

## **Red Ribbon Club**

The Red Ribbon Club was inaugurated in our College on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There are about 100 members actively involving themselves in our Club. We have the following objectives as our guiding principle.

### **Objectives**

- To instil life skills to the youth of today to live their life fruitfully.
- Increasing the capacity of quality education in teaching, training of various basic healthy behaviours and helping the adolescents and youth to have a positive attitude and outlook towards health.
- To motivate youth and build their capacity as peer educators and agents of social transformation by developing their skills mainly on leadership and team building. To promote voluntary blood donation attitude towards the youth.

### **Activity**

On 3rd Jan 2013 District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit Thiruvannamalai conducted a competition at the Government Arts College Thiruvannamalai. Two events namely Drawing and Tamil Oration were conducted. RRC facilitated the participation of four of our students. One of the participants V.Vijay Prabharakan (11 UEN 131) came first in the drawing competition and received the cash prize. The other participants J. Anto Rathina Rose (11 UEN 012), K. Ilakiya (10 UMA 068) and P. Tamilvendhan (10 UEN 126) received the participation certificates.

Red Ribbon Club (RRC) with other service organizations in the College conducted a Blood Donation Camp on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013 at 11.00 am in the auditorium of the College. Christian Medical College, Vellore collected the blood from the donors. Rev. Fr. Principal inaugurated the Blood Donation Camp. Dr. Sukesh Chandran, Professor and Head, Department of Transfusion Medicine & Immunohematology, gave the memento to Fr. Principal. In all 108 students and 7 Staff members donated their blood.

On 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013 RRC and Youth Red Cross together organized an awareness programme about Human Organ Donation. Rev Fr. Jerry SJ Director of “Dhanam” spoke to the students about Human Organ Donation and created awareness among them. This was a very interesting and enlightening interactive programme for the students. Students participated enthusiastically and were very inquisitive.

As part of Loyola service organizations certainly the RRC has done its prime duties by conducting various health awareness programmes to the students to be the agents of social transformation. We believe that as loyalties when they step out of Loyola they will be socially concerned by having acquired the formation from the RRC. We also assure that we will continue to pass the same formative values to our students as we have expressed our objectives at the outset.

