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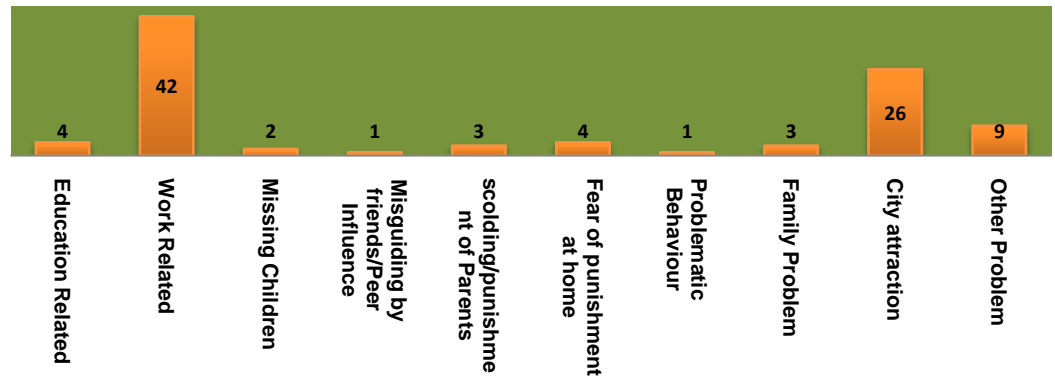
WE AT SOCH

Society for Children (SOCH) is a non-profit organization registered under Society Registration Act, 1860. It was established in July 2012 and its operational in Bhubaneswar, Khordha, Berhampur and Puri cities of Odisha, SOCH works for the welfare of children and youths in difficult situations. Through its three major projects: Project "RAKSHYAK" (Rescue and Resettlement) Project "Punarjivan" (Behaviour Modification)

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- ❖ SOCH recognized as one of the top 50 Change Agents of Odisha in the book "BE THE CHANGE" published by YES WE CAN on 23rd Jan 2017.
- ❖ Received Donation in cash and kind from AABSYS IT Pvt. Ltd.
- ❖ Initiated "Friends of SOCH (FOS)" Induction Meeting at Bhubaneswar
- ❖ January 2017 saw 95 children being rescued from difficult situations in our four clusters.
- ❖ SOCH has received 10 referral cases from the stakeholders.
- ❖ Enrolled 2 youths into vocational training centers under project PANKH.
- ❖ Got the Permission letter from CWC, Puri for "Producing Rescued Children Within 24 Hours".

ISUSE WISE CATEGORY OF RESCUED CHILDREN (JAN 2017)



Details (Till 31 st January 2017)	No. of Rescue	No. of Resettlement	No. of Referrals Received
Since August 2012	2978	2060	343
Since April 2016	916	654	118
For January 2017	95	31	10

TAKE A LEAF OUT OF RAM'S STORY

Name: Ram (Name Changed)		Rescue Date/Time: 4th January 2017 at around 11.45am
Age/Gender: 12 years old Boy	Siblings: 1 elder sister	School/Education: Standard 6th at Saraswati Vidhya Mandir
Address: Telenga Bazar, Cuttack, Odisha		Parental Status: His father is working as a carpenter and his step mother is a house wife

We generally exaggerate the problems of our life and proclaim to have been worst hit by them. This in fact has never helped anyone rather we end up inflating the problems. But for once, by any chance if we happen to live a life that few, not so very lucky people lead and brave it out, then we can only sit and count our blessings.

Such is the story of Ram who was found wondering at one of the Platforms of Puri Railway Station in Odisha. Being brought up in a family with meager income Ram is like any other child, naughty, mischievous with wings to fly but fate willed otherwise. His happiness was cut short with his mother's demise. His father gets a second wife for himself and a step mother for Ram and his elder sister. As generally happens, the new mother and the children found it difficult with mutual adjustment. Ram was mischievous which didn't go very well with his father either who used to be under the influence of alcohol most of the time. One day it went beyond Ram's tolerance when his father severed him because he bunked his school. How can someone preach discipline when he himself needs a self resurrection?

This was it; Ram flees home without informing his anyone and arrives at Puri. To meet his ends, he started rag picking for few months and then by somewhat good fortune he was referred to a Hotel in Puri where he worked as a janitor of the Hotel garden. One year passed and one fine day a visitor to the Hotel donates him Rs 700 and an offer of come to Ranchi where he promises to take care of him and his studies. The visitor leaves the contact details with Ram following which Ram planned to leave for Ranchi. But unaware and confused about which train to board Ram was wandering around the Railway Platforms. This is when he was noticed and rescued by SOCH Outreaching staff.

Following the rescue and resettlement procedure Ram was brought to SOCH temporary shelter in the knowledge of GRP and RPF. He was offered refreshments and engaged in indoor games and finally the counseling session where he was educated about the ill consequences of child trafficking. His exact home address could not be traced as he had faint memories of it because of the gap in time. Ram was then produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Puri who referred him to CWC, Cuttack on the next day i.e. 5th January 2017.

Follow-up Status: CWC, Cuttack taking the opinion of Ram; who didn't want to go back to home because of lack of love & affection from both of his parents; finally referred him to "Servants of India Society" a Child Care Institution (CCI) in Cuttack on 5th January 2017 for further care and protection and for a better future.

Such cases like that of Ram's compel us to feel life has been rude with some people. We wonder how Ram's elder sister must be coping-up with her parents. Ram didn't give in; rather he was fighting for survival, just that the path he chose was risky. But then, he didn't have a mentor. Most of us are fortunate to have mentors in our life, but still we complain and give in fast. We should take a leaf out of Ram's attitude.

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