



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).

CUMULATIVE DETAILS

| Details | No. of Rescue | No. of Resettlement | No. of Referrals Received |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Aug 2012 – September 2017 | 3759 | 2666 | 430 |
| Apr 2017 – September 2017 | 572 | 403 | 80 |
| September 2017 | 65 | 54 | 04 |

ACHIEVEMENTS

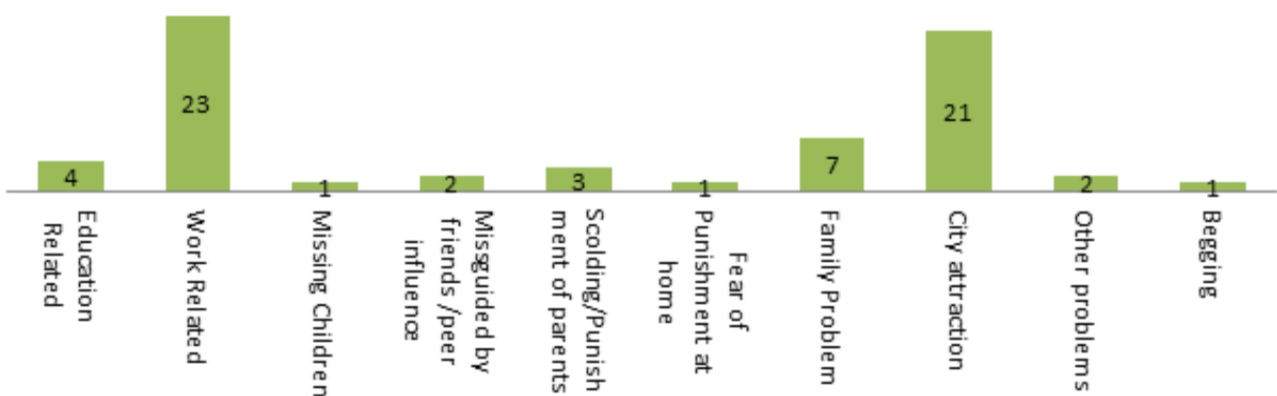
- Rescued 65 children from all the three clusters in October 2017.
- Reunited 54 children to their respective families.
- Received 4 children referrals from the Stakeholders.
- Received donation amount from the "PANDA TRAVEL MART" Shopping Mall, Bhubaneswar.
- Mobilized 1 youth and provided counseling support under project PANKH.
- Mobilized 10 volunteers from Social work Colleges under project RAKSHYAK.
- Mobilized 1 Refrigerator from Mr. Pradipta Kumar Behura at Bhubaneswar

SPECIAL THANKS

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

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Mr. Bipin Bihari Mohanty

Reasons for Runaway of the Helped Children at the time of counseling



CASE STUDY

We are not reluctant to request the readers not to judge the child in this case, simply based on his statements made during the counselling, reason being children are mostly guided by the emotions and under the influence of such emotion they fail to distinguish between right and wrong.

Ramesh Nai (name changed), a 16 years old boy hailing from Nalanda District of Bihar has just entered into his teens and is studying in class 10th. He had covered miles to land up in Puri railway station leaving his parent; both are farmers; and elder brother uninformed. His perturbed mind clearly portrayed his inhibitions and restrained him from sharing his details to the SOCH outreach worker who contacted him on 15th Oct 2017 at platform no.-8. But on assurance of help and sharing SOCH work Ramesh agreed to cooperate following which he was rescued and forwarded to station manager; Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRPS) for station formalities.

Post formalities and refreshments Ramesh was ready for the Counselling session where he reveals that he had stolen Rs 500/- and his elder brother's mobile to deposit his tuition fees for which he was scolded and asked to leave the home by his step mother. He was then educated about the hazards and risks of platform life and importance of education and parents in life. He then realises his mistake and agrees to return back to his parents but could not recall his parents contact number. He sticks to the same version of the story during his second counselling after being produced before the Puri Child Welfare Committee (CWC) on the same day. The Puri CWC then with help of Bihar CWC traced Ramesh's address immediately on the same day.

His parents were informed about his safety following which his uncle arrives on 17th October 2017 to receive Ramesh from Puri CWC with the proper documents. Here comes the twist in the tale when during the parent's counselling his uncle told whatever Ramesh has told was all incorrect. That he has not stolen anything and neither does he have any step mother but his own mother. Fact was simply due to very poor financial condition his parents could not fulfil his demands and were unable to pay for the tuition fees. So in a fit of anger he had run away from his home.

What made Ramesh lie and persistently? Why was he not hesitant to take blame like theft and use it escape? What made Ramesh so detached from his blood relations? Is the material needs winning over the timid minds of children? Or is it the peer competition? Time has come to brainstorm and resolute before situation goes out of our hands as Ramesh is just one case out of thousands at different corners of the world that came to our notice.

Status: Ramesh was happily reunited with his uncle with the knowledge of Puri CWC on the same day. His uncle expressed heartily gratitude towards SOCH staff for their good cooperation and support.

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Diwali Celebration with Slum Children @ Bhubaneswar Railways Station on 19th November 2017.



Diwali Celebration with Slum Children @ Puri Railway Station on 19th November 2017.



SOCH Team addressing to the queries from the members of the "Retire Person Group" in a meeting on 24th October 2017 @ SOCH Head Office, Bhubaneswar



Students from "Institute of Media Studies" visited SOCH as a part of their curriculum on 27th October 2017 under the guidance of Mr. Raghunath Mandal (Associate Professor).



Ms. Silpa Jaiswal demonstrates SOCH work, activities and thoughts @ "Rotary Club (East)", Cuttack Weekly Meeting.



SOCH Outreach Worker and Volunteer interacting with Contacted Child at Puri Railway Platform during a 3 days Early Intervention Survey.



TTI Meeting @ Puri Railway Station on 28th October 2017.