



CSR NEWS

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Volunteerism in CCC

Introducing CSR and CCC's Volunteer Program in the UAE and Beirut

In a series of meetings held at the International Airport - Midfield Terminal Building Project (MTB) in Abu Dhabi, the Opera Grand Tower Project (OGPT) in Dubai, and the City Centre Al Zahia - Roads and Bridges (IWP) Project in Sharjah, UAE's CSR Coordinator, Ms. Dana Mahboobeh, presented the CSR mission and the Volunteering Program to staff members.

The presentation included information about the role and goals of CSR in general and informed CCC's staff about the volunteer program and the volunteer policy which allows each employee 20 hours of time off work to participate in volunteering activities that aim to give back to society and the communities in which they live and work.

In turn, and to enhance the culture of volunteerism at CCC, CSR Consultant, Ms. Rosie Nasser, delivered a presentation about the benefits of CSR in companies, and the procedures and guidelines of the volunteer program to MOB staff members in Beirut.

CSR plans to continue spreading awareness about the personal and professional benefits that employees gain from volunteering.



CCC UAE Employees Volunteer for Autism



On the occasion of World Autism month, UAE CCC volunteers participated in two volunteering activities; one in Dubai organized by the Dubai Autism Center, and one in Abu Dhabi organized by the Emirates Autism Center. April is Autism Awareness Month, and the 2nd day of the month was designated by the United Nations as Autism Awareness Day. Every year, and throughout the month of April, Autism friendly events and educational activities take place everywhere to increase understanding and acceptance and foster world wide support.

On April 18, Senior System Developer, Saadeddine Nahlus and Khaled Qubaj, Junior Electric Engineer assisted the teachers of the Dubai Autism Center in the classroom activities, and engaged in art activities with the students of the Center. The mission of the Dubai Autism Center is to empower children with a pathway to independence, through education, speech and communication therapy, and occupational therapy to integrate them into the community.

On April 23, and in collaboration with the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and under the Patronage of HH Sheikh Nayhyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance, the Emirates Autism Center organized a Children Sports Championship at Al Jazira Sports Club in Abu Dhabi.



The Center is specialized in autism spectrum disorders and provides high quality teaching and care in state-of-the-art classrooms specifically designed to meet the sensory and environmental needs of its students.

The Center also works to raise awareness and understanding of autism and promote the rights of all individuals to be treated with dignity and respect.

The Sports championship brought together 300 students aged between 5 and 12 years old to compete in various sports such as sandbag ball, distant jumping, and other activities.

On the day of the championship, 12 CCC volunteers helped in organizing the event and preparing the venue for the arrival of the students, and during the event they assisted the coaches in providing support to children in the sports competition, and distributing food and beverages to them.

The volunteers were quite satisfied and felt satisfied about giving back to the community.

CCC Volunteers: Khaled Qubaj, Saadeddine Nahlus, Panagiotis Kyriakopoulos (EPSO), Ibrahim Loulou, Seif Mawed, Khaldoun, Abdul Qader (MTB), Iftikhar Phoplankar, Georgios Panagiotopoulos (EPSO), Mariam Yousef Al Harmoudi, Khaled El Hajj, Dana Mahboobeh, Mary Jane P. Uy, Ahmad Ismail and Jastin Mathew Rozario.

CCC Volunteers Create a Happy Environment for School Children - Athens, Greece

On May 3rd, and in cooperation with CCC's partner Ethelon, fifteen enthusiastic CCC volunteers and their children spent 3 hours in restoring and beautifying the public school of Nea Chalkidona.

To create a happy environment for the students, the volunteers painted the school's backyard fence in green, planted 20 plants in the front yard, designed and painted two board games; a floor chess game and a colorful snake game with numbers in the school playgrounds.

The 2nd Primary School of New Chalkidona is a public school, placed in a school complex and enrolls 224 students aged between 6 and 12 living in the area. The volunteering activity addresses two of the United Nation's Social Development Goals (SDGs): Quality Education and Sustainable Cities and Communities.

When asked about their volunteering experience, all the volunteers felt a sense of satisfaction, and were very content about the end result of their hard work, and how their joint effort will make a big difference in the daily lives of children.



CCC Volunteers: Angeliki Maltezos, Eva Maltezos, Despina Kyriakidou, Maha Harb, Paula Makris, Muhammad Zimmo, George Khouri, Helen McGuire, Gregory Mouzakitis, Athina Lambropoulou, Michail Theofilou, Darryl Goringe, Joseph Hobeika, Dimitra Ntalachani and Basma Alhousseini.

CCC Volunteers Help the Homeless, Greece



On February 20, 2019, a group of CCC Volunteers lent their helping hands to put together and package 250 hygiene kits for vulnerable and socially excluded groups of people. After the economic crisis, the number of homeless people in Greece has reached 20,000 of which almost half of them live in Athens. In just 20 minutes of their time, the group of volunteers were able to help 250 people.

In cooperation with ethelon, Emfasis Foundation was invited to CCC premises to provide an informative talk about the state of homelessness in Greece, their scope of work as an organization, and how they approach those who live mainly on the street and face serious problems of survival.

With a mission to provide immediate and effective solutions to the overall needs of the homeless and unemployed, Emfasis also shared with the group of volunteers some of their success stories where they managed to find either a home or work for some people who were living under the poverty line.

Upon the completion of putting together the kits, some of the volunteers helped in loading the kits into Emfasis' vans for transportation and distribution to the homeless.

CCC Volunteers : Darryl Goringe, Haiganoush Kourouyan, George Chahda, Lada Ninova, Emma Morris, Gregory Mouzakis, Maha Harb, Rosemary Hunt, Vicky Nicholas, Tina Frangou, Georgina Dimitropoulou, Despina Kyriakidou, Mira Zeit and Dimitra Ntalachani.

CCC Volunteers Clean Saronida Beach - Athens, Greece

On June 7th, fourteen CCC volunteers and their children cleaned Saronida beach. In two hours the volunteers collected all kinds of waste that could be very harmful for marine life, and learned that by keeping their environment trash free they help protect and preserve marine life, and that each individual can better the sea's ecosystem by playing their part in keeping the beaches clean.

Marine life, dwelling in the water, are affected by waste on beaches. Plastic pollution alone, affect 100 million marine mammals each year. When the tides rise, they collect items on the beach and take the items out when the water lowers, including trash which directly have negative effects on marine life.

In the two hours spent cleaning the beach, the volunteers collected around 783 harmful waste products such as cigarette butts, plastic packaging products and bottles, plastic cups and plates, paper, cans, and pieces of broken glass, among other harmful products that could trickle into the ocean and directly affect the marine life.



CCC Volunteers : George Chahda, Gregory Mouzakis, Dimitra Ntalachani, Helena Kouvaras, Yvonne Wyss, Mina Petropoulou, Katerina Bavelis, Petros Lagios, Maria Kourou, Constantina Boulia, Nabil Najjar, Jeannette Arduino and Elizabeth Cassar.

Volunteering at Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital UAE



On the 27th of June, six CCC Volunteers spent a couple of hours entertaining children at Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital.

CCC Volunteers : Abdallah Ghwairi, Ahmad Shehade, Gouse Bash, Lea Zaatar, Khaled Mustapha and Dana Mahboobeh



Thanks!

TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

we couldn't do it without you

GO GREEN
KEEP IT ON THE SCREEN!