

# KURIAKOSE ELIAS COLLEGE

## BEST PRACTICE-1

### *CHIR@H*

*Chir@h* is a Voluntary Unit, constituted by K E College for charitable activities.

#### **Objectives of the Practice**

As a part of fulfilling the vision and mission of the institution, *Chir@h* was established with the objective of extending support to students, needy people and families in the college-vicinity. The college and its various Departments in this context function as source of information and assist the students and the communities in the college-neighbourhood with inputs and provide essential services and support when needed such as providing food packets, books, personal counseling, etc.

#### **The Context**

As an association of profound social commitment, *Chir@h* places its primary focus to identify the root-causes of backwardness and social exclusion in the rural vicinity of the college. The action plans of *Chir@h* are designed in solidarity with the poor and the underprivileged people.

#### **The Practice**

The activity of *Chir@h* includes offering assistance to the needy ones for their educational, medical, clothing, residential and employment requirements also. The major source of financial assistance comes from the teacher-student fraternity of the college.

#### **Family Adoption Scheme**

*Chir@h* adopted two families from the nearby village this year. Volunteers of *Chir@h* visit these families and spend the whole day there. This year the visit to the adopted family was made on 6 February, 2020. The sick members of the family were given nursing care during the visit by the members. In addition to the support extended to the people who are living in our crisis and transitional accommodation facilities, *Chir@h* assist many individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness.

## Visit to the adopted families



## Healthcare Services

Our health and wellbeing services deliver high-quality care to the most vulnerable people in our local community. Food collection for the Cancer patients undergoing treatment in the Medical College Hospital Kottayam is conducted on every Wednesdays under the leadership of *Chir@h*. The food collected from the college community is distributed to the poor cancer patients also in association with the *Navajeevan Trust, Kottayam*.

## Free lunch

*Chir@h* offers free lunch to the deserving students of the College. *Chir@h* conceitedly acknowledges that there is no student in K.E College left hungry. It is arranged as a practice in the campus as any students who can't afford can simply walk in to the canteen and have food on their choice, and it will be paid by *Chir@h* at the end of the academic year.

## Financial Assistance Scheme

*Chir@h* has been providing financial assistance to the adopted family members as well as the poor students of the College. During 2019-20, Rs. 19644 was given for the purchase of study materials for 48 students.

## Evidence of Success

The number of poor people benefitted from the charity activities of *Chir@h*, and the number of students benefitting from the free distribution of books, study materials and free lunch testifies the success of the programme

## Problems Encountered

- Difficulty in involving large section of students
- Lack of financial support for student support activities
- Difficulty in identifying rare blood group donors



**KURIAKOSE  
ELIAS  
COLLEGE**

Mannanam P.O, Kottayam, Pin:686561

[kecollegemnm@gmail.com](mailto:kecollegemnm@gmail.com) [www.kecollege.ac.in](http://www.kecollege.ac.in)

