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ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rescued 107 children from all the three clusters in July 2018.
- Rescued 4449 children from all clusters since inception to till 31st July 2018.
- Received 1 child referral from Stakeholder at Bhubaneswar Railway station.
- Mobilised 10 Desktops from TCS (Tata Consultancy Services)

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

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Counselling Assistance To A Rescued Child At Counselling Center, Puri Railway Station



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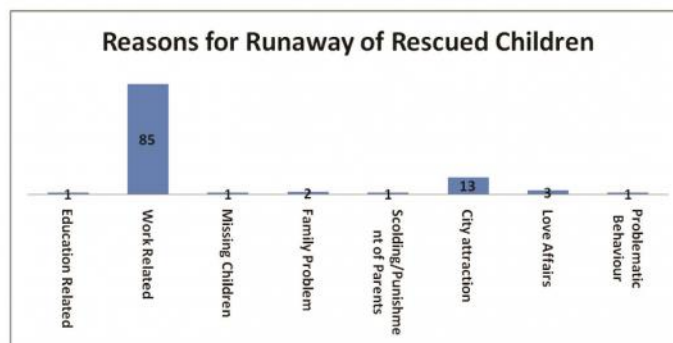
Single Member Sitting Of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) At Berhampur Counselling Center



Counselling Assistance To A Rescued Child At Berhampur Counselling Center



First Interaction With A Child At Berhampur Railway Station





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CASE STUDY

We live in the world that is built on hope, belief & promises. If marriages are made in heaven, promises are made on earth. So promise well kept leads to a happy and satisfied life. It should be clearly defined that “A clear rejection is better than a fake promise” but the order of the day postulates a theory that “promises are meant to be broken”. Shabhana Name Changed) was a victim of such fake promises.

On reaching Bhubaneswar railway station, Shabhana’s eyes were constantly searching for that one face that charmed her for the past six months; her ears were eager to hear that familiar voice that would call out her name and say “I’m here”. But fate will otherwise; in an unknown city Shabhana became alone and searched for a place for her safety. Her proclaimed husband’s phone was not reachable. The anxiety filled eyes went all around the railway station searching for him but without any success.

It was only during her perplexity, anxious and uncontrolled emotional gestures at the platform no-1 on 11th July 2018, she came to the notice of the SOCH Outreaching staff. She was first comforted by the staff. And then after a brief gap of station formalities with the Govt. Railway Police (GRP) and some Nutrition support to her, she recollected back her emotions and gained confidence on the staff. Realizing it the staff began the counseling session with her. It came out that Shabhana is just 17 years old and had been in love since last six months with a boy whom she met at her uncle’s village in West Bengal. Few months in love, she gets married to the boy without the knowledge of the two families. After the marriage the boy took Shabhana with him to his home, but the parents were not approving; neither their relationship nor their marriage. Rather they both were reprimanded and humiliated by the boy’s parents who did not allow them into their home.

Under such difficult circumstances the boy convinced her to go back and live with her parents and not inform them about their relationship and marriage. He promised her that he will take her back once he starts earning good and settles down. Shabhana trusted him and went back to her home and lived accordingly. Shabhana’s father is a mason and mother is a house wife. She has five sisters and two brothers. But they never knew about the matter. On the other hand the boy started working in a marble shop in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. They both continued their distant relationship and kept in touch via phone.

One fine day the boy asked Shabhana to come to Bhubaneswar by train from where he would receive her. By this time Shabhana’s faith in the boy had substantiated. As per the plan, without informing anyone at home, she runs away from her home with a hope. She missed her family dearly during the whole course of journey. But then she was also filled with dreams and hopes of a beautiful future that she had been aspiring since last six months. But soon all her aspirations shattered when she reached Bhubaneswar and there was no sign of her proclaimed husband. She unsuccessfully tried calling him on his no. which was not reachable. Even post rescuing Shabhana, the staff tried to connect unsuccessfully her proclaimed husband. The intention of the boy is not clear, but it was a promise that was meant to be broken.

Shabhana was made to understand to take parents into confidence in every life-decision, to evaluate before building trust on anyone and about the bad consequence of platform life before handing her over to Childline through GRP for further care and protection.

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