



BCC Youth Group Newsletter

Jan/Feb. 2008

College Admission Workshop

The BCC youth group is starting a college application self-help group which meets on a regular basis to help participants with the college selection and application process. The second meeting will be held on **Jan. 13th from 1 PM to 3:00 PM** at the Bharatiya Cultural Center. Parents of prospective college students and the students are welcome. Activity for this week will include: 1, Review Common Application. 2, Fill out activity worksheet. You will do a few drafts of this. 3, Panel discussion with students who have gone through this process in the last few years. Meeting with parents will be on 23rd Feb. at 1:30PM. Please visit www.b-temple.org for more information or contact Sanjeev Munshi 267-663-8898, Ravi Bala 610-220-7434

Ekal Vidyalaya Collection



On Jan 20th, the youth group will be handing out Piggy Banks to interested members to take home. A brief presentation will be given by Akhil and Akshay Jindal on Ekal Vidyalaya, a non-profit organization, educating about 600,000 children in tribal villages of India. To learn about the organization please visit www.ekal.org or contact Akhil or Akshay at 610-584-8790



Nursing Home Visits

The youth group will visit Alterra Nursing home on every 3rd Sunday of the month, in which up to 10 youth volunteers are needed. The nursing home visit will be for an hour from 2 to 3 PM. The next visit is on **20th January**. Youth will participate in some activities with the elderly. If anyone is interested, please contact Poonam Gidwani: 215-643-8758, Goutham Goudgere: 610-513-5011

Recent Events

The BCC Youth Group's College Applications Workshop had its first meeting on Sunday, November 3rd at the temple auditorium. There were about 10 students and their parents in attendance. Ravi Bala walked the group through the basics of the college applications process and the admission criteria used by some colleges. The Q&A session that followed was very informative. This self help workshop focuses on helping students with the process of filling out college applications and writing essays

Shelter visit:

On December 16th, 2007 members of the Youth and Women's groups visited

the Sisters of Charity in Norristown to serve food to the Homeless. Food was made and donated by volunteers and about 15 members of the Youth group served the homeless and helped clean up afterwards.

40 pairs of gloves were also donated. Youth group leaders Sruthi Buddai, Kushal Jituri and Bhavit Vora did a great job in collecting non-perishable food by arranging a movie night. More than 15 bags of food were donated to MANA on Main Street.

BCC youth group's first Diwali dinner and music night had more than eighty attendees and was a big success. Thanks to youth leaders Keerthi Virapalli and Suman Sajjan and all the volunteers.

Youth leaders Bhavit Vora, Ishan Munshi, and Siddhu Palanisamy collected toys and gift cards during Christmas. \$150 was donated to ARC of Montgomeryville and Toys were given to MANA on Main Street.

**Next Youth
group meeting
on 20th January
at 1:00 PM**

Youth Group Upcoming Events:

1/13 College admission workshop
1/20 Nursing home visit
2/17 Nursing home visit
1/20 Distribution of piggy banks
2/23 College admission Parents meeting

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