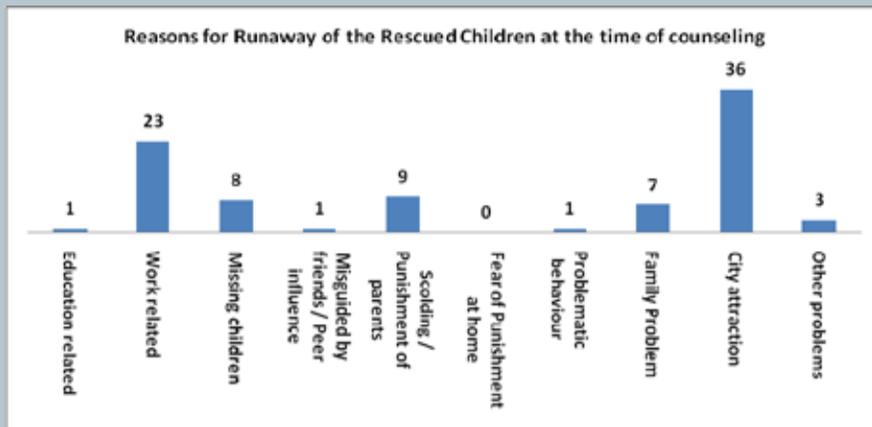




## Society for Children (SOCH)

is a non-profit organization registered under Society Registration Act, 1860. It was established in July 2012 and it's operational in Bhubaneswar, 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), and Project "PANKH" (Youth Mainstreaming).



## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rescued 89 children from all the three clusters in June.
- Resettled 47 children for further care and protection.
- Received 7 children referrals from the Stakeholders.
- Installed 3 donation boxes at "Brahmpur Kidzzz", "Brahampur Craze" and "Fashion World" Stores.

## SPECIAL THANKS

For understanding and relating to SOCH work & activities and associate as a committed supporter.

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Details	No. of Rescue	No. of Resettlement	No. of Referrals Received
Aug 2012 – Jun 2017	3454	2438	374
Apr 2017 – Jun 2017	243	175	24
Jun 2017	89	47	7

## DETAILS OF DONATION BOX INSTALLATION

We thank the management of the stores listed below for relating with SOCH work and allowing us a space to set-up SOCH Donation Box

SHOP NAME	CITY
Panda Travel Mart	Bhubaneswar
FBB India	Bhubaneswar
Panda Life style	Bhubaneswar
School Uniform	Bhubaneswar
Kangaroo	Bhubaneswar
Fashion World	Bhubaneswar
The Family World	Puri
The World	Berhampur
Berhampur Craze	Berhampur
Brahmapur Kidzzz	Berhampur
Sajawat	Berhampur



Fashion World, Laxmisagar, Bhubaneswar



"Berhampur Craze", Berhampur

Awareness meeting with Watering Staffs of Bhubaneswar Railway Station



Members of SOCH Outreaching Team with a rescued child during Ratha Yatra @ Puri Railway Station



Discussing opportunities and scope for association with Mr. Bhagaban Patra Founder-Director of "Skill India Foundation", Berhampur



## A BRIGHT... NAUGHTY... CHILD

1st July 2017, Puri: Satyam Raj (name changed), a 13 years old boy stood outside the gate of Utkal Balashram (Child Care Institution-CCI) of Puri District; silent and staring. The curiosity of the Security Guard breaks as he replies "I stay here" on being asked "who are you and why are you standing here?"

Satyam had escaped the day before from the CCI. He was rescued by SOCH outreaching staff on 29th June 2017 evening at 7:10 PM from platform no-1 of Puri railway station while wander alone. On the first interaction he says he is with his uncle and was on Puri visit, which was not true. His untidy appearance and behaviour creates suspicion in the minds of the Outreach worker. He tries to ease the conversation and wins confidence to persuade Satyam to come along with him. The formality with the GRPS and the Railway Authority is done and Satyam was nourished with some refreshments before commencing with the customary Counselling Session.

Satyam opens up and shares about his family background. Hailing from Aurangabad District of Bihar, Satyam's father is a Govt. High School Teacher and his mother is a homemaker. He has 2 sisters and 1 brother. He studies in 6th Standard of Kendriya Vidyalaya. Going by his perception, in spite of being a brilliant student who scores 99% in academics his parents don't love him and always scold and beat him. Hence he left home on 27th June 2017 evening with a plea of going for tuition classes taking along his Piggy Bank that amassed all his savings (around Rs 7000/-).

Aurangabad to Gaya to Bhubaneswar to Puri, Satyam travelled a lot. He was educated about the ill effects of platform life and the perils of travelling alone and the importance of education and family life before producing him before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) on the same evening. Satyam was referred to Utkal Balashram for care and protection till his parents arrive to receive him. But the following day (on 30th June 2017) he escapes the CCI along with one of his inmates. They both spend the rainy night on the beach but their coordination could not get going for long enough. And Satyam returns back alone to the CCI on 1st July 2017.

And within few hours after his return Satyam's father also arrived to receive him. He appeared to be a very resolved and composed person. Though they have been looking for their son but were yet to lodge a missing complaint with the police. Sounds strange though, but he owes it to the very tormenting attitude of Satyam. He admits that they have been strict with him but he also explains that apart from being a good student a child should be an equally good human being also which Satyam was far away from being one. Satyam had a very bad peer group due to which he was utterly disobedient and was very selfish by nature. But then he assures that they will try and change things and will cooperate with the child.

**Satyam has been reunited with his family and returned back to his home.** But the question is how to deal with a child like Satyam who is bright but disobedient? We leave this for the readers; not because we don't have answers, but because every child is different, so are the circumstances prevailing around.

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