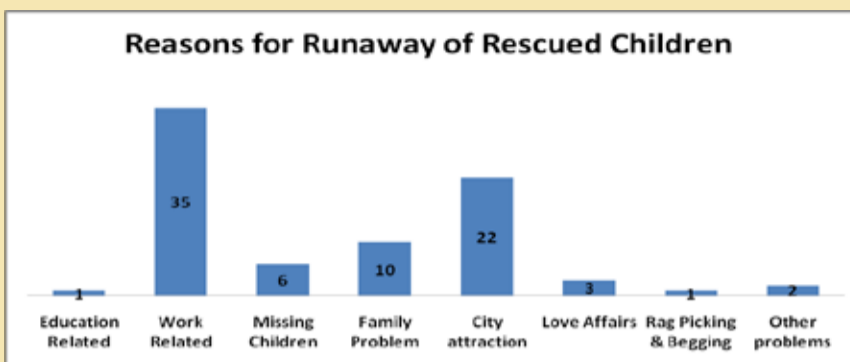




Society for Children (SOCH)

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



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rescued 80 children from all the three clusters in May 2018.
- Total of 4290 children have been Rescued between SOCH inception till 31st May 2018 from all clusters since.
- Received 4 children referrals from the Stakeholders.
- SOCH Donation Box set up at the "Meher's" Saree Showroom, Bhubaneswar and "The Family World Shopping Mall", Puri.
- Organised a "Cloth Distribution Programme" at Budhanagar & Ashok Nagar Slums in Bhubaneswar.

Details	No. Of Children Rescued by SOCH	No. of children received referrals from stakeholders	Total number of children Rescued	Total number of children reunited with their families
Since August 2012 to May 2018	3810	480	4290	3039
May- 2018	76	4	80	58

SPECIAL THANKS

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

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CLOTH DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME

Date	Duration	Place	No of Beneficiary
29th May 2018	10am to 1pm	Buddha Nagar and Ashok Nagar Slum, Near to Bhubaneswar Railway Station	60 Children

Introduction: "Roti, Kapada aur Makaan" (food, cloth & home) as the famous saying goes in India, are the basic essentialities of any human on this planet. We work hard to earn our food, to own a shelter of our own and to look graceful and presentable and in the pursuit we have become so busy, so self centred that we hardly ever stop and give a thought about those millions of people living on streets and living in Slums who cross our path every day. We see them half nude or at times fully nude but rarely (or wait for special occasions/events to) make any effort to extend a supporting hand towards them. But hunger doesn't wait for occasions nor does weather. Hence SOCH decided to initiate a little step towards comforting the little angels residing at different slums of Bhubaneswar without waiting for any special occasion.

Objective:

- To see children walking in a dignified manner.
- To create awareness about self respect and leading a dignified life among the children.

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Event Brief:

The event was organised in coordination with then Slum Dwellers of Buddha Nagar and Ashok Nagar slums in Bhubaneswar. Before distribution of the cloths it was ensured that the community and the children were sensitized about leading a dignified life and importance of education. They were also informed about different Vocational Skill Training Institutes where they can obtain skills to earn the basic needs of life.



A CASE STUDY

We cannot always blame parents for any act of delinquency by any child. We have to analyze and understand their limitations and compulsions. At time the circumstances are so very conducive for the child to be easily hoodwinked by the mirage of starry lifestyle that all suggestions of parents to their kids fall on deaf years.

Sambhu Mahanta* a 12 yrs old boy, from Mayurbhanja District of Odisha never had any interest for education. What he loved more was travelling and visiting new places and was especially very attracted by the glitterati of city life. On 1st May 2018 he was spotted by the SOCH Social Worker cum Counsellor at Bhubaneswar railway station. On being questioned about why he was alone at such place he replied very confidently that he was waiting for Train to Puri. Unable to leave him alone the SOCH staff inquired more details about his family and address to which replied that his father is a daily labour and mother a house wife and he was the only son among the three siblings.

Hence further after a few more casual interactions he shared that he had no interest in studying and likes city life a lot. So one fine day when he shared his feeling with his parents about visiting Puri, they didn't approve it due to their financial limitations. But Sambhu's urge was inconvincible and unstoppable and he made his mind to visit Puri without informing anyone. His ideas were implemented without any planning and preparation. Unaware of the routs and trains to his destination he couldn't reach Puri but managed to land in Bhubaneswar. Here spends one night and waits to restart. This is when SOCH intervenes.

The Social Worker cum Counsellor makes him understand the perils of travelling alone at his age and also convinces him about the importance of education to fulfil his desires. He seemed to have agreed and assures the staff to continue his education. Following which the staff followed the station formalities at and then handed over the child to Govt. Railway Police for further care and protection.

Every child is unique and has certain skills. But to realise the skills and channelize their energy through right medium is what defines success for them. And before that one must be equipped with some basic knowledge and skill of education. However the value of education is so high in the current society that talents and skills could only follow after a basic level of education. It has to be realised both by the parents and child.

(* Name has been changed)



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“ SOCH Volunteers participated in a rally organized by Railway Protection Force (RPF) to help women and child in difficult situation at Bhubaneswar Railway station. ”



“ SOCH Donation Box being set up at the “Me-hers” Saree Showroom, Bhubaneswar and “The Family World Shopping Mall”, Puri ”



“ Sensitization and Awareness meeting with Watering staffs of Puri Railway Station. ”



“ SOCH Social Worker cum Counsellor helping a rescued child with Counselling session at RPF Post, Bhubaneswar Railway Station ”



“ Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Single member sitting at SOCH Counselling Center, Berhampur ”



“ Near Shop and Vendor Sensitization meeting at Berhampur Railway Station ”