



WE AT SOCH

Established in July 2012, Society for Children (SOCH) is a non-profit organization registered under society registration act, 1860. Currently operational in Bhubaneswar, Khurda and Berhampur cities of Odisha, SOCH has been running Project "Rakshyak" rescue and resettlement of runaway, missing and abandoned children. As per the figures till 31st March 2016, the project has rescued and resettled 2062 children from various difficult situations. SOCH also runs Project "Punarjivan"; one month behavioral modification camp for hard behavior children and Project "Pankh"; to mainstream the youths from CCIs and from different underprivileged section of the Society.

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RAKSHYAK

It identifies runaway, missing and abandoned children majorly focusing at railway stations. Project rescues the children who are in need of help. Rescued children are brought to a temporary shelter for necessary counseling, food, shelter and cloth support. Due efforts are made to trace the family address of the children. Then children are either reunited with their families or put on institutional care with appropriate involvement of government's juvenile justice system.

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PUNARJIVAN

Project "Punarjivan" is a one month behavioral modification camp that focuses on the hard behavior old children, who have been detached from their loving parents for a longer period of time. These children under the supervision and guidance of professional teachers follow a structured and planned daily schedule that brings about a change in their behavior and attitude. The addresses of the children are traced during their stay at camp and they are reunited with their families at the Camp Ending Ceremony.

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PANKH

It primarily focuses on youth who are above 16 years of age staying in Child Care Institutions, belong to poor family background or are orphans who generally face difficulties in choosing their career. The 5 major components through which project "Pankh" operates are counseling, mentoring, life skill building training support, facilitating vocational training with job placement and follow up support.

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1. With the rain SOCH has helped 112 children in our three clusters.

2. 80 out of the 112 rescued children were reunited with their loving parents.

3. SOCH is thankful to its Stakeholders for referring 19 cases.

4. 4 Youths were enrolled to the vocational training centers under the project PANKH.

5. Published 4th Annual report.

6. Mobilized 5 volunteers for the cause.

7. Along with their regular activities SOCH staffs attended a skill enhancement training programme on "Leadership and Management" organized by FPA (Fulfilling People's Aspiration) Bhopal, MP.

CONTACTS DELETED; CHILD RUNAWAY FEARING SEVERITY

We hardly ever give it a thought how scary our severity could be for our children. For Neelam Rout (Name changed), an 11 year old girl from Puri, fun turned into nightmare for not so serious reason. On 24th June 2016 when found alone and weeping at Platform no. -3 of Khurdha Railway Station by one of our Stakeholders (a parcel worker), he immediately informed SOCH outreaching team. During the Platform Intervention it was realized; based on Neelam's version; that Neelam was lured and forcefully brought by a Hawker of her village for a trip to the city, who then left her midway.

Since the child was slungry she was brought to SOCH temporary shelter for refreshment and food. After creating a comfort zone with Neelam the Counselor has a session with her where she gave all the details about her family; Father (a rickshaw puller), Mother (a home maker) and 2 Siblings (an elder brother & an elder sister); narrated the same story again. But somehow not convinced the Counselor pursued the research. And gradually the truth comes out. It was the fear of severity (from her father) instilled by her elder brother as she unintentionally deleted the Contact List in her father's mobile while listening to songs that made Neelam runaway.

After educating her about the negative repercussions of her act Neelam was forwarded to Bhairabi Club for further care and protection on the same day. Handed over to her parents the following day, the follow-up status (as on 25th July 2016) suggests Neelam realized her mistakes and is doing well with her studies.

