

A REPORT ON JOY OF GIVING 2022-23

The Joy of Giving is a charity programme at Sacred Heart CMI Public School conducted every year during Christmas season. A list of medical items and groceries is prepared in consultation with the Charity homes the students intend to visit. Students bring the items as per the list and these items are divided to be taken according to the number, gender and size of inmates at these institutions. The classes which completed the contribution first get the opportunity to visit the institutions and donate the items. Out of 59 classes, 24 classes completed the contribution in full strength.

Out of 2011 students from std 1-12, 1920 students contributed leaving only 91 students who did not or could not contribute. The following items were received in the given quantity:

ITEMS	QUANTITY
Cotton	8 big rolls, 89 small rolls
pencil	593
pen	193
towels	77
books	137
toothpaste	123
Tooth brush	148 (baby brush-6)
Tea powder	36 kg
Coffee powder	183 packets
Coconut oil	96 kg
Green gram	51 kg
Peas parippu	75 kg
Rice flour	135 kg
Baby soap	73 nos
Baby powder	74 nos + 3 lotion + 1 baby shampoo
sugar	225 kg
Rubber slippers	54 (Adults) + 14 (kids)
Surekha rice	300 kg
Adult diapers	75 packets
Sunflower oil	68 liters
Milk powder	120 packets (1 kg each)
Bathing soap	216
Washing powder	111 kg
Anti fungal powder	52 bottles
lungi	61
nightie	23
Bed sheets	51
Baby food	101 packets
Baby diapers	74 nos
Urd dal	72 kg

Std IX C, IX E, XII D & VIII C completed the contribution first. Since Std XII has revision classes scheduled, the other three classes visited the institutes. Std IX C visited Vimala Bhavan, Mattancherry run by the Sisters of Missionaries of Charity. Std VIII C went to Ashwasa Bhavan, Moolankuzhi, run by Sr. Fabiola Fabbri. Std IX E went to Caphernaum, Varapuzha, run by Sr. Juliet.

Having witnessed a different shade of life, they returned to school with a heavy heart but filled with gratitude. They realized and admitted that they are indeed blessed to have a family to return to, a family that provides for them and loves them. They experienced the true joy of giving.