

CHILDLINE Se Dosti week 2016: The Mountain Children Foundation, Dehradun November 14th – November 20th 2016

'Childline Se Dosti' is a weeklong campaign of CHILDLINE 1098. 'Childline Se Dosti' involves events and activities to reach out to the people so that they can know about CHILDLINE. The objective of this campaign is to spread awareness amongst those who remain unaware about the work done by MCF CHILDLINE 1098.

Day: 1 - Childline Se Dosti at Vasant Vihar, Patelnagar and Premnagar

On November 14, 2016 the children of Shastrinagar basti part 1 and part 2 along with

MCF CHILDLINE team members visited Basant Vihar Police Station. There they met SO Chandra Chandwakar Naithani; the children introduced themselves to him. Then the children



tied "Dosti band" to the SO and Police officers present to thank them for their continued support in protecting them. This activity was a part of the movement to strengthen the partnership between children, MCF CHILDLINE and Police. This activity also increased the children's confidence in accessing help from the Police. The children took some photographs with the Police officers. MCF CHILDLINE Dehradun team members and the children were given refreshment by the Police. The Police officers also gave the children a tour of the Police Station in which they showed the children their wireless room used for exchanging information with Police headquarters and other Police Stations. Then the children went to see the store room, computer room



and lock up for adults. The children were happy to meet the SO and other Police officers.

After this visit some children of Shastrinagar basti part 1 went to Patelnagar Police Station. MCF CHILDLINE

team members told the Police officers about the Dosti week and the children tied “Dosti band” to Police officers. In this activity total 10 Police officers participated.

The children of Shastrinagar basti part 2 went to the SSP Office to meet with the SSP Dehradun Dr. Sadanand Date. MCF CHILDLINE coordinator Mr. Sudhir Bhatt told the children about the duties and responsibilities of the SSP. Then the PRO of SSP Dehradun, Yashpal Singh Bisht told the children about the Police emergency number 100 and civic duties of good citizens. He also discussed discipline, time management, education and sanitation with children. He also provided the children with refreshments. Then the SSP Dehradun came and greeted the children. The SSP asked the children how MCF CHILDLINE 1098 is helping the children. The children told him that MCF CHILDLINE 1098



reaches out to those children who need help. MCF CHILDLINE coordinator Sudhir Bhatt told the SSP about MCF CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week. The children then tied the “Dosti band” to the SSP and other Police officials. The SSP gave chocolates as a gift to the

children and also wished them happy children's day. Then the children and MCF CHILDLINE team members took some photographs with the SSP.

The children of Premnagar Jhuggi Basti and MCF CHILDLINE team members went to Premnagar Police Station to celebrate "CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week" with the Police officials. At the Premnagar Police Station the children tied Dosti bands to the SO Rajesh Shah. The SO Premnagar Police Station told the children that the Police are 'friends of children'. If the children have any problems then they can come to Police Station and they will defiantly be helped. The children also tied 'Dosti Bands' to the Police officials. The Police officials said to the children that they should concentrate on their studies so in future they can contribute in India's welfare. Then the children were given Frooti and biscuits as refreshment.

Day: 2 - Signature Campaign to End Violence against Children

On November 15, 2016 during the MCF CHILDLINE's weeklong Childline Se Dosti program a signature campaign was organized to end violence against children at Gandhi Park in Dehradun. In this campaign the community members signed an oath to stop any kind of violence against children. The community members, youth and young children came out in large numbers to take the oath to brak their silence (Chuppi Todo) and if they found any child who was a victim of abuse and if they identify such issues they would contact MCF CHILDLINE 1098. During this campaign MCF CHILDLINE team members gave people information about the work done by MCF CHILDLINE. In this signature campaign Police officials and home guards also participated.



Day: 3 – CHILDLINE se Dosti at JJB, DLSA, GRP and RPF

On November 16, 2016 MCF CHILDLINE team members went to the office of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) with the children of Madrasi Colony to celebrate “CHILDLINE Se Dosti week”. In the office the

children met the judge of Juvenile Justice Board Mr. Mohammad Yusuf and the secretary of District Legal Service Authority Mr. Kuldeep Sharma. The secretary of DLSA asked the children about their name, school and father’s occupation. The children tied Dosti Bands to the Mr.



Mohammad Yusuf and to Mr. Kuldeep Sharma. Mr. Kuldeep Sharma told the children Sapna, Satrohan and Rohit to ask their fathers to register themselves in labour department so they can get benefits from it.

After that the children and MCF CHILDLINE team went to the Government Railway Police Station (GRP), Railway Police Force (RPF) and Lakhibagh Police Substation. The children introduced themselves to the Police officials and then they tied Dosti Bands to the Police officers present. The Inspector Deepak Kumar Kaushik told the children that if they had any problem they can ask the Police for help without any fear. The SI Manohar Singh Rawat also met the children and the children also tied Dosti band to him. He told the children that education is necessary to be successful in life. The in charge of the Railway Police Force Mr. Anoop Sinha told the children that we are here to help the children. The children were encouraged by meeting the Police officials and also enjoyed the CHILDLINE Se Dosti activities.

Day: 4 – Debate and Rangoli Competition in Schools

On the fourth day November 17, 2016 MCF CHILDLINE a debate was organized in Sri Guru Nanak Mahila Inter College Khudbuda, Dehradun. The topic of the debate was “advantages and disadvantages of social media”. In this debate 18 students participated. The students who were in favor of the motion said that social media was an easy medium to exchange information with people that are far away. Online shopping and payment have made life easy. The social media help others express their thoughts about political and social issues. On the other hand the student was against the motion said that children who use social media excessively face many health



problems. There are other problems users face are blackmailing, hacking, identity theft and bullying. Often people spread rumors and false news which can cause riots and fights among people. MCF CHILDLINE told the children that as social media is becoming a part of our life, there are also dangers of cyber crimes. One should use social media wisely. For students it is not good to use social media very much as it can affect their studies. After the debate the director of MCF CHILDLINE gave small prizes to the student who ranked first, second and third and other children were also given a small token for participation.

A rangoli making competition was conducted in Dayanand Girls Inter College on November 17, 2016. In this activity 25 students participated in 5 students in each group. The theme of this rangoli making competition was to create awareness about CHILDLINE 1098 and child protection. In this competition, the students tried to prove their talent in



the best possible way. They made different Rangoli depicting pictures of CHILDLINE and its working process. MCF CHILDLINE along with school teachers encouraged the children. The MCF CHILDLINE team also told the children that they can dial 1098 – a toll free children’s helpline for help. The principal and the director of MCF CHILDLINE gave prizes to the group who come first in the rangoli competition and other children were also given a small token for participation.

Day: 5 – Street play Against Begging by MCF CHILDLINE

On November 18, 2016 MCF CHILDLINE performed a street play on giving alms to the children in Gandhi Park and Railway station in Dehradun. The objective of this street play was to create awareness in the public about harmful effect of begging. This street play sent out a strong message to the public against the growth of child begging and drug abuse. Through this street play MCF CHILDLINE team generated awareness about how giving money as charity to children can be harmful, as that will lead them to the drug abuse or becoming a criminal.



Day: 6 – CHILDLINE se Dosti at IG office and Police Headquarter



On November 19, 2016 MCF CHILDLINE team along with the children of Shastrinagar went to the office of Inspector General (Garhwal range) Mr. Sanjay Gunjyal to celebrate CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week. The children introduced themselves to the IG and he encouraged the children to do well in their studies. The children tied Dosti bands to the IG and police officials and others present. The children were given refreshments by the IG office.



In the afternoon children from Shastrinagar - I, Shastrinagar – II and Sapera Basti and MCF CHILDLINE team went to the Police Headquarter to meet DGP Uttarakhand Mr. M. A. Ganapathy and ADG R. S. Meena. The children also meet IG Deepam SETH, IG G. S. Martolia, IG Amit Kumar Sinha, IG



Garhwal Range Sanjay Gunjyal, DIG PUSHPAK JYOTI and other Police officials at Police Headquarter. The coordinator of MCF CHILDLINE briefly told the DGP and Police officials present about the work and accomplishment of MCF CHILDLINE. Then the children tied 'Dosti Bands' to the DGP, ADG and Police officers and also took photographs with them. The Children were given refreshment after this activity. The children were amazed and excited by this visit.



Day: 7 – Mask outreach on the anti-begging issue

On November 20, 2016 - the last day of 'CHILDLINE Se the MCF CHILDLINE team went to the Rispana Bridge - Haridwar Bypass for mask outreach. By wearing mask on face and through the slogans written in placards, the MCF CHILDLINE team members generated awareness amongst the community members about the harmful effects of giving alms to the children and encouraged the people not give alms to the children.

