The Joy of Giving

Of all virtues one can attribute for a perfect life, none can deny the virtue of generosity. Generosity simply starts from giving what you possess to lighten someone’s lives. On 19\textsuperscript{th} October 2015, the students of LIBA engaged themselves in volunteering for the first day of the initiative ‘The Joy of Giving Week’. The programme was organized by LIBA RADIUS, the social service club.

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” - Mother Teresa

On 20\textsuperscript{th} September 2015, LIBA awarded the companies who exceedingly contributed towards social welfare in purview of CSR activities. A month past the event LIBA stood for what it values along with Ethics and Excellence, the uplifting of the underprivileged.

Starting with few members on the first day, the LIBA crowd increased enormously during the course of the week. Adding to the crowd were the students of Part-Time and Executive Diploma programme. Spreading happiness begot more blessings as each day the student volunteers who visited various places felt it.

The Joy of Giving began with contribution of money from the students. Few days before the commencement, a box was placed in the portico of LIBA to enable students to contribute clothes. The following were the activities of the week that took place in the city.

19\textsuperscript{th} October 2015, Monday – Visiting Little Sisters of the Poor, Harrington Road – A home for the aged
LIBA had the privilege to visit one among the 202 homes in 31 countries and a few among the 2,710 Little Sisters of the Poor. With attention to the elderly whom they desire to serve and love, they take into account their needs, desires and laws that have created differences between countries and continents.

20th October 2015, Tuesday – Visiting Mithra Home, Anna Nagar – Home for the mentally and physically challenged

At MITHRA, friendship means extending a warm welcome to the physically and mentally challenged children. Having a variety of rehabilitative services, their dedicated staff are willing to give a helping hand to every child.

21st October 2015, Wednesday – Visiting CMS Home, Harrington Road, Chennai – Children’s Home

Over 49 years of caring for orphan and destitute children, Christian Mission Service is a charitable organization with 74 institutions for the care of children, young people and senior citizens, mostly located in rural areas.

22nd October 2015, Thursday – Visiting Avvai Home, Besant Avenue Road, Adayar

The school was established in 1963 and provides free education (except for a nominal fee) to over 1,500 girls who belong to the economically weaker section of society.

23rd October 2015, Friday – Visiting Kaakum Karangal, Thiruvanmiyur – Home for Aged

“Kaakkum Karangal” provides residential care to people who have been deserted and works on their rehabilitation as we strongly believe that love and care plays a very important role in nurturing them back to a normal life. Medical assistance is provided to ensure faster recuperation.

24th October 2015, Saturday – Celebrations at LIBA

As a closing ceremony, children from the CMS Boys home and elderly from the Little Sisters of the Poor were invited for the celebrations conducted at the Open Air Theatre, LIBA. The Chief Guest for the event was Mr. Arun Krishnamurthy, Founder, Environmentalist Foundation of India. There were cultural programmes organized by the students of LIBA. The event concluded with fun-filled interactions and photo sessions.
Here’s what LIBAites have shared of their experience:

“By spending time with the unfortunate, the God almighty has given me the fortune to look at and experience a few minutes of utter bliss from the angels of the mighty creator” – Monika Vikashini, Full time PGDM 2015-17 batch.

“I have always been to different outreach programs but Mithra has always been close to my heart. It was a heartwarming experience and an insight to know how blessed we are. We take things for granted most often. Though they struggle each day, little is enough for them to be happy. When I visited the home, there was a girl who was very cheerful initially then later I realized there was always a thought of abandonment by her family. She expressed her disappointment over and over again about her mother not wanting her anymore. However, she said that she loves her father, mother and brother. We often forget that we are blessed with all those whom we take them for granted. This experience gave me a deeper love and understanding for the children, particularly those who are abandoned, neglected, and orphaned.” – Antonette Deepika, Full time PGDM 2015-17 batch.