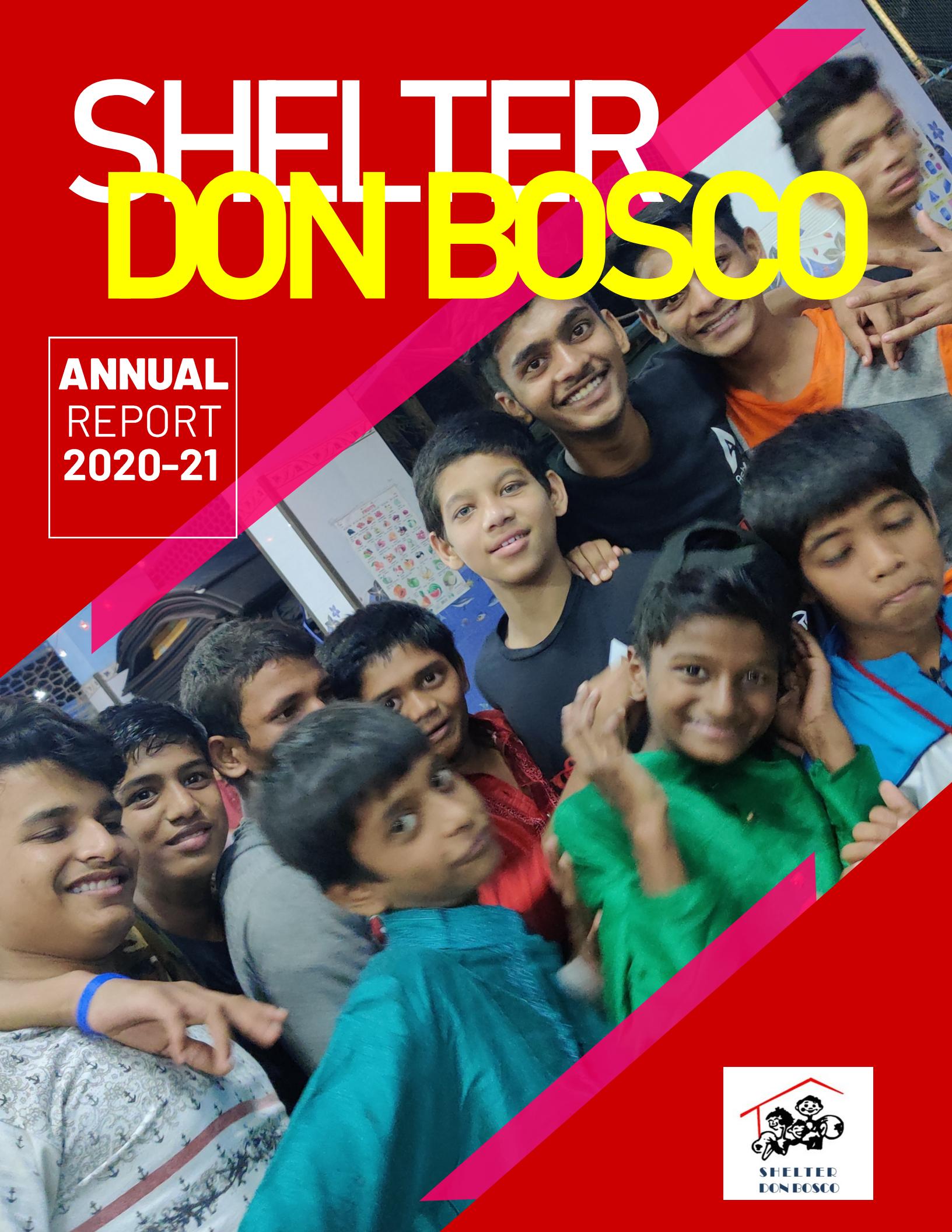


SHELTER **DON BOSCO**



**ANNUAL
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Shelter Don Bosco is a Non Governmental Organisation working with the Roofless and Rootless STREET CHILDREN of the city of Mumbai since 1987. Initiated by the Salesian Society in the Province of Mumbai, Shelter Don Bosco is a part of the Don Bosco family of Institutions that work with and for youth, especially the emarginated ones. Over the past years Shelter Don Bosco has responded to the growing needs and demands of our young friends in various ways, each of which has led to several different projects over the years that sought to empower the marginalized child. Shelter Don Bosco, Wadala currently operates as a Child Care Institute (CCI) registered under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015. We welcome you to be a part of this ongoing journey of LOVE.

From the Director's Desk



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Shelter Don Bosco, Wadala!

The whole world is in the midst of a pandemic. It's been more than a year that all of us are struggling to get back to normal and it has affected our well-being in some form or another. We don't seem to have a solution in sight and the virus keeps on spreading at an alarming rate. Many people are ill while a few have succumbed to the virus.

In spite of the deadly situation around we all keep moving ahead and that is a sign of HOPE. Pope Francis puts it beautifully when he says, "We must not let hope abandon us. Optimism disappoints us, but hope does not. Hope opens new horizons, making us capable of dreaming what is not even imaginable. Let us allow hope to conquer our fears.' Let us support one another to make the future a dream come true.

Children are our hope. We keep moving and working to create a better place for them to live in. As you read this Annual Report and glance at the different activities and information of the past year, I take this opportunity to thank you all for the love and support that you extend to our children and the entire Shelter community. Your contribution financially and in kind is much appreciated and we pray that the good Lord may continue to bless you and your loved ones always.

Let me conclude with this short prayer, "Lord, I don't want much for me. I just want the whole world back to normal - to be healthy, happy and loved. Amen". May God bless us all.

With much love and affection,

Fr. Roy Noronha SDB
Director,
Shelter Don Bosco, Wadala.



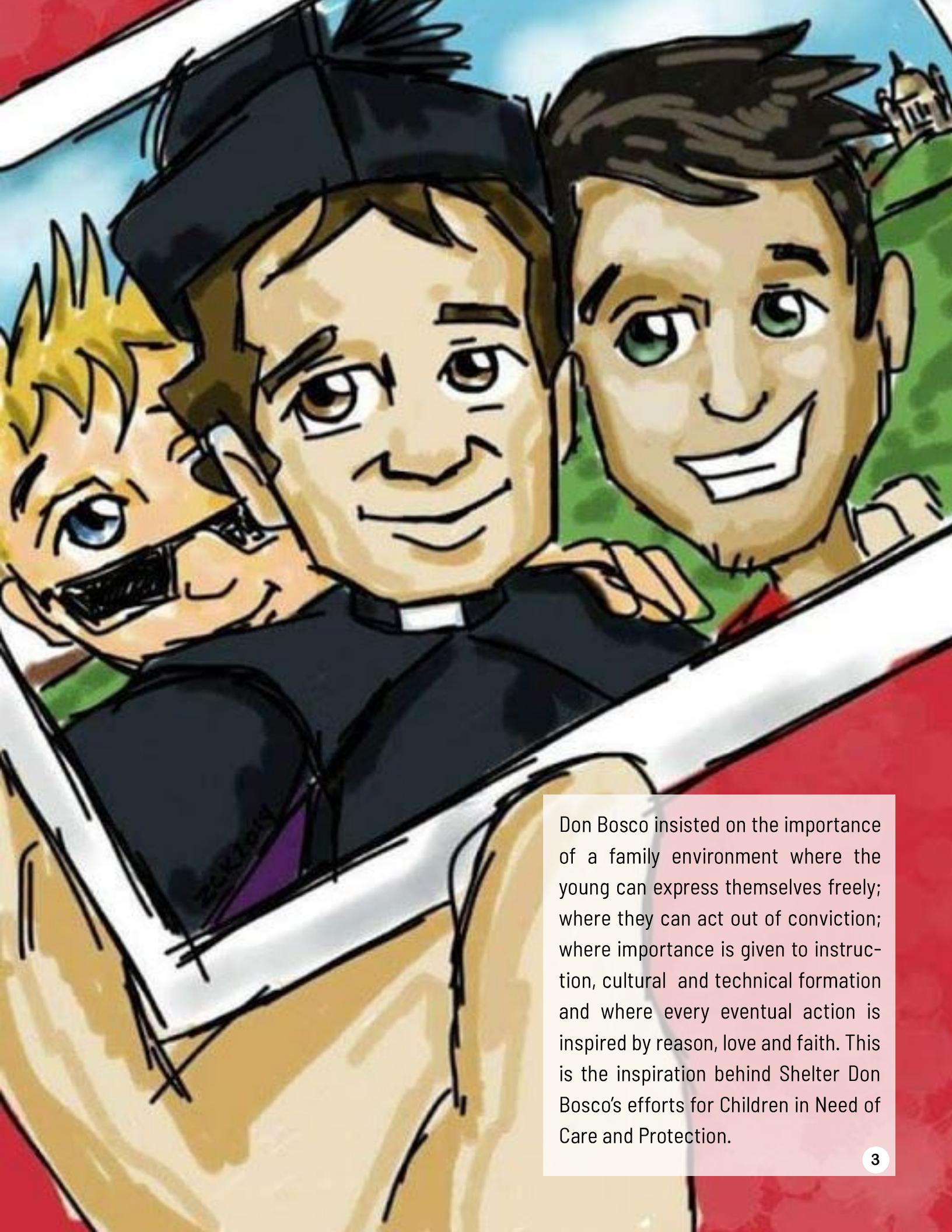
Our Vision...

We envisage a society where children from vulnerable situations can **grow** to be **self-confident and independent** persons living a stable and dignified life, as dignified and productive citizens.



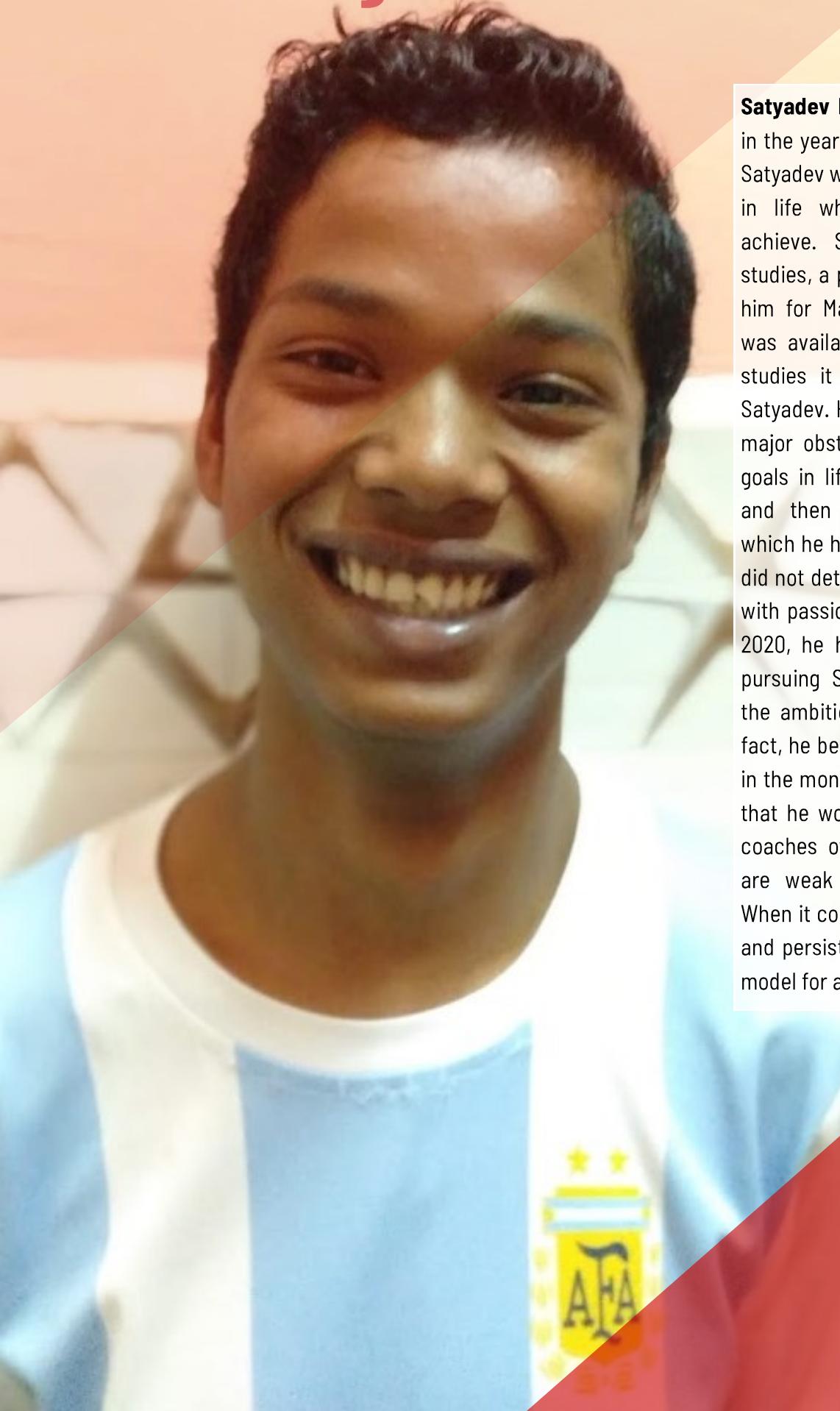
Our Mission...

To reach out to **children in need of care and protection**, offer them a **protective home environment**, a **holistic education** and **rehabilitate** them through a well-designed and consistently followed - up process accompanying them at every stage with our affectionate and educative presence.



Don Bosco insisted on the importance of a family environment where the young can express themselves freely; where they can act out of conviction; where importance is given to instruction, cultural and technical formation and where every eventual action is inspired by reason, love and faith. This is the inspiration behind Shelter Don Bosco's efforts for Children in Need of Care and Protection.

Our Young Achiever



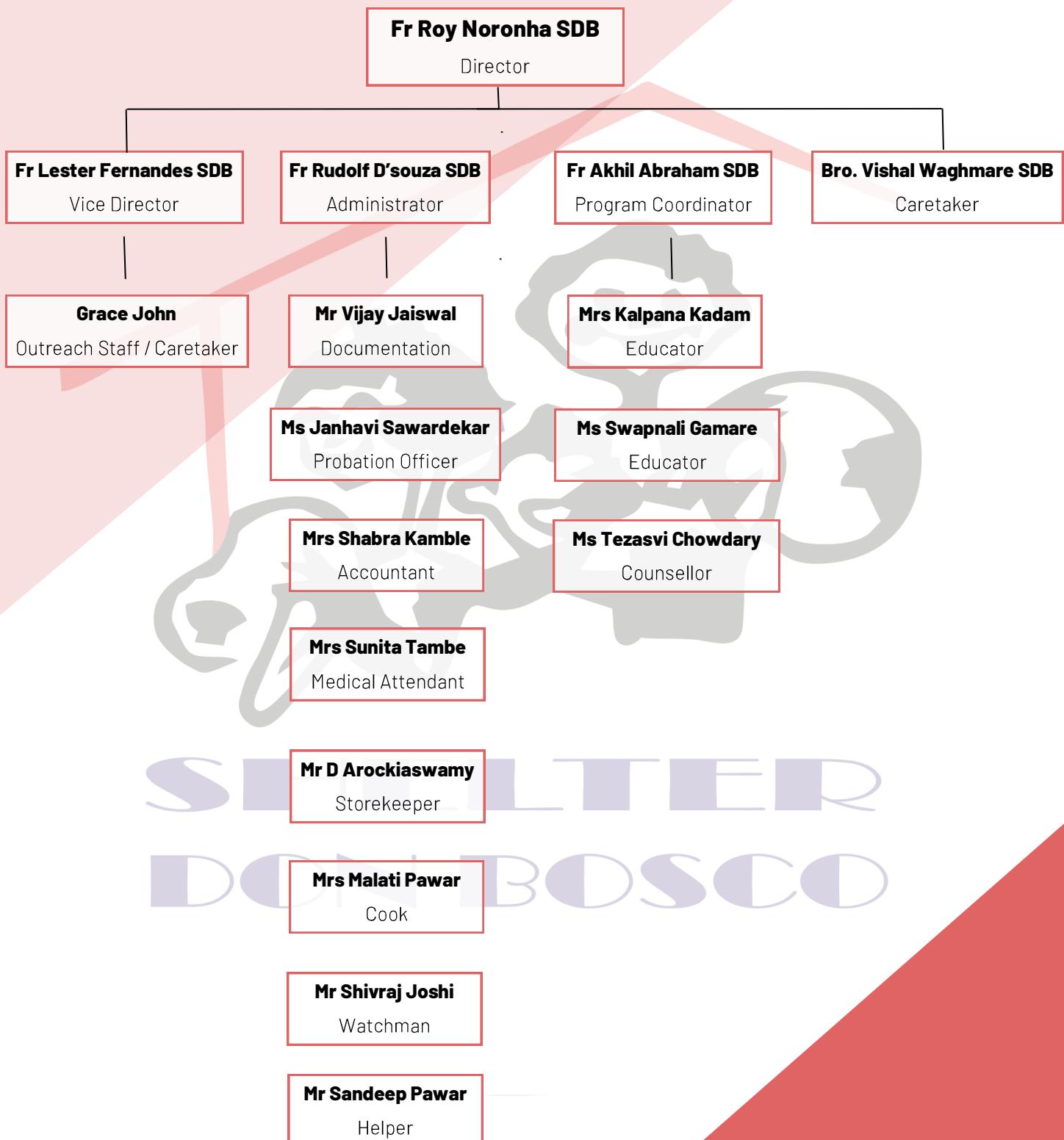
Satyadev DB entered Shleter Don Bosco in the year 2017. From the very beginning Satyadev was a focused kid and had goals in life which he was determined to achieve. Seeing his determination in studies, a personal tutor was assigned to him for Maths and Science. Though all was available to him at Shleter for his studies it was never an easy ride for Satyadev. His poor health proved to be a major obstacle for him in achieving his goals in life. But a bout of tuberculosis and then constrictive pericarditis (for which he had to undergo a heart surgery) did not deter him. He pursued his studies with passion. In the SSC exams of March 2020, he has secured 79% and is now pursuing Science at SIWS College with the ambition to get into engineering. In fact, he began his FYJC studies way back in the month of May 2020 itself confident that he would get into Science. He also coaches other students of Shelter who are weak in Mathematics or Science. When it comes to commitment to studies and persistence, Satyadev is truly a role-model for all.

Staff Accomplishment

Shelter Don Bosco, Wadala had a proud moment when its Documentation Officer Mr Vijaykumar Bharatlal Jaiswal's work was recognized and commended by the Child Welfare Committee, Mumbai City-II in a formal felicitation programme held at Manav Seva Sangh Hall, Sion on 05 April, 2021. Mr Jaiswal was responsible for several home tracing and repatriation of missing and runaway boys at Shelter Don Bosco between the years 2018-2021 many of whom were extremely difficult to trace due to minimal information available and the poor or sometimes negligible help received from the local administration at the boys' hometown or village. Yet, with relentless effort and tactfulness, Mr Jaiswal would retrieve necessary information, liaise with the relevant authorities and ensure the safe return of the concerned boy. Shelter Don Bosco salutes the dedication and congratulates **Mr Vijay Jaiswal.**



Organizational Structure



Shelter in the Time of Corona

With the lockdown imposed in the month of March 2020, the boys at Shelter Don Bosco had their own challenges to face. The sudden silence in the immediate neighbourhood was intimidating and at the same time amusing for the boys. A few of them, probably for the very first time, paid attention to the silence outside; in spite of the usual brouhaha that Shelter kids are known for. Yet, for many, the fact that they would be locked inside for an indefinite period of time didn't really seem to strike the mind until days became weeks and weeks became months. Boys who would usually go out the gate to retrieve a stray cricket ball or football without batting an eyelid were now told, better a lost ball than a carelessly contracted fatal virus infection.

Of course, each boy was given his own mask and sanitizer, yet coughing and sneezing manners or social distancing for them were stuff you see on television and no different from the tobacco or smoking ads shown before a movie. Gradually, they did come to realize the gravity of the situation and would voluntarily sanitize their hands at regular intervals. In the absence of the cook, some voluntarily took up cooking the different meals of the day in groups of 8 or 10. Since there were no school, no exams, and no educators or staff to as-

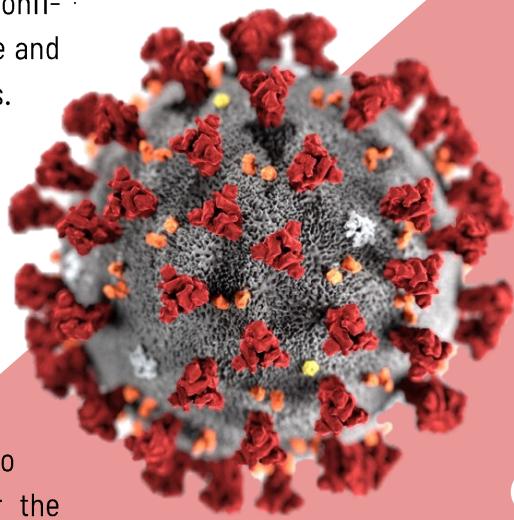
sist them, some of them took it upon themselves to learn a new skill on their own. During their recreation time, you would find groups of boys doing different things in every nook and cranny of the house. Some were learning to do the back-flip, some were learning to dribble a football, some learning a musical instrument and some were even busy creating their own past-time game!. All were busy and cheerful.

The summer camp, which is an annual feature at Shelter was completely in-house. The internet in these times proved to be a big boon considering the kind of knowledge and tutorials-for-everything-under-the-sun freely available on YouTube. Some even learned to code on the computer through online classes. Staying indoors for high-spirited young lads was a challenge but they learned to adapt to the situation and took it in their stride. Considering that not a single child till March 2021, contracted the virus we can confidently say that divine providence and protection were gracious on us. The period also saw many Good Samaritans who braved the lockdown to provide us with timely ration supply and other provisions ensuring the boys never lacked good nutritious food. The MCGB (Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay) also send in supplies of masks for the

boys. When the lockdown restrictions were eased, the staff began to come in; initially, few of them on an alternate day schedule. By late July 2020, almost all the boys had begun their online schooling. Here too, the school teachers and administration made an exception for Shelter children to attend without cameras (as none of our desktop PCs had one).

Although, there was a lot of negativity around with regards to rising cases and general sense of fear and suspicion, we did experience a lot of good in terms of generous donations and timely help provided by benefactors, volunteers and even strangers! May God bless all our efforts and continue to be with all who strive to make this world a better place.

- Fr Rudolf D'souza SDB
Administrator



New Tidings...



Fr Roy Noronha SDB (Director)

Fr Roy is a Salesian for over 22 years and is no stranger to Shelter Don Bosco. He has been Administrator at prestigious Don Bosco Institutes like Don Bosco Matunga, St Joseph's Institute, Kurla and also Shelter Don Bosco, Wadala. Simple in lifestyle, meticulous in administration and a pro in football, he now helms Shelter as the new Director.

Fr Lester Fernandes SDB (Asst Director)

Fr Lester, again, is a name, synonymous with Shelter. Known for his big heart and love for boys, Fr Lester is always available to those who need a listening ear. Young at heart and beloved of the boys, he also looks after the boys in the immediate After-Care and past pupils of Shelter Don Bosco.



Fr Akhil Abraham SDB (Coordinator/ Prefect of Studies/ Catechist)

This year we are blessed with the newly ordained Salesian priest, Fr Akhil Abraham, as the new Program Coordinator and Prefect of Studies. Fr Akhil is an avid musician and plays the guitar and the drums with equal expertise. Multi-talented and an excellent organizer, we have already seen some welcoming changes in the academic programs at Shelter, thanks to the vision and execution of Fr Akhil.

Bro Vishal Waghmare SDB (Brother Assistant/ Caretaker)

Don Bosco dreamed of men in short sleeves who would be masters in his professional schools but at the same time religious like the priests. We are indeed happy to have a Coadjutor, Bro. Vishal Waghmare SDB as the Brother Assistant to the boys this year. He is a master handyman with simplicity as his hallmark. He is in the third year of his Practical Training/Regency in Salesian Formation and soon due for his final vows as a Salesian of Don Bosco.



Adios Amigos ...



Fr Gregory D'Almeida SDB

Fr Gregory is currently appointed as Administrator and Asst. Parish priest at Resurrection Church, Virar. He continues as Director of Don Bosco Balprafulta, Matunga.

Fr Roshan Gonsalves SDB

Fr Roshan is currently Director of Shelter Don Bosco, Nashik and also Administrator at Don Bosco School, Nashik.

Br Nitesh Damor SDB

Br Nitesh continues his Second year of Practical Training at Bosco Boys Home, Borivali.

Br Christopher Nadar SDB

Br Christopher continues his Second Year of Masters in Mass Media and Journalism while residing at Don Bosco, Nerul.

Br Selvin Murzello SDB

Br Selvin continues his second year BEd studies while residing at Don Bosco, Naigaon.

FATHERS & BROTHERS



The Year in a Gance

The year 2020 has been a very tragic year with the Covid 19 Pandemic spread all across the globe. The world came to a standstill with everything shut, closed or under lockdown. The Covid 19 pandemic has affected many people of all ages from the young to the oldest and it has made an impact in everyone's lives. Schools and Colleges were shut and classes were taken using the online platform, people began working from home and lot more just happened in a short period of time. Here in Shelter Don Bosco a lot of activities were conducted for the boys which in a way kept the boys busy and in spite of the lockdown a lot of learning did take place during the year 2020-2021.

Volunteers & NGO Collaboration

The year 2020 -21 did not see that many volunteers coming to Shelter Don Bosco because of the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. Also keeping in mind, the safety of the boys at Shelter Don Bosco, two volunteer groups, U & I and Muskurahat Foundation, conducted their sessions and programs using the online platform. Muskurahat Foundation conducted sessions on personality development and skill training using the online platform and the U & I Foundation came up with regular worksheets on English.

Programs conducted in the year 2020-21

The year 2020-21 began with the Inauguration and the Investiture Ceremony on 16th June 2020. Fr Roy Noronha presided as the Chief Guest for the event. 'Start Small, Finish Big' was the theme chosen for this year's Inauguration. Fr. Rector enlightened the boys on the theme and wished everyone a fruitful year. On this day Fr. Rector also inaugurated the House system and congratulated the newly appointed leaders and their teams.

In the month of July a few tournaments and competitions were

organised as part of the Marian Month activities. Chess, face painting, football and carrom tournaments were organised for the boys at Shelter Don Bosco. Each of the tournaments the winners were given awards for their achievements. A talent show titled, *Shelter's Got Talent* was organised in this month which enabled the boys to display their potential and their skills be it in football, singing, playing a musical instrument and dance. Majority of the boys participated in this event which helped them to discover more of themselves.



On the 15th of August Independence Day was celebrated in Shelter Don Bosco. The Chief guest for the event was Mrs Kalyani Nair, an ex-teacher and volunteer at *Our Children Foundation*. She addressed the children about the importance of education and how it plays an important part in the growth of an independent country. On this day the bigger boys performed a dance and a group of singers performed a patriotic song as part of the Independence Day celebration. In the evening an event called Marian Nite was organised for the boys to bring the

Marian month to a close. The evening involved a lot of games for fun, entertainment and learning.

Teachers' day was celebrated on 5th September 2020. On this day the leaders and their teams prepared greeting cards for the staff and organised a short program for them. On the 2nd of October the feast of the Guardian angels was celebrated. On this day the Brother Assistant of Shelter Don Bosco is felicitated. The boys put a program for the Brother Assistant as a thank you from their side for all that he does for them in Shelter Don

Bosco.

On 15th October 2020, the staff along with the boys celebrated the 50th Birthday of Fr Roy Noronha the Director of Shelter Don Bosco. The birthday was celebrated in a grand way and the boys put up a program with a display of talents by way of music and dance.

On 26th January 2021, Shelter Don Bosco celebrated Republic Day in a very grand manner. Mrs Christine Swaminathan, a member of the Child Welfare Committee (Mumbai City 2) presided as the chief guest for the occasion. The program had the Flag hoist-



-ing and the boys displayed their talents through music and dance. In her address to the boys Mrs Christine emphasized on the importance of education and having a plan for the future. The month of January is also a month where we remember St. John Bosco, the one who began work for the poor youth. In his remembrance a Bosco Quiz and a fun and entertaining Bosco Nite was organised for the boys. Another Quiz was organised in the month of February on the occasion of Shivaji Jayanti on 19th of February 2021. The quiz was organised by the Shelter Staff. 8th March was celebrated as International Women's day. In Shelter Don Bosco our working Staff consists a majority of females and on this day all of them were felicitated for all the work and efforts they do at Shelter Don Bosco. On the 16th of April the Summer Camp was inaugurated in Shelter Don Bosco. The Camp activities included Spoken English Classes, Computer Basics, a course in Adobe Photoshop along with a number of competitions and tournaments.

Festivals and Feasts

Shelter Don Bosco also celebrates festivals from the various cultures of India. One of the festivals celebrated was Onam. On this day the boys were treated with the traditional Onam Sadh-

ya, an 18-course meal. The meal was sponsored by one of our benefactors and the boys had a wonderful time enjoying the delicious meal. Raksha Bandhan was another festival celebrated in Shelter Don Bosco. This year due to the pandemic the celebration was in-house and the female staff of Shelter Don Bosco organised this day for the boys. There was a short prayer service and after which the staff tied



Rakhi's for the boys. To continue the celebration an animated hou-sie game was organised on this day. Ganesh Chathurti was celebrated at Shelter Don Bosco on 22nd August 2020. On this day the boys got in their teams and made small Idols of Ganesh with clay. On the 26th of October as part of the Navratri celebration Garba Ras was organised for the boys by the staff. This year the

Festival of Diwali and Children's day was celebrated on 14th November 2020. This gave all the more reason to have a double celebration with lots of games, fun and entertainment. Christmas was also celebrated in a grand way with lots of party games and at the end the exchanging of gifts. Maundy Thursday was celebrated on 1st of April 2021. The boys took part in the liturgy and were explained the importance of this day. The following day Good Friday service was held for the boys.

Educational Sessions

Education plays a very important part in the growth of a child at Shelter Don Bosco. This year due to the Covid 19 pandemic the schools in which our boys would study reopened in the month of July. The classes were held using the online platform as there were no physical classes happening in the school. To make the flow of classes even, batches were made as per their classes and each of the batches were given either a laptop or a computer to attend their classes. The exams were also held on the online platform. Since the school was shut and in order to educate the boys, various sessions were organised by the staff of Shelter Don Bosco. These sessions include skill training, session on Value Education, session on those -

looking out to make a good career in life, session on business and finance, etc. These sessions are held every month covering various topics which helps the child to grow and help plan his future. Apart from these, topics such as Education to Love, Cybercrime, Bullying etc are also dealt with. Marathi Divas is another day celebrated every month on the 24th. On this day various activities are conducted on knowing and understanding cultures and different aspects of Maharashtra. To bring awareness about saving ecology an eco-group exists that conduct sessions and take up projects every month to make the boys aware of saving the Ecology. Along with these on special occasions the Children's Film Society of India (CFSI) organised value movies for the boys. Cooking has also been part of the major activities conducted here in Shelter Don Bosco. Every month the culinary

group prepares a special dish which is later served to all the boys and staff. On special occasions such as Diwali and Christmas this very group along with a few other boys prepare sweet-meats and other delicacies. Scouting has also been a very important movement that takes place every Sunday.

New Interventions

Music has been a very important aspect here in Shelter Don Bosco. The boys here have picked up interest in learning the guitar, the keyboard and the drums. Some have learnt and few others are still learning. To make the music alive in Shelter Don Bosco, a rock band named Street Rock was established. The band performs for the programs that are held in Shelter Don Bosco. The band consists of vocalists, guitars, keyboards, drums, djembe and various other instruments.

Another new intervention was the establishment of the Child Parliament and election of Ministers. The child parliament is a meeting of the boys where-in they discuss about upcoming programs, any issues regarding education and daily running of the house. This meeting is held on every first Saturday of the month. On 19th November 2020, the first general election of Ministers was held at Shelter. The

election was held by way of the ballot. The election was held to appoint the President of the Child Parliament, the Secretary, the Education Minister, Sports



Minister, Health Minister, Cultural Minister, Discipline Minister and the Anti-Bullying Minister.

Educating the boys in the use of Computers is also another intervention taken up this year. Since the last year a lot has been happening on the online platform and therefore at regular intervals sessions were conducted to educate the boys on the use of Internet and other aspects. In the Summer Camp this year the younger boys are given lessons on Computer Basics, typing and how to use the computer well. The senior boys are given lessons in Adobe Photoshop.

- Fr Akhil Abraham SDB
Program Coordinator



Our Projects

Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP)

The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 (JJ Model Rules, 2016) was notified on 21st September,



2016, repealing the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2007. The JJ Model Rules, 2016, are based on the philosophy that children need to be reformed and reintegrated into society. The best interest of the child along with child-friendly procedures is incorporated in the schedule of Shelter Don Bosco which functions as a Child Care Institute.

After-Care Project (Bosco Care Centre -BCC)

An After-Care programme is necessary for children in need of

care and protection that requires further assistance for completion of their process of rehabilitation or the attainment of self-sufficiency on their departure from the care and protection of a Children's home. In After-Care, it is important to ensure that the youth is freed of any stigma attached to their association with the Juvenile Justice system. This is the idea of Bosco Care Centre (BCC) or the After-Care program of Shelter Don Bosco near Antop Hill in Wadala East. The BCC is open for Ex- shelter



boys who have completed 18 years of age and are interested in completing their college studies or Vocational Training. Ex-shelter boys who have closed their CWC case are entitled for admission into after-care after approval of the Management. While at BCC, the boys study and

also work part-time. They are encouraged to pay the rent in part so as to develop a sense of responsibility and maturity. They cook their own food, manage their finances and learn necessary life skills.

DAY-NULM Project (MCGM)

The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) aims at providing shelters equipped with essential services to the urban homeless in a phased manner. The objective of the mission is to implement a time-bound program in order to alleviate urban poverty. This requires that the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai tie up with Shelter homes already functioning under similar objectives. Shelter Don

DAY-NULM

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission

Bosco has signed an agreement with MCGM for the implementation of this project. Shelter Don Bosco accepts children who fall under this category through the admission orders of CWC.

Outreach Activities

Shelter Don Bosco, Wadala, since its inception in 1987 has focused a great deal on outreach works. With the change in the verticals of the organization i.e. with focus on Children in Need of Care and Protection, the volume of outreach work may have lessened but has never diminished.



The very dedicated and much lauded outreach supervisor, Grace John continues to contact and reach out to young men who would frequent the 'Melas' which was a monthly attraction for destitute boys and men who would visit the Mela religiously to get their monthly bath, change of clothes, clipping of nails and trimming of hair. With the onslaught of the Pandemic and lockdown , their situation worsened. They began to live in clusters away from public-view under bridges, in concrete pipes and shanties. Grace would go out every single day risking



being severely reprimanded by the patrolling police authorities.

Wherever possible, ration kits were provided. Those needing medical attention were either given first-aid or medicines whereas those in need of hospitalization were helped to get



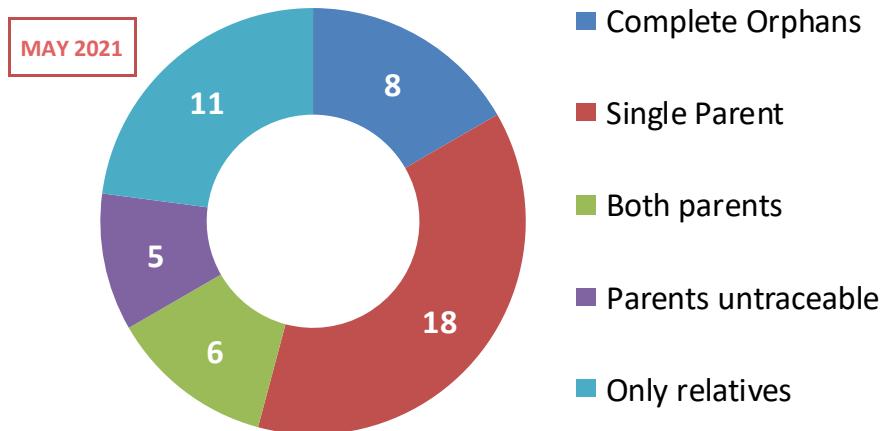
themselves admitted in government hospitals. Many of our past-pupils gave us a helping hand in food distribution and also in ferrying homebound migrants to the railway stations. We collaborated with Ratnanidhi Foundation

The outreach efforts of Shelter Don Bosco also reaches out to families who live on the pavements or shanties with children. Where the children were found uncared for or living in dangerous situations, they were helped to get them in Institutions where the children would get the right attention, nutrition and education.

Our Outreach Supervisor also scouts for youngsters on the streets who are into substance abuse and through barefoot counselling convinces them to quit the habit and live a healthy life. These are referred to either Maria Ashiana Rehab Centre in Lonavla, JeevanDhara in Khandala or Support Centres in Mumbai.

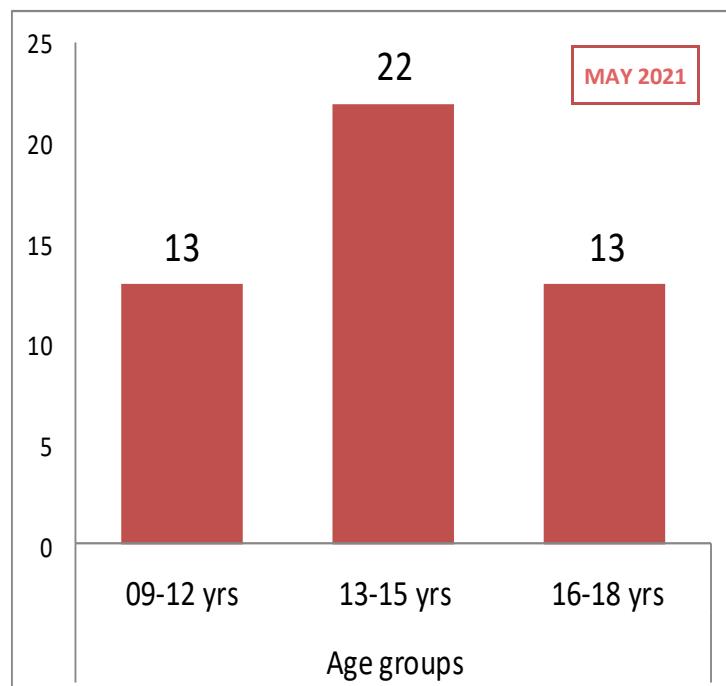
Some Stats To Reckon With

Distribution of Boys as per Family Information

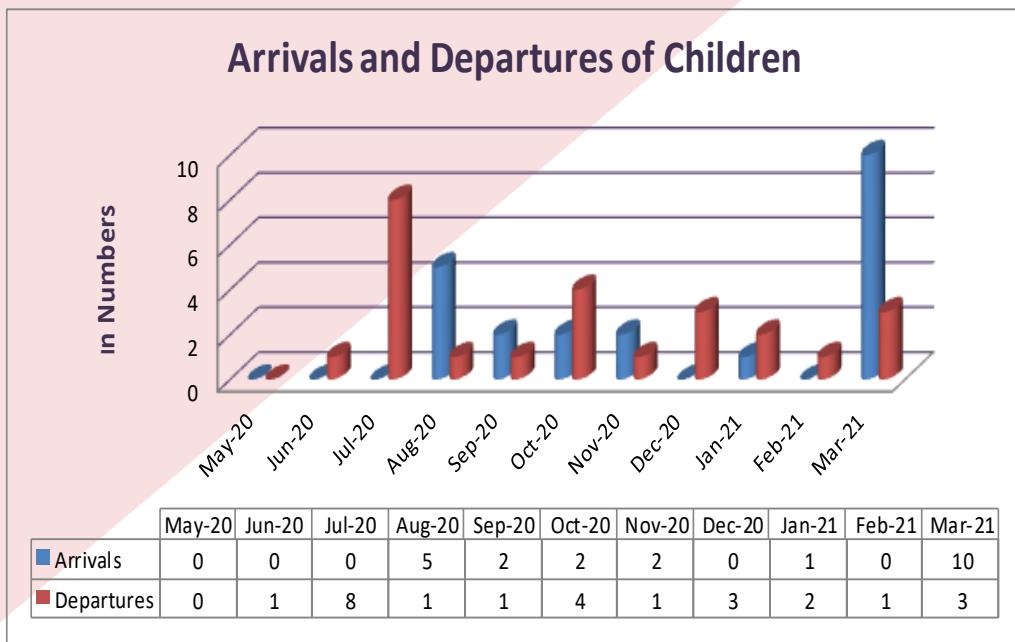


Since Shelter is a Child Care Institute, all the boys at the Home are sent by the CWC (Child Welfare Committee) through a legal order. The onus of tracing, identifying, visiting, reconciling families and next-of-kin is left to the CCI. The above is the status of the 48 boys with us in the month of May 2021.

As seen in the adjacent graph, Shelter Don Bosco houses only adolescents. The transition from childhood to adulthood involves dramatic physical, psychological, sexual, and social developmental changes, all taking place at the same time. In addition, this transition poses risks to their health and wellbeing. Contrary to popular perception that this is a very healthy age group considering their dramatic growth, the adolescent boys are vulnerable to several public health issues and need the right nutrition, hygiene and medical attention to develop to their full potential.



Some Stats To Reckon With



As a CCI, the numbers at Shelter Don Bosco is very volatile considering that children come in and also leave as per the orders of Child Welfare Committee. The capacity of Shelter is 50, Where possible, we let the child continue in the same educational institute where was studying earlier. This is especially for those who join us in the middle of the academic year and in the higher grades which need more focused attention and also preparation for life after institutionalization.

07

Number of Cases whose files have been submitted to the Department of Women and Child Development to procure an orphan certificate.

02

Number of children who have received an Orphan Certificate and thus reap the benefits of the 1% reservation for Orphans in Governmentt jobs and also education.

01

We were able to obtain a disability certificate for one child. This is significant specially because the said child is an abandoned child with no identity whatsoever.

Some Stats To Reckon With

Number of children whose homes were traced in the last academic year –

04

Every eight minutes, a child goes missing in India according to the annual National Crime Record Bureau's (NCRB) "Crime in India" 2019 report. The reasons could be manifold. The lucky ones are those that are found either by the police, a ChildLine Social Worker or a good Samaritan. Locating the homes of a runaway kid is a hard task and requires many a skill in rapport-building with the child who in most cases does not reveal his true identity, lesser still the place where he comes from. But repatriation is a priority considering the best institution for a child is his/her own family.



Number of children handed over to parents –

17

This year we've seen a large number of restorations done. The country's apex child rights body National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) had directed eight States including Maharashtra to ensure the children in CCIs return to their families, noting that it is the right of every child to grow up in a familial environment. The NCPCR said the decision (taken on Oct 09, 2021) was also keeping in view the alarming concerns over the safety and security of children residing in these institutions during the pandemic. Following these directives, the CWC was quick in restoring a good number of children in different CCIs back to their families. Albeit, many civil society groups and child rights activists debated that this decision of the NCPCR belied the experiences of children who have faced exploitation, abuse or even severe malnutrition within their familial environment.



Number of children transferred to other Institutes –

04

These usually comprise boys nearing the age of 18, who have either expressed their desire to discontinue at Shelter or have been deemed suited for another institute considering their demeanour or inclinations. Some have been transferred to institutions for further education or training like vocational or technical training.



Some Stats To Reckon With

Number of children transferred to After-Care (Bosco Care Centre) –

04

The boys who complete 18 years of age but wish to pursue further education or learn a trade are encouraged to do so from our after-care home called Bosco Care Centre where they learn to live in a community with other boys. They study, learn life-skills, manage their finances and work part-time to earn some pocket money.



Number of runaway cases in the past year –

02

Despite the many opportunities of rehabilitation, recreation and skilling provided at Shelter there are always cases of children who runaway from the institution. This could be due to psychological reasons or the child having a routine behavioral pattern to run at the first opportunity or even simply to meet a parent. In any case, both of the children who did run from the institution were later found. One is back with his family and the other has been transferred to another institution.



Total number of children referred (or followed-up) by Prerana NGO –

02

Prerana works to end intergenerational prostitution and also to protect women and children from the perils of human trafficking. They are also active in supporting their education and health and in leading major advocacy efforts. The children who find a safe home and a conducive environment at Shelter are regularly followed-up by a staff of Prerana. Prerana, too, is very appreciative of the work done by us.



Some Stats To Reckon With

Number of children referred by the Railway police –

04

These usually comprise of runaways, abandoned, or missing children found, rescued or transferred by the Railway police. The lucky ones give the right information which enable us to track their homes speedily. Those who conceal their identity or that of their family or hometown continue to languish at children homes or observation homes.



Number of children with incarcerated parents –

02

The emotional consequences on children are contingent on whether the child is able to understand the implications of parental incarceration, the duration of imprisonment (with a shorter duration resulting in lesser consequences), pre-incarceration relationship with their relatives or next-of-kin, and single or repeated incarceration or one or both parents. Although this is the number of those whose parents are currently incarcerated, there are many more at Shelter whose parents have a pending criminal case against them. In some instances, the parent or parents have been sued by close relative/s thus straining the familial relationships even further.



Number of Home Visits and NGO visits of the Children -

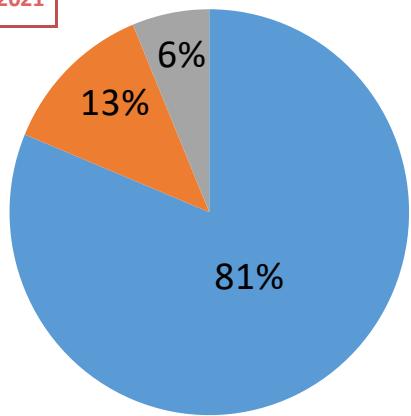
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Home visits and visits to the previous residential institution of the child is done in order to prepare the Social Investigation Report(SIR). The SIR provides information and contains observations related to the risks that are probably faced by the child in the home or the social environment of the family. The SIR proves crucial when the CWC has to take a decision on continued care and protection for a child or repatriation.



Enrolment in Educational Institutions

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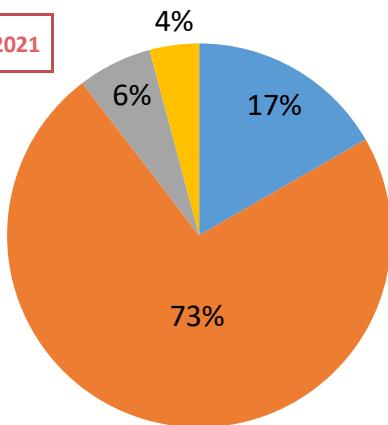
- In Schools
- In Colleges
- Home Schooling

Academic education is one of the primary objectives of Shelter Don Bosco. Whenever a child arrives, an educational assessment is conducted for the child. The Counselor too counsels the newly admitted to gauge his academic capacity and interests. Accordingly the Coordinator with the help of the educators look for an appropriate institute or mode of education for the child where he could explore new possibilities for personal and intellectual growth.

A child's learning begins at home in the mother tongue and the use of the same mother tongue as a medium of instruction boosts the child's self-confidence besides giving him a feeling of being belonged. This is probably also the reason behind the New Education Policy's insistence on having the mother-tongue as the primary medium of instruction up to the 5th grade. A strong foundation in their mother tongue actually helps them significantly to learn additional languages later on in life.

Medium of Instruction in Schools

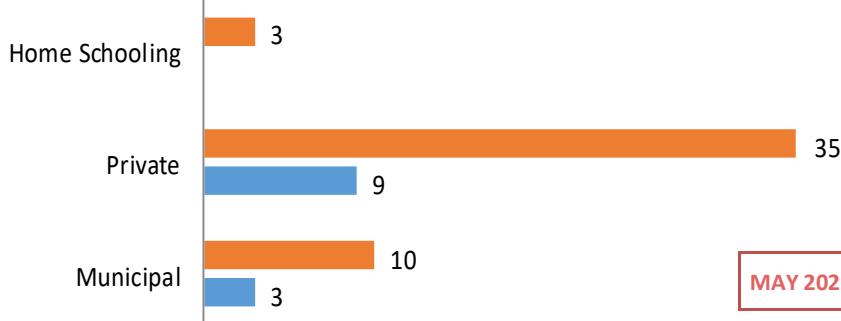
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- English Medium
- Marathi Medium
- Hindi Medium
- Semi - English Medium

Type of Educational Institutes

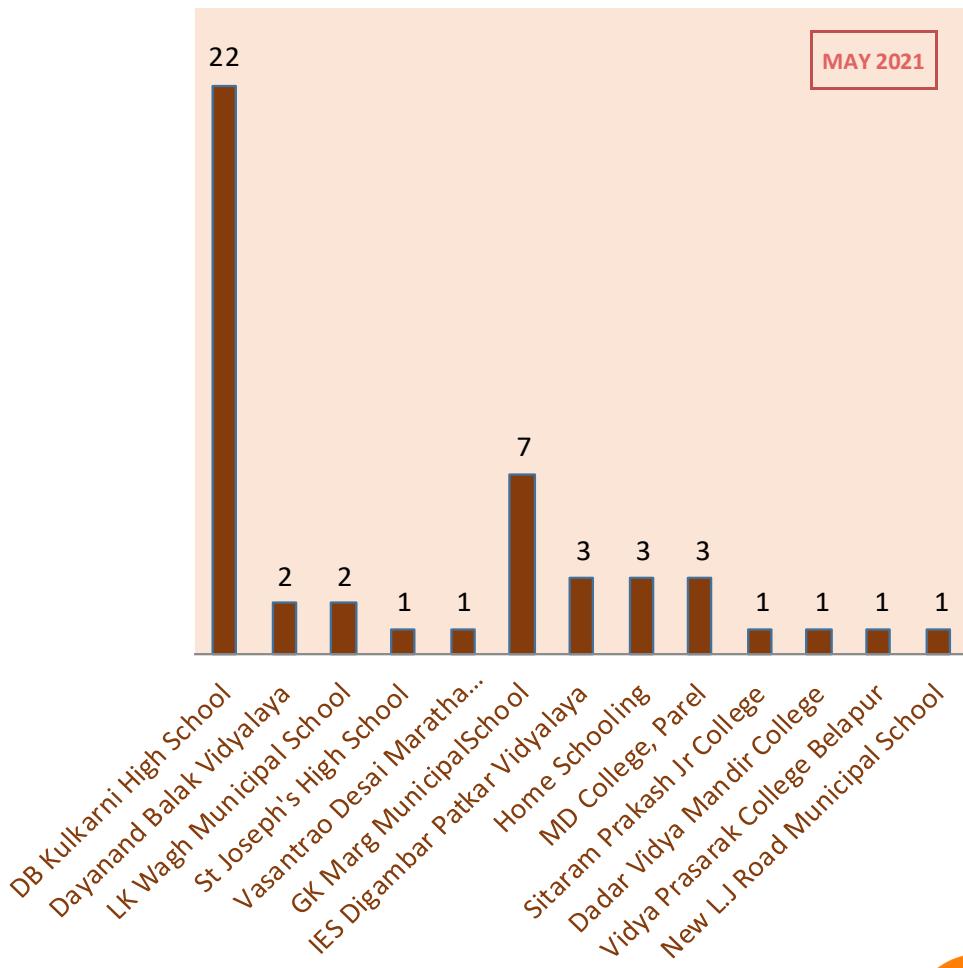
- No Of Boys
- Number of Institutes



There is no dearth of schools in the Wadala-Matunga area. But selecting a good school for a child can be a nightmarish experience. With good education as a top-priority, a lot of pain and careful deliberation is involved when enrolling a child in a school. All aspects like distance, educational expenses, peer company, etc are taken into consideration. Most of our institutes have been gracious in providing concessions in school fees and also in accommodating the lack of documents in the admission process of the child.

The Institutes in which the boys are enrolled

■ No Of Boys

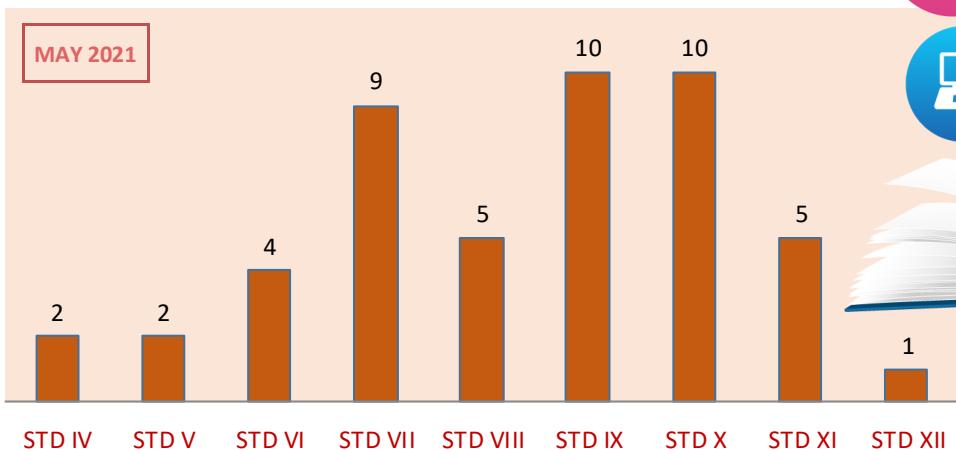


The process of consolidation of schools continues this year with 8 schools and 4 colleges. 2 boys are kept under home-schooling considering one of them is a special child and the other arrived in the second half of the academic year, making it difficult to admit him mid-way in any school.

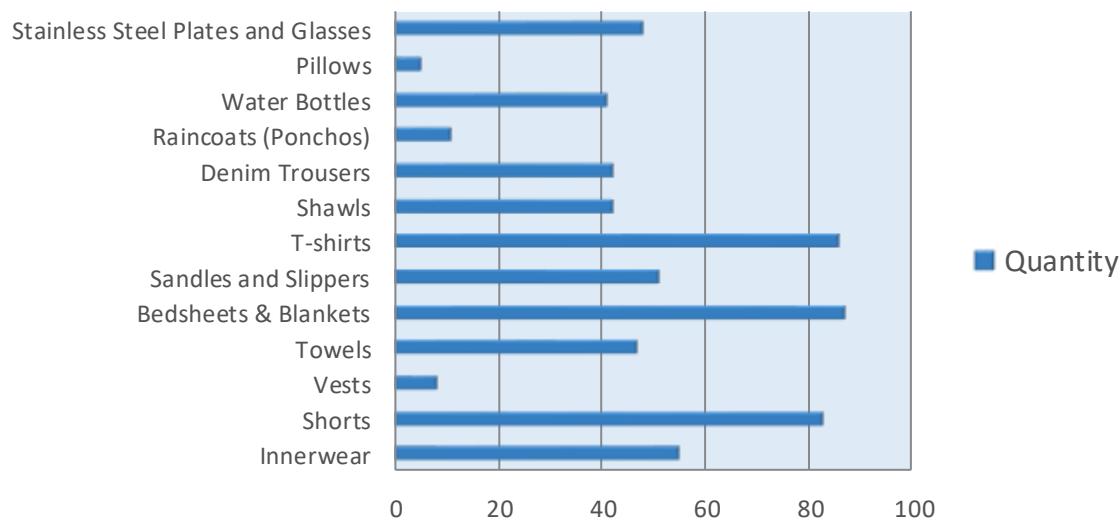
As can be seen in the adjacent graph of grade-wise distribution, a good number in the next academic year will be appearing for their Std. X exam and also a good number will be entering college. These groups of children have special needs when it comes to school stationery, textbooks, project books, guide books, tuitions, laptops or computers for classes, etc. At Shelter, we do our best not to compromise on what is essential for the education of the boys. Our donors and benefactors are a God-sent who make available all these requirements when we need it the most.

Grade-wise Distribution of Boys

■ Number Of Boys

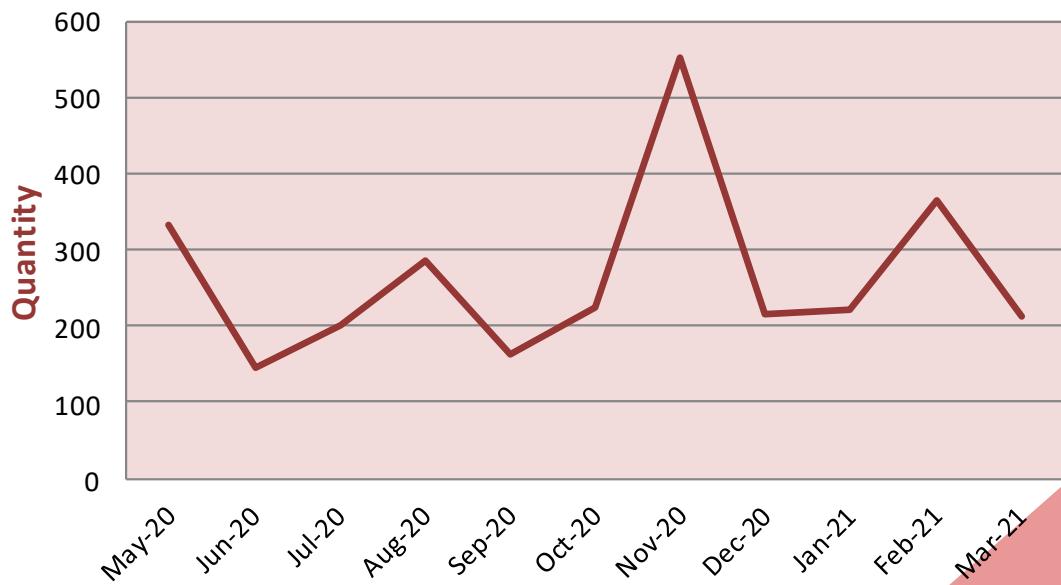


Personal Items Distributed



The requirements of each child is seen to and the optimum standards are maintained for clothing, bedding, toiletries and other personal articles which comply with what is laid down in Rule 30 of JJ Model Rules, 2016. The sheets distributed were as per the scale and climatic conditions and in accordance with what was recommended by the visiting dermatologist in the last inspection by the DWCD.

Distribution of Toiletries



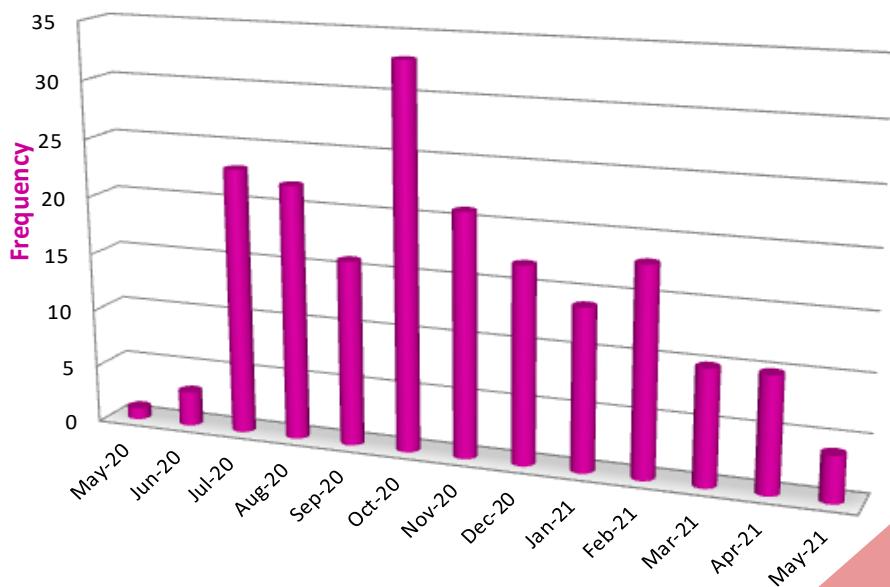
Toiletries comprise of articles used for washing and bathing like soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, tongue cleaners, detergent soaps, hair oil, antiseptic cream, petroleum jelly, cold cream, etc. The spikes at certain months simply indicate the increase in the donation of these items in and around the season of Ganesh Chaturthi, Diwali, and financial year ending. Since these items are non perishables, the boys are permitted to stock them and advised to use them discreetly.

Distribution of Stationery Items



Stationery items consist of all material required for school and college like books, pens, pencils, geometry boxes, graph books, drawing books, drawing sheets, project books, notebooks, wax-crayons, oil pastels, assorted colour boxes, craft papers, etc. Again the two main spikes are indicative of when these items were most required by the boys i.e. at the beginning of the academic year (many schools began their operations late this year because of the COVID 19 lockdown).

Frequency of Medical Visits



Medical visits include visits to the dispensary, hospital or clinic. The boys are taken to visit the doctor by the Medical Attendant whenever a child needs professional medical attention. Doctor's visit to the Shelter is also arranged on the first Wednesday of every month. Besides this, all new arrivals need to be taken to the General Hospital for a general medical checkup in the first fifteen days of the child's arrival. All subsequent visits to the hospital are done with the discretion of the medical attendant or/ and after consultation with the visiting physician.

Health and Medical report

In the academic year 2020-21, a total of 189 visits were made to the doctor by our medical attendant each time accompanying the child or children. As mentioned earlier in the Report, developmental transition that the children at Shelter undergo, poses various risks to their health. To add to this, the quarantine-like situation because of the lockdown, also posed a threat to their psychological well-being. The boys at Shelter in general are boisterous and when the right channels for expression and release of energy are not available, they do get sick.

We did have 3 cases of Malaria at different intervals in the months of November – December. Besides indoor residual spraying, against malarial mosquitoes, the lids of all our overhead tanks were changed from PVC to cast iron to comply with MCGM recommendations.

One boy with cancerous growth in his right leg needed radiotherapy every week for a month and a half and so had to be taken to Tata Memorial Hospital for his treatment. He eventually underwent a surgery which was successful and was then restored to his family.

Another boy who would get epileptic seizures was discovered to have a lesion in his brain. He was hospitalised for 7 days for observation and was given oral medications only. The boy is now well and continues oral medications for epilepsy.

Unfortunately, the new second wave of Covid -19 did not spare Shelter too. There was a scare when 4 boys had tested positive for Covid 19 albeit with mild symptoms of fever and body ache. All 4 recovered quickly. When they were tested again after 14 days of quarantine, they all came out negative. To safeguard the children and staff and to reduce movement and contact with outside world the visiting staff were asked to come to shelter on alternate days thus restricting the outside staff to a maximum of 8 on any of the weekdays.

6 from the staff and management have got themselves inoculated at least once against the Covid virus thus far (May 2021).

The visiting doctor visits Shelter on the first Wednesday of every month.

In the month of July 2020, a medical camp was organized by the

local MCGM dispensary wherein Tetanus toxoid (TT) injections were administered to all the boys and also blood samples were collected of the boys and staff to check for malaria.

Reminders for Covid hygiene is given at regular intervals and the general procedure of sanitization of hands and insistence on wearing of masks is carried out.

No of surgeries last year—

01



Number of hospitalizations —

02



Number of cases involving a fracture —

04



- Mrs Sunita Deepak Tambe

Medical Attendant

Counselling during COVID-19

Amidst all the mess happening around us due to Covid -19, most of the children were covered with emotions of uncertainty, anxiety, confusions etc. How can one deny the fact that working on mental health was and is one of the most prime aspect for many Child Care Institutions. Children within the institutions were majorly occupied with thoughts related to the safety of their near and dear ones, safety of oneself and were curious to find answers with respect to when they can step into the world outside their shelter homes and feel the atmosphere of the outside world like before. Acknowledging their emotions of uncertainty was the prime requisite and accordingly working on their irrational thought pattern and belief system by replacing it with facts along with application of appropriate relaxation techniques can be very much beneficial for a child to express his inner world and modify the same for his/her betterment.

Psycho-education on embracing the uncertainty with positivity, can help the children in searching all the positive hidden treasures during this pandemic hours when everything seems to be vague. Building resilience power and power of acceptance can enable an individual to see this ongoing period with different lenses. It is very essential to make the children understand that how this period of pandemic can be converted into a boon period which is gifted to us by the universe to reflect on our hidden strengths and areas of improvements and utilize this time period by diving within oneself and trying to connect the hidden inner dots for their own inner development and growth.

Life skills plays an important role during this pandemic hours since skills such as problem solving, critical thinking and decision making can enable the children to self reflect on their thought pattern and modification process. Accordingly skills such team building, working on empathetic skills can aid in building social skills and can help in resolving relationships issues with each other. Working on creativity is the epitome during any pandemic hours especially during Covid hours, since children are majorly occupied with emotions of boredom that is staying at one place and doing monotonous activities. It is very essential to convert their monotonous regime into a creative form. Introducing talent-hunt activities within institutions, creative forms of learning, involving rewards and coupon system, involving children in different groups based on dramatics, singing etc; for acquiring skills, presenting children with challenging task, all this can fill an individual with enthusiasm & joy.

It is very essential to introduce education to faith during this pandemic hours where the children will be imbued with wisdom that nothing lasts for long and understand the fact that trusting in oneself and the universe can help in getting rid of any form of storm faced by an individual. Introduction to spiritualism is one of the crucial step which can promote and enrich self belief, self love and self care practices.

Along with cognitive restructuring process, initiating life skills, education to faith practices and turning the complete institutional atmosphere into a creative world, one has to build sense of belongingness among the children, that is providing complete assurance that they have a support system where they can vent out their emotions safely. And accordingly has to be assured that every storm which an individual faces in his/her life fades off when its purpose is been fulfilled, that is probably the purpose of Covid-19 occurring in our life i.e. to build more resilience power among us or building more self acceptance power. The purpose differs for everyone but one can truly understand the purpose only when we direct ourselves towards positive approaches of life, i.e. the more we have positive approach towards any situation the more we attract all the positive energies surrounding us, within us and finally understand the core hidden message which the universe is willing to communicate to every individual in the form of various situations presented in front of us.

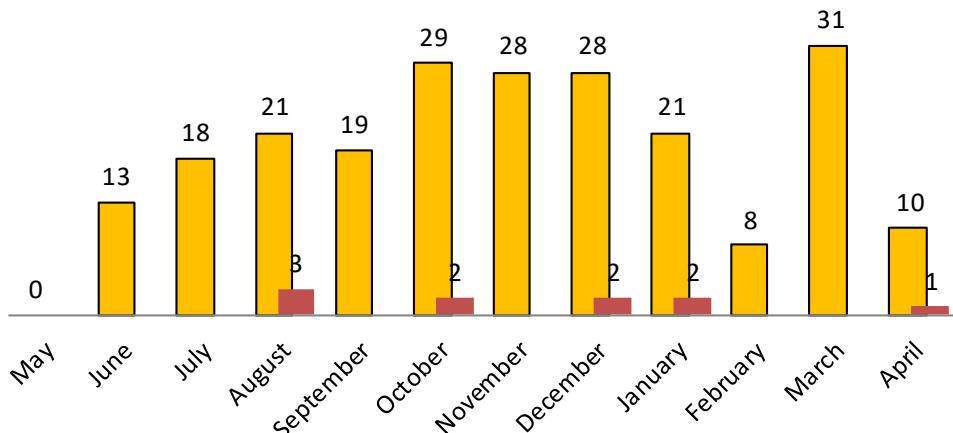
BE POSITIVE AND KEEP FAITH IN THE PLAN OF THE UNIVERSE.

- Tezavi Chaudhary,
Counsellor @ SDB Wadala



Counselling Sessions

■ Individual sessions ■ Group sessions



Techniques used during counseling hours are...

- Active listening
- Showing unconditional positive regard
- Engagement
- Paraphrasing
- Clarification
- Reflection of feelings
- Summarizing
- Silence
- Confrontation
- Warmth
- Encouragement
- Open ended questions
- Positive asset search
- Working alliance
- Immediacy
- Trustworthiness, etc.

These techniques aided in rapport building and helping the client in venting out of his emotions. Psycho educating the clients and using therapeutic techniques according to the case-history indications and goals formulated were with the mutual consideration of the client.



Our Donors...

Donors undoubtedly play the crucial role of helping any NPO to strengthen its financial management and we too have shared a long and strong relationship with our donors some of whom have been helping us for more than a decade. We do not receive any monetary help from the Department of Women and Child Development and so our Organization runs completely on providential help of donors. Like any parent, we too have dreams and aspirations for our kids and these are all fulfilled because of the timely help provided by our donors. Although we mention a few, there are a lot more donors and benefactors who have helped us to adopt good practices and also have systems ensuring accountability. The ones mentioned are our monthly/annual donors.



NISA Securities

Nisa Securities (a part of Nisa Group) have been regular donors of rice to Shelter Don Bosco for more than a decade. The monthly supply of rice in the past year has not only fed the children of Shelter (Children in Need of Care and Protection) but also the youth in our After-Care program especially during the Pandemic. A big word of thanks to Mrs Nehal Sahi and her associates in the company.

Batra Group (Arpan Project)

The Batra Group of Companies is committed to the cause of the underprivileged as part of the organization's CSR project called 'Arpan' with Shelter Don Bosco since 2014. Just like NISA, the company did not bat an eyelid to increase their budget to provide monthly supply of groceries which include essential commodities like oil, sugar, eggs, pulses, etc. in the pandemic year. Many thanks to Mr Rajesh Batra and his team at the Batra Group.



Gulf Oil Lubricants India Ltd.

Gulf Oil Lubricants India Ltd. (a part of Hinduja Group) remembers the children of Shelter Don Bosco every year on its foundation day on May 16 and invite them to their celebrations which would always include special treats for the children besides monetary donation to our Organization. Special thanks to Mr Sanjay Hinduja and his company for making our kids feel 'special' every time.

Our Benefactors...



MCGM (Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai) DAY -NULM Project

The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) aims at providing permanent shelter equipped with essential services to the urban homeless in a phased manner under the Scheme of Shelters for Urban Homeless (SUH). Under this project, Shelter Don Bosco has been sanctioned to implement a night shelter under the SUH scheme to house homeless urban children who fit the age group of 10 to 18 years and with the orders of CWC. Under this provision, we have received grants to run the Shelter Home.



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Thanks to all our benefactors...

A host of other benefactors, groups, clubs, volunteers and several individuals who have helped us last year and even before to ensure that our children are never found lacking in education, nutrition, clothing or recreation. Many of our individual donors have become our lifelong supporters. We thank them one and all for their sacrifices and generous offerings on behalf of the children of Shelter Don Bosco.



Audited Report March 2020

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THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUSTS ACT,1950.
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Name of the Public Trust : SHELTER DON BOSCO, WADALA, MUMBAI
Balance Sheet As At : 31ST MARCH, 2020

Registration No. : F 17239 (Bom)

FUNDS & LIABILITIES	Rs	Rs	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	Rs	Rs.
Trusts Funds or Corpus :- As per last Balance Sheet		2,881,501.00	Immovable Properties :- (At Cost)		NIL
Other Earmarked Funds:- (Created under the provisions of the trust deed or scheme or out of the Income)		NIL	Investments :- Note: The market value of the above investments is Rs. Gruh Finance Ltd. HDFC	12,770,000.00 4,000,000.00	NIL 16,770,000.00
Depreciation Fund			FIXED ASSETS: As per Schedule 'A' attached		
Sinking Fund			Loans :		
Reserve Fund			(Secured or Unsecured): Good / Doubtful Loans Scholarship		
Any Other Fund			Other Loans		
Staff Welfare Fund : As per last Balance Sheet		20,000.00	Loan to Staff: Balance from last year Add: Given During the Year	60,000.00 40,000.00	1,720,280.00
Advance from Society : As per last Balance Sheet		1,072.34	Less: Received During the Year	100,000.00 51,000.00	49,000.00
Loans (Secured or Unsecured) From Trustees From Others		NIL	Advances & Deposits :- As per last Balance Sheet	6,000.00	
			Deposit with M.T.N.L. Deposit with Gas	3,700.00	9,700.00
Sundry Liabilities :-			Salary Deduction Excess Paid Professional Tax		9,115.00
T.D.S. to be Paid: As per last Balance Sheet		1,811.00	TDS Paid in Advance For the Year		4,366.00
P.F. to be Pay			* Income Outstanding :- Rent Interest		
As per last Balance Sheet	1,151.00		TDS on Interest : A.Y. 2009-10 A.Y. 2011-12 A.Y. 2012-13 A.Y. 2013-14 A.Y. 2016-17	1,082.00 50,809.00 7,188.00 43,267.00 142,533.00	
Add :- During the year	23,063.00	24,214.00	Less: Refund	142,533.00	
P.T. to be Pay	4,875.00		A.Y. 2018-19 A.Y. 2019-20 A.Y. 2020-21	167,215.00 154,720.00 154,932.00	
Add :- During the year	85,875.00	90,750.00			579,213.00
Suspense Account			Amount due to B.S.S. : As per Last Balance sheet		31,000.00
Income Tax Excess received A.Y. 16-17		369,969.00	Cash and Bank Balances : (As per Schedule 'B' attached)		5,318,431.45
MGL Computer Teacher Salary Payable			Income & Expenditure Account:- Balance as per Balance sheet		
As per last Balance Sheet	45,000.00	NIL	Less: Appropriation, if any		
Less: Transferred to Income & Expenditure	45,000.00		Add: Deficit as per Income & Expenditure A/c		
Suspense Account :		12,515.00	Less: Surplus Expenditure A/c		
As per last Balance Sheet					NIL
Income & Expenditure A/c :- Balance as per Balance sheet	21,444,282.31				
Less: Deficit as per Income & Expenditure	355,009.20	21,089,273.11			
Add: Surplus as per Income & Expenditure A/c					
TOTAL RUPEES		24,491,105.45	TOTAL RUPEES		24,491,105.45

As per our report of even date



For Rao & Ashok,
Chartered Accountants.

PARTNER

* Income Outstanding :

(If accounts are kept on cash basis)

Rent:

Interest:

Other Income:

The above Balance Sheet to the

best of my / our belief contains

a true account of the Funds &

Liabilities & of the Property &

Assets of the Trust.

TRUSTEE

MUMBAI : 15th January 2021.
GA/SP

C.A. ASHOK R. MELMANE
MEMBERSHIP NO : 30624



Name of the Public Trust : SHELTER DON BOSCO, WADALA, MUMBAI.

Registration No. : F-17239 (Bom)

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March, 2020

EXPENDITURE	Rs	Rs	INCOME	Rs	Rs.
To Expenditure in respect of properties :- Rates, Taxes, Cesses Repairs and maintenance Salaries Insurance Depreciation (by way of prov. of adjustments) Other Expenses		86,732.00	By Rent (accrued) By Interest (accrued) Savings Bank Account Fixed Deposit H.D.F.C Gruh Finance Interest on Refund of I.T.		NIL NIL 50,879.00 258,566.00 268,928.00 1,071,692.00 31,898.00 <u>1,681,963.00</u>
To Establishment Expenses	NIL				
To Remuneration to Trustees	NIL				
To Remuneration (in the case of a math) to the head of the math, including his household expenditure, if any	NIL		By Grant :		NIL
To Legal Expenses					
To Audit Fees	42,825.00		By Donations in Cash or Kind :-		
To Professional Fees	NIL		From Foreign Contribution: Don Bosco Development Society Others	1,241,620 645,846	1,887,465.73
To Contribution to P.T.A.F.	NIL				
To Amount written off: (a) Bad Debts (b) Loan Scholarship (c) Irrecoverable Rents (d) Other Items			Donation from Local Education MCGM Food Tel Rasayan Mazdoor Trust SJW Alumni Trust Don Bosco Bhavan Nashik Others	27,500 2,755,080 615,594 6,000 25,000 350,000 1,611,736	5,390,910.00 <u>7,278,375.73</u>
To Miscellaneous Expenses	NIL				
To Depreciation	301,335.00				
To Amount transferred to Reserve or Specific Funds	NIL		By Income from other Sources (in details as far as possible) Mass Offering HLK Project Income Sale of Scrap	15,000.00 176,333.00 500.00	191,833.00
To Expenditure on Object of the Trust :- (a) Religious (b) Educational Expenses (C) Medical Relief (d) Relief of Poverty (e) Other Charitable Objects As per Annexure 'I' attached		9,121,288.93	By Profit on Sale of Vechile By Transfer from Balance Sheet MGL Income		NIL 45,000.00
To Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet			By Deficit Carried over to Balance Sheet		355,009.20
TOTAL RUPEES		9,552,180.93	TOTAL RUPEES		9,552,180.93



MUMBAI : 15th January 2021.
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As per our report of even date
 For Rao & Ashok,
 Chartered Accountants.

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*Strike off whichever is not applicable

*Agreement to be done
G.R.L. - 31.01.2021
Rao & Ashok*

TRUSTEE

DONATE NOW



Without the commitment of donors like you we cannot fulfill the goals and aspirations of the children and also to meet the standards required of us by various local and government bodies. Any surplus funds support our projects and programs for after-care and ex-boys. Your contribution also supports our staff and their families who share in the same mission. Thank you again for contributing to our work and our vision of a just and healthy society for children.

FOR LOCAL DONATIONS

BANK NAME	:	UNION BANK (erstwhile Corporation Bank)
BRANCH NAME	:	WADALA BRANCH
BRANCH CODE NO.	:	106
BANK ADDRESS	:	42, G. D. AMBEDKAR MARG INDIAN PRINTING HOUSE NEAR RAM MANDIR OPP. WADALA POST OFFICE WADALA WEST MUMBAI – 400 031
BANK TELEPHONE NO	:	+91 7710063946
BENEFICIARY NAME	:	Shelter Don Bosco
BENEFICIARY A/C NO	:	520101063188021
(ACCOUNT TYPE	:	Savings
SWIFT CODE NO	:	CORPINBB
RTGS/ NEFT IFSC NO	:	UBIN0901067
RTGS/NEFT/ECS	:	520101063188021
MICR CODE NO	:	400026219

FOR FOREIGN DONATIONS

The following a/c details are compliant with the amended section 17 (1) of the Foreign Contribution (regulation) Act, 2010.		
BANK NAME	:	State Bank of India
ACCOUNT NO	:	40102524501 (FCRA SAVINGS ACCOUNT)
BRANCH CODE	:	00691
IFSC CODE	:	SBIN0000691
SWIFT CODE	:	SBININBB104
BENEFICIARY NAME:	Shelter Don Bosco	
ADDRESS	:	FCRA Cell, 4th Floor, State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch, 11, Sansad Marg, New Delhi – 110001
BANK CONTACT	:	011 – 23374390 / 4392 / 4143
BANK EMAIL	:	fcra.00691@sbi.co.in

Kindly note that all donations made to Shelter Don Bosco are tax exempt under Section 80-G of the I.T. Act 1961.



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