

YOUTH RED CROSS SOCIETY

On behalf of the Youth Red Cross of Loyola, I deem it with great enthusiasm to present the Annual Report of the Youth Red Cross Society 2007 - 2008.

The academic year 2007 - 2008 began with the enrollment of about 475 members into the Society with Rev.Fr. Albert Muthumalai S.J., the Principal, as its Patron. Prof. K.S. Antony Samy, the Dean of Students as its Chairman and Prof. L. Joseph Arockiasamy as its Faculty Advisor.

Office Bearers:

The following office bearers were elected and formed the core committee of the society for the year 2007 -2008.

President - Vishnu Prabhu. K.S

Vice President - Govinda Prasanna.

P Secretary — Kumaravel . S

Joint — Secretary - Gunasekaran .

A Public Relations Officer - Francis Marcus

Chief of Directors - Aravind Ganesh

Shift 1 Coordinator- Saravana Kumar

Shift 2 Coordinator -Santosh. R

Director of Blood Service - Mohan Raj. M Director of Hospital Service - Shaun. M.A
Deputy Director of Hospital Service -Ajuram. N

NEW FACULTY ADVISOR:

Prof. Joseph Arockiasamy, Department of Statistics, was appointed as the new Faculty Advisor. We welcome him for the year 2007 - 2008. We thank our former faculty advisor Prof. Sheila Immaculate, Department of History for her commendable services and we wish her the best in her future endeavours.

INAUGURATION:

It was inaugurated on August 29th, 2007.

Chief Guest: Mr. Sandeep Rai Rathore IPS Joint Commissioner of police, Chennai

He spoke on the need of effective services in the developing world and highlighted the importance of the participation of youth in this venture and recommended set of actions to be carried out. He congratulated the newly elected Office Bearers and inaugurated the activities of the Society.

Formation of Human Chain: Implementation of the Mishra Commission Report

The Youth Red Cross organized a human chain around the college campus in order to highlight the importance of the need to implement the Mishra Commission Report of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Report was tabled at the apex court on the need to provide reservation for the Dalit Christians. About 500 students participated in this venture.

EYe Care Information Centre: Government Ophthalmic Hospital Egmore.

The Red Cross of Loyola was chosen along with 15 other city college's as an Eye Care Information and Resource Centre. As a part of a city wide initiative, Shri Surjeet Singh Barnala, Governor of Tamil Nadu, who is also The Patron in Chief for The Tamil Nadu Red Cross Society inaugurated the centres at the Raj Bhavan. The Faculty Advisor and the office bearers Participated in the event.

15 Student Volunteers were selected and sent for the training purposes.

BLOOD DONATION CAMPS:

Blood Donation Camps were organized in the months of November and February. The SMILE, NGO, Lions Blood Bank and "The Indian Red Cross Society coordinated in this venture. A total about 220 Units of Blood were donated by the students and volunteers of the college.

Seminars were also organized in coordination with Shankara Nethralaya Foundation and The TTK Hospitals, Chennai.

Seminar on "Importance of Organ Donation"

A Seminar was organized in coordination with the Multi Organ Harvesting Access Network Foundation of Chennai. Dr. Sumana, Senior Doctor of the foundation delivered a guest lecture and highlighted the importance of organ donation.

Seminar on "Media and its impact on the Society"

A talk was organized highlighting the importance and the impact of the media on the Society. Prof. James Sundar delivered the talk and encouraged the youth to develop the art of criticality.

HOSPITAL SERVICES:

The Society in coordination with The Indian Red Cross Society helped in the event of circulating out patients. About 15 student volunteers were sent on a weekly basis to various hospitals in the city. A total of about 90 students participated in this voluntary exercise.

The following hospitals were being helped:

- i. The Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Egmore
- ii. The Stanley Medical Hospital
- iii. The General Hospital

YRCS OFFICE RENOVATION:

The Office of the Youth Red Cross Society was completely renovated and was instilled with the state - of- the - art modern facilities and exorbitant furniture. The

society was also provided with a new computer adding to its credibility and effective functionary system. We sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Peter Xavier, The Secretary of the College for having provided us these facilities with his immediate consent. We also thank Prof. Joseph Arockiasamy, Our Faculty Advisor for the timely undertaking these initiatives.

THE KNIGHT HOOD AND THE BEST SOLDIER AWARDS:

To recognize the meritorious services rendered to the society at large, the Youth Red Cross Society confers the Knight Hood to the final year office bearers and the Best Soldier Award to the members of the society who have volunteered the maximum number of hours for the Society.

The following Students have been conferred the Knight Hood for the year 2007 -2008:

Vishnu Prabhu in the distinguished capacity as the President of the Society, Govinda Prasanna, the Vice - President

Kumaravel as the Secretary, Gunasekaran as the Joint - Secretary, Francis Marcus as the Public Relations Officer, Aravind Ganesh as the Chief of Directors.

The following students have been conferred the Best Soldier Award: Shyam Stan, 1 st Year, Shift 2

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On behalf of the Youth Red Cross Society, Loyola College I sincerely thank the Management, Staff and students of this esteemed institution for extending their very support in every of our initiatives and for being the motivating factor behind our services to the society at large.

“Protecting Human Life and Dignity” is our motto and we would carry it on and on.