

Changemaker Prabhakar. N

Prabhakar. N is a Team Lead in the Unilever R2R project and has been working with Capgemini for the past 10 years. He has been a CSR/WeKare Core Team member for Salem from 2010 onwards and has been a part of many initiatives and programs since.

The School Adoption Program has really inspired him to get involved with social work, since this is a good initiative for supporting children studying in Government schools. Another initiative which he absolutely loves is EduKare – providing education scholarships for children of Capgemini's Support Staff.

He has been actively involved in "Daan Utsav", organizing Blood Donation Camps and driving Project Akshara. Creating Best Impression (CBI), an innovative initiative, was organized for the Salem Support Staff (Housing Keeping, Security & Office Boys) with help of our WeKare core team members and volunteers. The WeKare team arranged a "Special Lunch to all Support Staff" and spent memorable time with them. This initiative created many smiles and each staff member conveyed his/her heartfelt joy. They are very proud about this initiative because it was our way of showing respect and giving them their due.

"Daan Utsav" has always been more special to WeKare core team members as well as volunteers. WeKare members have visited the Panchayat Union Middle School and spent delightful time along with all school students. Each student has different abilities and skills and they require some platform to showcase them. So, WeKare team organized various fun games for them and all children participated enthusiastically. The volunteers were amazed and appreciated the kids' talents, especially, Kabaddi, which students played well. As a token of love, they also gave gift items (Stationery) to the winners.

Prabhakaran feels that though, employees come from different places, follow different religions, belong to different teams, CSR has brought them together for a common goal and created opportunities to connect with other like-minded people. He has this to say to us, *"CSR helps connect to more people and build relationships, while also creating happy memories. Personally, through WeKare, I have improved my leadership, decision making, people handling and communication skills. I am able to apply them at workplace too, get fruitful results and ACE my career."*

S, Harinarayanan, Center Head for Salem and Trichy speaks highly of Prabhakar, *"He has a long track record with CSR work of our Salem center. He is one of the first to put his hands up when it comes to working on social causes. A reliable CSR member."*