



DIRECTOR'S PAGE

Christmas has come around again! It's time to share and care. It's time to recall and remember. 2016 has been a great year in the life of BREADS and its partners. We were able to successfully complete certain projects and begin new ones, especially CREAM Phase II. BREADS through its Don Bosco partners, was able to reach out and work with thousands of children, young people and women through the various project interventions. And this was possible through our funding partners who have always stood by Don Bosco and BREADS. In the month of November, we honoured 10 champions who made a difference in their own lives and in the life of their communities which is a small glimpse of what the Don Bosco projects have been able to accomplish. In this issue of Slice, we will know more about these champions.



Wish you all a grace-filled CHRISTMAS and a successful NEW YEAR 2017!

With best wishes,

*Fr. Joy Nedumparambil SDB
Executive Director
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EVENTS

November 2016

- ⇒ Champion A Child - Award Night event .
- ⇒ BREADS at Joy of Giving week in AXA Business.
- ⇒ Children's Day celebrations in all BREADS' centers.
- ⇒ Inauguration of Phase 5 Batch 1 Hospitality Training at BREADS.
- ⇒ Province Development Office (PDO) meet in Chennai.

December 2016

- ⇒ Monitoring and Evaluation visits to all the projects
- ⇒ Blessing the foundation stone for the school building in Don Bosco Gulbarga
- ⇒ Christmas celebration at BREADS

NEWS

Children's Day week observation at Don Bosco Yadagiri



Don Bosco Yadagiri organised one week children's camp for 100 children from 11 – 15 November 2016 at the occasion of children's day. The children's day was observed and celebrated during the camp with an intention of empowering children with child rights. The children were from the tuition centers and Child Rights Club formed in different schools as a part of CREAM Programme of BREADS. The main guests and resource persons present for the program... [more](#)

Children's Grama Sabhe at Hosapete



Don Bosco Hosapete took lead in organising and conducting the special child rights grama sabhe program at Grama panchayat No-10, Muddapura village, Hosapete Taluk Ballari District on 16-11-2016 at 11:00 am. Participants for the programme were Mr. Raghavendra Child Welfare Committee Chairperson, Ballari, Mr. Beeralinga PDO, Mrs. Mahantamma President GP, Mr. Shivamurthi Member Taluka panchayat Hosapete, Mr. P. Husensab... [more](#)

Two Days Residential Training for Old CRC Members at Ramanagara



Don Bosco Yuva Marg Ramanagara, conducted two days residential training for old Child Rights Club Members. The training started on a fine day mid-November at 10.30 am and was inaugurated by CRC Leaders Preethi and Kishore. After the inauguration children were divided in to smaller groups for impactful participation and they got ready to participate in the forthcoming activities. Fr. Sonychan Mathew addressed the CRC leaders talking ... [more](#)

CHAMPIONS WERE HONOURED

Power of education surpasses hurdles to excel



BREADS Bangalore revamped the education sponsorship programme by organizing an event - 'Champion a Child' to support and empower more children to be champions. To mark this occasion BREADS honoured ten Champions on 19 November 2016 at My Fortune Hotel (ITC), Richmond Road, Bangalore. The ten champions, who became role models for others, were selected from the Don Bosco projects in Karnataka. Five of them —Basavaraj, B.Jyothi, Gangadhar, M.Jyothi, and Chandrakumar— achieved great heights, while fighting the odds in their life. The other five created remarkable changes in their communities by advocating child rights as children. These were Eramma, Bhumika, Panduranga, Priscilla and Shashidhar. The

event was graced by the presence of Prof. Shantha Sinha, renowned anti-child labour activist, Padmashree and Mag-saysay awardee, who is also founder of M.V. Foundation Hyderabad; Ms. Kathyayini Chamraj, Executive Trustee, CIV-IC Bangalore and freelance journalist; Fr. P. S. George, Province Economist, Don Bosco Bangalore Province; Fr. Joy Nedumparambil, Executive Director, BREADS and the champions from different districts of Karnataka. Over 150 guests were present to support the event, including representatives from 26 different corporates and foundations. Fr. Joy Nedumparambil, in his welcome address, explained the rationale behind the event and urged the audience to come forward to make more champions. It was a proud moment for BREADS to showcase these champions who were groomed and moulded by its Don Bosco partners. The awardees were bestowed with a medal and a cheque by distinguished guests followed by the screening of a short movie narrating each one's achievement in life. The champions had the opportunity to share their experiences and motivation in life. The determination and courage that they possessed to achieve heights in life was well reflected in their expression. Renowned violinist Mr. Manoj George and artist Mr. Thomas Kallarackal enlivened the event with their remarkable performances.

Meet our Champions



Angel In Blue - Eramma
Eramma fought relentlessly to release Shilpa from the designs of her parents and employer, who scripted her life as a domestic worker. Eramma succeeded in setting the child off on her journey from a Shilpa to a Shilpakari.



You Raise Me Up - Shashidhar
Aware of his rights, Shashidhar organised a protest against the musty meal served in the school and also advocates for a child helpline. Education led to action, thanks to the CREAM project.



Get Up, Stand Up - Panduranga
Hey, the right to play is not child's play. Panduranga and his friends had to do battle with some antisocial adults to reclaim their school playground. Hurray! They won!



I Have A Dream - Bhumika
No! to early knots. Bhumika had the courage to prevent the marriage of her sister who was a minor. No! to motherhood in childhood, and Yes! to a dream of a future.



It's My Life - Priscilla
English teacher, Electricity and PHC – Priscilla's demands from the local MLA. Although yet to cast a vote, Priscilla knew that she is a citizen with rights. And a right is might.



Never Say Never - Basavaraj
He ran away... but found his way... now he leads the way. A runaway at the age of 16 to Bangalore, Basavaraj was rescued by Don Bosco. He turned his life around and became a teacher, guiding children.



Don't Give Up - Gangadhar
From the floor to a floorball player...Gangadhar was at his lowest when he was addicted to solvents on the street. Don Bosco gave him a home and hope. Now he is a state floorball player.



In The Arms Of An Angel - B. Jyothi
She lost her family... now she finds families for other children. Jyothi, a Marathi girl and a rescued child labourer, overcame the language barrier to excel in her studies. With a Masters in Social Work, she coordinates foster care at BOSCO Bangalore.



No Woman, No Cry - M. Jyothi
The light of education dispelled the darkness of domestic labour from Jyothi's life. Rescued and educated, Jyothi excelled in B.Com and now teaches in a school.



Flying Without Wings - Chandrakumar
From a MINER to a MAN... it was a long journey for Chandrakumar to become a teacher. Rescued from child labour, Chandru underwent a bridge course and pursued his education. Now, he is a yoga teacher.

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*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!*



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