingh (Project counselor), Ms. Aswathy and Mr. Antony (staff of QDBS), and staff of FCDP and TMS were present at the training programme where about 100 parents from the fisher folk community took part.



Don Bosco under 19 Sevens Football Tournament:

"Don Bosco Under 19 Sevens Football Tournament" was organized by Don Bosco Youth Forum under the leadership of Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP), on Sunday 16/04/23 at Don Bosco Boys' Home. The two-day tournament brought in participation from a total of 8 teams from the coastal areas of Kollam. Mr. Sajeev Soman (Ward Councillor, Udaya Marthandapuram) inaugurated the event. In the ceremony presided over by Deacon Rubin Mathai, Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS) congratulated the contestants. Kumari Sruthi gave the welcome and Shri Sabu delivered the vote of thanks. Team members Black Gold (Jonakapuram), Don Bosco FC (Mundakkal), Yuvadhara (Kaikakkara) and Jogo Bonito (Kavanad) entered the semi-finals in an exciting match.



The final match of "Don Bosco Under 19 Sevens Football Tournament" was held on Monday 17/04/23 at 3.30 pm at Don Bosco Boys Home Ground. Mr. Kuruvila Joseph (Councilor, 42 Mundakkal Ward) inaugurated the event. Ms. Anisha B. Chacko (Project Head, FCDP), and Mr. Sunil S (Project Coordinator, FCDP), presided over the function. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS) congratulated the winning -

team members. Ms. Roshal gave the welcome. Mr. Subin delivered the vote of thanks. Jogo Bonito won the first prize with three goals against Don Bosco FC (Mundakal). TMS Assistant Director - Sister Mary K, Don Bosco FA Coach - Shri Innocent S (Aji), FCDP Coordinator - Mrs. Greta Raju, Shri. Sunil S (Manager, FCDS), DBYF Coordinator - Mrs. Mary John Kennedy, and DBYF animators, Mrs. Princy Edison and Mrs. Selvi Antony provided the background support for the success of this tournament.



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