<u>VIDES REPORT – 2016-2017</u>

MEMBERS: 70 residential students.

Introductory Meet – Selection of Leaders

Date: 29.06.2016.

Co-ordinator: Sr. Venci X.

The group selected the leaders for the forthcoming year and the co-ordinator then explained the role of the leader for the effective functioning of the Vides. Ms.Infant Clement Mary - III B.A. English 'A' Sec. was chosen as the President and Ms. Siva Priya- III B.Sc. Physics and Ms.Subiksha - III English 'B' Sec. were chosen to be the Secretaries in the respective hostels for this year.

MEMBERS: 30 VIDES members

Visit to Rural Don Bosco Youth Centre - T.K.Puram

Date: Began on 9th July,2016 and continued on all Saturdays - except II Saturday

Co-ordinator: Sr. Venci X.

The VIDES adopted for this academic year the two villages Thriumani and T.K. Puram for rendering service to the children who are studying in Government Schools around the village. On Saturdays, the VIDES members went in groups to coach the children in the academic subjects and helped them to prepare for their examination. The coaching class for the children was conducted in the elementary school of that village which had been the regular activity of the VIDES.

MEMBERS: 30 VIDES members

Visit to Mother Theresa's Home at Chempakkam

Date: 16.07.2016.

Co-ordinator: Sr. Venci X.

Thirty VIDES members visited the nearby Mother Teresa's Home at Chempakkam, wherein the mentally retarded persons about 40 of them reside under the care of the sisters of Missionaries of Charity. The students prepared a short cultural programme to entertain them and to make them cheerful and happy. The VIDES members mingled with the students and extended their service to them and served the snacks for them which were given by the students from their pocket money given by the parents. It had been indeed a moment of exposure for the students to be content with what they have and to be grateful to their parents for all that they do for them.

MEMBERS: 30 New VIDES members Inauguration of Groups and Movements

Date: 18.07.2016

Co-ordinator: Sr. Jeyashanthi R. Chief Guest: Sr.Michael Cruz

Thirty first years pledged themselves as members of Vides in the inauguration of the groups and movements, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Sr.Micheal cruz was the Chief Guest of the day's programme. Sr.Anandaraj Jeyashanthi organized the groups for taking their promise and conducted the prayer service meaningfully wherein the first years pledged themselves to be a volunteer in VIDES. Sr.Micheal in her address insisted all the students who have committed themselves in various groups to live by the objectives of the group and be faithful to what they have promised.

MEMBERS: 30 VIDES members

Participation in the Zonal VIDES Meet

Date: 24.07.2016.

Organized by: Sr.Amudha Fernando – Zonal VIDES Co-ordinator

Theme: Year of Mercy & Responsibility towards Nature

About thirty students along with Sr.Venci X went to Pallikonda, Vellore to participate in the Zonal meet. Sr. Fernando Amutha, the Zonal Vides Co-ordinator organized the meet. The input session on the theme of the year, "Year of Mercy, Responsibility towards Nature which were explained by Mr. Raja, Vides member of Auxilium Home unit Mrs.Sagayamary – Teacher from Auxilium Hr. Sec. School respectively. The participants were given opportunity to visit the boarders- the boys who are residing in the orphanage and conduct games for them to make them cheer up. In the afternoon session, the various activities of different units were read and each unit planned for the forthcoming year.

MEMBERS: 30 VIDES members

NAAC Peer Team Visit to T.K.Puram

Date: 29.07.2016.

Co-ordinator: Ms .Amudha, Asst.Professor, Department of English

The VIDES members about 30 of them went to Don Bosco Youth centre at 3 p.m. accompanied by Sr. Venci X. as the Naac Peer team is about to visit the villages to which the students go for their extension activities. The parents and the students about three hundred of them were gathered in the hall to see them and share about all the benefits received through the presence of the students. The team arrived at 7 p.m. One of the students from the village gave a warm welcome to the team and Bro.Lucas who is the Director of the centre spoke

about the origin of that centre and the contribution of the students of the Auxilium College for the growth of that centre. Dr. Patel one of the members of the NAAC Peer Team appreciated and thanked everyone for the development brought about in those places and Ms.Amudha thanked the members for their visit. They left the place and the students continued their cultural programme and the meal was served to all those who were present on that day sponsored by the students of VIDES and rangers.

MEMBERS: 20 VIDES members

Christmas Celebration – with the poor students

Date: 18.12.2016.

Co-ordinator: Sr. Venci X. and Sr. Felix A.

Twenty VIDES members participated in the Christmas Celebration held at 10.30 a.m. for the selected poor students along with their family members in Auxilium School Campus organized by Sr. Felix A., the VIDES co-ordinator of Auxilium Home Unit. The VIDES students performed a short cultural programme with a brief message for Christmas. We then distributed the clothes to the twelve students and their family members which are contributed by the students themselves. The lunch was served for all the people who had come for the celebration.

MEMBERS: 20 VIDES members

Triple Celebration at Rural Don Bosco Youth Centre – T.K.Puram

Date: 07.01.2017

Co-ordinator: Bro.Lucas, SDB

The village T.K.Puram celebrated together the three festivals (Christmas, New Year & Pongal) on that day, inviting the well-wishers and benefactors of the village. Since our students go for the coaching class in the village, the vides unit was invited too for the celebration. On behalf of the vides, the students performed a dance which brought the Christmas message that Jesus had come down from heaven to the earth to bring peace and hope. The community of Don Bosco and few sisters from our community including Sr. Ugini Fatima our principal were present for the function. Fr.Michael Viagulam, the Rector Sr.Ugini Fatima, the Principal and Fr. Mudiappan, the Headmaster gave them message for the triple celebration. The people were served dinner and the students too partook in the fraternal meal.

MEMBERS: 35 VIDES members

Christmas Celebration - with the villagers at Somasamudhiram

Date: 26.01.2017

Co-ordinator: Sr. Venci X. and Sr. Felix A.

Thirty-five Vides members went to the village named "Somasamudhiram" near Sholingar, wherein the poor people reside. They were accompanied by Sr. Venci and left the campus by 1.30 p.m. in the afternoonThe programme was organized by the neighbouring Auxilium Home unit. The VIDES unit of St.Mary's School too represented for the day of sharing and they sponsored all the stationary items necessary for the children of the village to facilitate their education in the school. The games were conducted for all the children and the prizes were distributed to them. The students prepared a short cultural programme and staged them so as to make every one joyful. After the programme, the 35 women of the village were provided with new Sarees, contributed by the students of our unit which had been the regular activity during the season of Christmas. The snacks were distributed for all to mark the day of celebration.

MEMBERS: 3 VIDES members

Participation in the General Body VIDES Meet

Date: 12.02.2017

Organized by: Sr.Amala Francis - Province Co-ordinator

Three students along with Sr. Venci, participated in the General body VIDES meet and enriched by all the activities of the various units. Sr.Michael Cruz, the animator gave the introductory talk and Mr.William – Vides member of Auxilium Home unit and Teacher from Don Bosco Higher Secondary School and Mrs. Mary Suseela and Mrs. Amudah, lecturers from our college were the other three persons who delivered the talk on strenna of the year, The report of the various activities Pope's message of peace and the theme of the UNO. carried out in their own units was read which indeed enriching to go ahead finding ways and means to improve the activities of our own unit. A group discussion was held in zonal wise, to plan for the coming year.

Thus, the VIDES extended their service throughout the year to the less-privileged and was active and generous in reaching out to the needy in the best way possible.