

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 a family which is economically weaker in all aspects from the nearby village this year. A small amount of money is given to the family every month for their essential purchases. Volunteers of *Chir@h* visited the family spending some quality time with them which gave ample insights to the students regarding the marginalized section of the society. This year the visit to the adopted family was made on 04 March, 2021.

Visit to the adopted family



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. Due to the Covid lock down scenario, students were not present in the college this year and hence the annually collected amount of money was given to a non-teaching staff (part time) of the College who was in much need of financial assistance. On March 09, 2021, teachers along with the volunteers of Chir@h visited the house and handed over the money to them. During 2020-21, an amount Rs. 8500 was utilized for the charity activities under the aegis of Chir@h.

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