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BANGALORE ONIYAVARA SEVA COOTA



## **DON BOSCO- AN ACCLAIMED AND BELOVED SOCIAL WORKER**

Don Bosco, called the 'father and friend of youth', was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 1815 at Becchi, 35 kilometers from the Italian city of Turin. When he was barely two years old, he lost his father and his mother Margaret had to struggle to bring up the children. At the age of 20, Don Bosco entered the seminary at Chieri and six years later he was ordained a priest. Don Bosco died on January 31, 1888. He was declared a Saint in 1934.

In the wake of the Industrial Revolution, the harsh winds of political unrest, along with moral and religious emptiness were sweeping across Europe. Don Bosco saw the city of Turin swarming with boys peddling odds and ends, chimney sweeps, newspaper vendors and errand boys, exploited in their workplaces. They were underpaid and their employer often violated contracts, and some were subjected to cruel corporal punishments, or were to be found in prisons, idle and vermin-ridden. Don Bosco realized that thousands of these and other young people who had migrated to towns and cities needed education, care and guidance. He opened his own trade schools to train them, starting courses in printing, book binding, tailoring, carpentry and mechanics. He pioneered an educational system founded on the principles of reason, religion and loving kindness.

Don Bosco devoted his energies to the education and caring of young people and for this he founded the Salesian Society. This society has spread far and wide, experiencing tremendous growth and becoming a world wide movement of priests, brothers, sisters, co-operators, past pupils and volunteers who share Don Bosco's educative method.

BOSCO (Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota) was started in 1980. It is one of the projects of the Salesians of Don Bosco which attempts to translate his legacy of love into action, on behalf of the young at risk, such that they may have life in all its fullness.

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### **A FLEETING FLASH...**

To understand God's order, we must rescue children from living their life in despair and sadness...

The year 2015-2016 has been a gratifying, rewarding and energetic year for BOSCO. This year has strengthened our efforts in securing the rights of the children and youth, and also helped us build a community where children feel safe and protected. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and acknowledgement to all the various agencies, individuals, government and nongovernment departments, our donors and well-wishers who have lent a helping hand towards the betterment of children in distress. I would especially like to thank the BOSCO Directors, Coordinators, Staff and Volunteers for their constant help and support, and for providing us with the necessary materials, data and facts which have helped us complete this Annual Report.

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# FOREWORD



In the year 2015-16 BOSCO was awarded the National Child Welfare Award, a truly commendable moment in our 35 year old history. BOSCO received the coveted national award from the Honourable President of India, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, at a function held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015. This award, the highest of its kind, was instituted by the Government of India in 1979 as a national recognition to encourage voluntary action in the field of child welfare in India. It is a praise worthy recognition for the dedication and commitment of BOSCO to the welfare of children in difficult situations.

It is heartening to note that BOSCO is emerging as a reference point and benchmark in the area of child welfare in the country. We have grown as an organization that works on behalf of children to protect their rights and to ensure speedy justice when their rights are violated. As BOSCO celebrates the National Award we applaud the current BOSCO team of over 140 dedicated persons, the many dedicated staff of past years and the dynamic and visionary leaders who led and guided BOSCO from its inception to what it is today. Thank you all from the heart. The elation and hype of the National Award have probably died down at BOSCO but its' joyful memory keeps reminding us about our responsibilities towards children in vulnerable situations. BOSCO cares for the dreams of vulnerable children and we will continue to care for them with love and support them in realizing their dreams.

This Annual Report presents to you, in a nutshell, the account of our efforts during the year 2015-2016. BOSCO continued to be present in the railway stations, bus stands, markets and other vulnerable areas of the city to reach out and rescue unaccompanied children. We meet and receive such unaccompanied children who land in the city as a priority, because if we don't quickly rescue them, they will fall into the hands of child traffickers and other dangerous people.

In the past year, BOSCO rescued around 7,000 children from the city streets, out of which 5,248 children were helped to return to their families safely within a few days. BOSCO shares the belief that family is the best place for a child to grow up. Several hundreds of boys and girls who couldn't get back to their families because of serious problems at home were provided shelter and education for rehabilitation at the many childrens' homes of BOSCO.

BOSCO continued to implement several child related Government programmes such as Open Shelter, MCB, CHILDLINE and SJPU with zeal. Railway CHILDLINE Programme was the new Government programme which BOSCO accepted to implement in the last year. Another instance of collaboration with the Government was the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) that began to function from the space provided by BOSCO at its premises. Working with the Government Departments, such as Women and Child Development, Police, Railways, Education, Health, State Child Rights Commission, etc. added much strength to BOSCO's efforts towards the welfare of children.

The Bridge Education Programmes and school enrolment drive in the slum communities led to school re-enrolment of hundreds of out-of-school children. Various slum based community programmes were carried out to prevent child rights violations and to promote child welfare. Child Rights Clubs established by BOSCO in the slum communities have many happy stories to narrate about their efforts to prevent child labour and child marriages. The various vocational training programmes at the BOSCO centers were helpful in empowering the youth towards a life of dignity. Continuous activities to make the public aware about child rights and their welfare, have urged society to look favourably at marginalized children. This Annual Report is pleased to present many happy stories of child welfare promotion.

But success has not been our only companion on this journey; BOSCO faced moments of helplessness too. Child labour is something that we feel helpless about and we want to work harder in this area in the coming year. Foster Care - an alternative form of family care - needs to be taken forward in the state of Karnataka so that more unaccompanied children can stay with families and experience their loving care. We want to strengthen the After Care System for the children growing up in the children's homes of the State by joining hands with the Government of Karnataka. Our passionate mission is to help marginalized children realize their dreams.

A glance through this Annual Report will reveal that BOSCO's work and reach were deep and wide thanks to the support that we received from the various Government Departments, corporate houses, funding partners, organizations, institutions and caring individuals.

A heartfelt thank you to one and all. We request you to continue this journey with us, for today the young are more at risk than ever. Let us be friends and partners in the years to come because we all have a responsibility towards these marginalized children.

We thank God, our Father, for calling all of us to care for your little ones and for showing us the way.

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Dear Friends and Well Wishers of BOSCO,

My sincere congratulations and thanks to all of you for the commitment and hard work in favour of children who are at risk. The fact that we have been able to rescue and bring back 6,644 children in one year, is a very commendable and laudable intervention. The fact that we were able to put back 85 percent of them at home is a point of great satisfaction. My most sincere congratulations and thanks to the Salesian Fathers and Brothers who spend their life generously to make useful interventions in the lives of these children. I would like to put on record my sincere appreciation to all the members of the staff for their whole hearted collaboration and the ownership so that we are able to live up to the motto of BOSCO: "I have come to give life and life in its fullness".

Martin O'Brien is a British actor who besides acting in many films and plays is the founder and artistic director of Ten Ten Theatre. He has written and directed many theatre-in-education plays which continue to be shown throughout the UK. Ten Ten Theatre is a professional theatre company with underlying Christian values. It also works mainly with young people and the name comes from the Gospel of John 10:10, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." The principal objective of this theatre is to help young people to live life to the full. The founder Martin says that the idea of founding the theatre came when a number of Catholic school teachers, knowing about his drama works asked him if he could produce something to support their provision of 'Relationship Education' in their schools. They started off with a play called 'Baby' which would help them to respect life and people and to help them to think about how they relate to one another and with God. Today the topics of the plays are wider and they deal with themes like respect for life, climate change etc. and see as to how the young can do something about it politically, personally and spiritually. Another project they run is called Safer Street Project that tackles knife crime and insecurity among young people within their own communities. Plays based on spiritual themes that can evoke the social feelings of people were created and staged to initiate discussion in the community on being asked as to how he perceived God and he said, "I experience God mainly through my relationships with other people. I also experience God through Nature and the Eucharist, but most profoundly through human relationships because I feel that there is something of an imprint of God in every human being".

BOSCO has been living this very same 'Ten Ten Culture' for the past 36 years and it has been of service to (an almost accurate calculation of) 2, 52,000 children and youth. We remember with gratitude the pioneers of this noble work and we also remember the Salesian Fathers, Brothers and the Staff who have given their very best to make BOSCO what it is today. We wish that this noble intervention continues to do the good especially in today's context when there are several elements that promote division in the society, community and even in the sacred space of the family. We shall continue to be enthusiastic about creating a safe and secure space for our youth to grow in social responsibility and pursue a life of integrity.

Yours Most Cordially,

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## **MESSAGE**

BOSCO, a voluntary organization has been doing important work through its various outreach programmes to help children in need of care and protection. The service that BOSCO has been rendering over the years is truly appreciable.

Children on the streets of Bangalore rescued by BOSCO have been helped to grow into independent responsible individuals. BOSCO has reached out to other categories of deprived children such as child labourers, abandoned and orphaned children, abused children, drug addicts and children involved in begging.

The Department of Women and Child Development has also been associated with BOSCO for many years now with the Nodal Office for Missing Child Bureau located in the Department itself. Through regular interaction and feedback, both bodies have engaged in the process of strengthening their work, in the best interest of children.

The occasion of bringing out the Annual Report is a time to appreciate the tremendous work that has been accomplished by the organization. I would like to wish all success to the organization in their future endeavors.

*Uma Mahadevan*  
(Uma Mahadevan)





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**MESSAGE**

BOSCO, a voluntary organization, has been doing an incredible work through its various outreach programmes. They help children who need care and protection and who are in conflict with law. The splendid service they have been rendering for the last thirty five years is truly appreciable.

Thousands of children on the streets of Bangalore have been rescued by BOSCO and they help them to grow off the streets into an independent responsible individual. Over the years, they have reached out to other categories of deprived children such as child laborers, abandoned and orphaned children, abused children, drug addicts and begging children.

On the occasion of bringing out the Annual Report, it is time to rejoice in the tremendous work that has been accomplished by the organization. I wish all the success to the organization in their future endeavors. I am also taking this opportunity to congratulate the BOSCO team for serving the society by providing our children a better childhood they would like to cherish.

The Karnataka State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights has also been associated with BOSCO for many years and now, the Nodal Office of Missing Child Bureau is running in the Department of Women and Child Development. Through regular interaction and honest feedback, both bodies have engaged in the process of strengthening each other aiming to protect the best interest of children.

On behalf of the KSCPCR, I extend support in all their endeavours to create a better present and future for our coming generation.

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## MESSAGE

My heartiest congratulations to BOSCO for the excellent humanitarian works they have been doing for past 36 years in the field of care and protection, education, awareness, rescue etc. The future of any community or nation depends on the care given to the children. BOSCO has cared for the all-round development of street children in Bangalore and in other states also. BOSCO has faced the greatest challenge of catering to the basic needs of the children on the street sand their restoration with the families.

The services rendered by BOSCO are greatly appreciated. BOSCO works in collaboration with Railway Department and Police Department effectively. It is hoped that the Annual Report of activities of the organization would be helpful to many like-minded organizations.

I wish success to BOSCO in all their endeavour and efforts in the rehabilitation of these children.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D.C. Rajappa", with a flourish at the end.

(Dr. D.C. Rajappa I.P.S)

# BOSCO's

## VISION & SERVICES

Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota, commonly known as BOSCO, is a registered Non-Profit Charitable Organization under the society's Registration Act of 1960. It is established in 1980 by the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB).

### VISION

BOSCO aspires for a society that unreservedly cares for its children/youth through preventive and promotional approaches, as well as stands up for their well-being.

### MISSION

BOSCO accompanies the young at risk in their struggles and journeys from the margins to the centre of society so that they may become integrated individuals and responsible citizens.

BOSCO reaches out to the deprived, marginalized and vulnerable children/youth such as children on the streets, child laborers, runaways and trafficked children, abandoned and orphaned children, victims of all kinds of abuse, ragpickers, child beggars, etc.

BOSCO lives by its motto, **"That they may have life... in all its fullness"**. In keeping with the motto, following are the services and programs rendered by BOSCO on behalf of the Young at Risk:

- 24 / 7 Street Presence
- Child Rescue Booths
- CHILDLINE
- Counseling
- Special Juvenile Police Unit
- Missing Child Bureau
- Child Safety Net
- Community Development
- Child Rights Campaigns and Awareness Creation
- Child Rights Clubs
- Foster Care
- Shelter Homes for Children
- Skill Training
- Education
- Health Care
- Job Placement
- Room Placement
- Home Placement
- Advocacy
- Research and Documentation
- Publication





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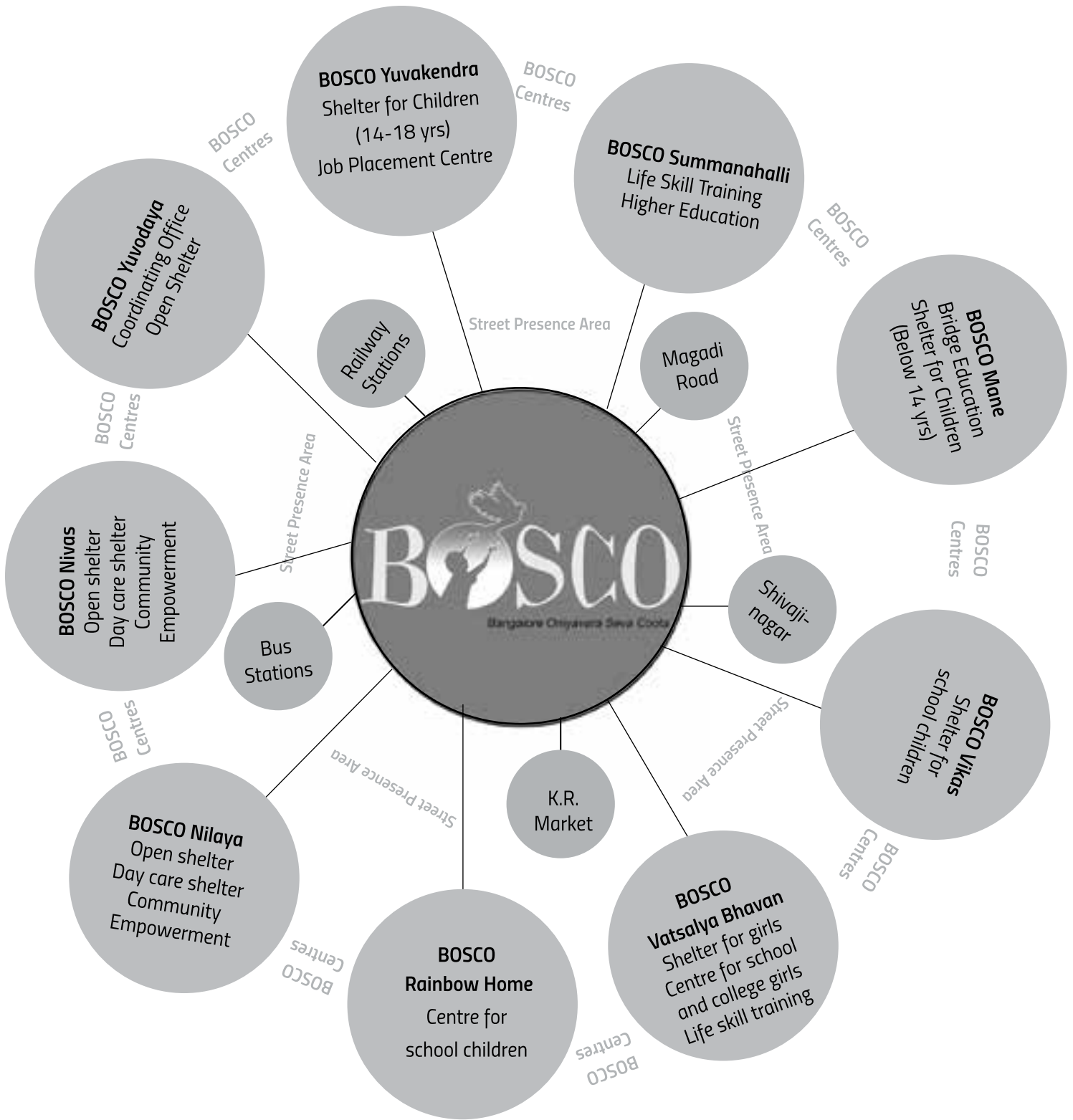
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# CENTRES AND AREAS COVERED





## STREET PRESENCE

**M**any children take to the streets either lured by the prospects of a lucrative job or to lead an independent life. This move opens them up to getting trapped by crooked and shady elements that rule the streets. Sadly, this move brings an abrupt halt to their childhood and innocence. It is BOSCO's fervent endeavor to extend round the clock presence through various services such as counseling, medical assistance, providing food and shelter, organizing orientation camps etc. our core practices include rescue operations and awareness programs.

### Rescue

A large number of children who find it hard to adjust or deal with personal issues tend to run away to big cities with the hope of leading a better life. Here, they fall prey to human predators such as child traffickers, criminals and abusers. Therefore, BOSCO's mission is to come in contact with them before they are preyed upon. Once they are trapped, rescue becomes difficult. BOSCO attempts to apply the best strategy in accordance with the circumstances and ensure that quick action is taken, thus attempting to decrease the intensity of the problem.

- BOSCO's rescue operations take place from railway platforms, bus terminals, factories, hotels, parks, public places, etc.
- BOSCO's important components such as CHILDLINE, SJPU, Child Safety Net, etc., collaborate with Police and other Government Departments in crucial intervention for mass rescue operations and prevention of child right violations.



### Statistics of Children Rescued by BOSCO during June 2015-May 2016

Contact Point	Boys	Girls	Total
BOSCO Mane	0037	000	<b>0037</b>
BOSCO Summanahalli	0024	000	<b>0024</b>
BOSCO Nilaya	0071	050	<b>0121</b>
BOSCO Nivas	0072	038	<b>0110</b>
BOSCO Yuvakendra	0009	000	<b>0009</b>
Railway Station	3072	225	<b>3297</b>
Bus Stand (BMTc and KSRTC)	1786	120	<b>1906</b>
BOSCO Yuvodaya	0022	001	<b>0023</b>
CHILDLINE	0303	146	<b>0449</b>
SJPU	0207	062	<b>0269</b>
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	0000	052	<b>0052</b>
ARSP	0241	017	<b>0258</b>
CSN	0040	018	<b>0058</b>
BOSCO Rainbow Home	0000	031	<b>0031</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5884</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>6644</b>

### Action Taken

Type of Actions	Number of Children
Home Placement	5248
Institutional Placement/Referred to CWC	1082
Counseled and Sent	0134
Present in BOSCO Centres	0180
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6644</b>





## Counseling

A deep sense of utter abandonment is so strongly rooted in the psyche of street children that they are totally dejected with life. It is BOSCO's primary goal to make the child feel that he/she is worthy and capable of living a better life. BOSCO provides counseling service to the children with the help of professional counselors at different stages of intervention. A counselor tries to bring out a child's hidden feelings and emotions, endeavors to change his/her unhealthy and inappropriate attitude, instill self-confidence, prompt the child to come to terms with the reality and thus inspire him/her to make suitable resolutions. The rehabilitation centres of BOSCO offer therapeutic counseling and refer them to specialized centres. Counseling to parents, guardians and legal custodians of the rescued children is also offered.

'Save The Children' is working with BOSCO on an "Education Project" to bring about change in the early learning of children who are in pre-school, as well as effective learning for children already in school. BOSCO has contributed towards making learning more creative through its activity driven programs.

BOSCO is a reputed organization with strength in establishing strong networks with various education and Integrated Child Development Services, so that projects can be smoothly implemented. BOSCO has a good channel of communication with various stakeholders like Anganwadi workers, school teachers, grass root communities and local leaders who are aware of BOSCO's integrity.

Save The Children wishes them all the best for their work with children.



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## BOSCO'S SHAKTHI-MAN

**S**hakthi Velu, a 13 year old boy from Bangalore's Majestic area was born to Kumar and Uma Maheshwari, and he has four siblings. Shakthi means "Power" and this little boy's name matches his personality! Despite an extremely disturbed past, Shakthi doesn't have a sign of glumness on his face, and is an extremely cheerful child. His father is a drunkard and it was not easy for the mother, Mrs. Uma Maheshwari to take care of the entire family of 7 members. All the money for the family's needs was snatched away by Kumar for his alcoholic needs, leaving the family deprived of food and basic necessities. Abuse, beatings and violence at home was a mundane thing for Shakthi. At the age of 10 he was fed up with home life. The final moment came when Kumar, Shakthi's father, murdered his 9 month old child by pressing on the baby's chest. This incident shook the entire family and devastated Shakthi and his mother. Not surprisingly, Shakthi was shocked and disturbed and decided to take the dire step of leaving home and family.

Running away from home he met with an accident and suffered major injuries in his leg. This was the moment when BOSCO came to his rescue. The staff and other members saw this boy at Majestic and took him for medication and kept him at BOSCO Yuvodaya. During the process, BOSCO staff enquired about his parents and sent him back home with his mother. But the financial problems and responsibility of 4 children was not an easy task for Uma Maheshwari who by now had left her husband and was on her own. Uma Maheshwari started working at a hotel where she met a friend who connected her with BOSCO. She then reached out to BOSCO to protect her children.

Observing all formalities, Uma Maheshwari enrolled all her children in BOSCO and each of them were sent off to suitable centres of BOSCO. These children are now in safe hands, going to school and living a comfortable life. Every Sunday they all get to meet each other and once a week or month, Uma comes to visit her children. The family has absolutely no idea about the whereabouts of Kumar, but nevertheless they are a comparatively happy family now. Uma is grateful and happy that her children are getting an education and leading a better life.

Shakthi says he really likes his stay at BOSCO and now feels at home here. He has great plans for his future and along with his friend at BOSCO, has decided to set up a home for orphans. His story can be summed up: "It's not where you are born that decides your future; it's your strength, will power and good learnings that take you to places".

## Health Care

**K**nowing that a child in the street lives in extremely unhygienic conditions and consequently becomes vulnerable to a variety of diseases and parasitic infestations, BOSCO makes notable medical interventions. The Health Care Department of BOSCO takes care of the medical services for the rehabilitation centres, slum communities and its operational areas. Besides direct interventions, it conducts many health awareness programs and medical camps.

### Statistics of Medical Care Provided in 2015-16

Type of Cases	Numbers
In Patient	0018
Out Patient	0777
Other Medical Care	1662
<b>Total</b>	<b>2457</b>





## Non-Formal Education

The children rescued by BOSCO are diverse: school dropouts or children who have never been to school, with little or no academic skills and learning. The first priority of the organization is to prepare these children for formal education provided they possess the aptitude and interest in studies. In this case, classes are organized in different shelter homes of BOSCO to prepare them for schooling. Classes are organized for children beyond school age, to prepare them for open school exams in the 10th standard and further to take up jobs according to the skills that they are trained in.

## Education

BOSCO believes that education forms the basis of human development. The organization attempts to intervene for those children who have the least chances of attaining regular schooling. Children from the slums do not lack intelligence but transforming them requires immense motivation, love and support from the educator. Children who land up on the streets usually have little interest in academics, which results in an increase in the number of school dropouts. BOSCO uses innovative strategies to motivate the children and help them gain an interest in academics and regular classes. Its centres such as BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Rainbow Home and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan are dedicated towards making the children develop greater interest in their studies. BOSCO Summanahalli, on the other hand, is dedicated towards providing higher education to its resident youth.

**Statistics of School/College Going Children in 2015-16**

Standard/PUC/ Diploma/Degree	BOSCO Vikas	BOSCO Rainbow Home	BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	BOSCO Summa- nahalli	TOTAL
I	-	08	02	-	<b>010</b>
II	03	05	01	-	<b>009</b>
III	06	06	04	-	<b>016</b>
IV	09	14	05	-	<b>028</b>
V	08	16	04	-	<b>028</b>
VI	05	02	03	-	<b>010</b>
VII	06	06	02	-	<b>014</b>
VIII	06	09	03	-	<b>018</b>
IX	06	09	03	-	<b>018</b>
X	08	03	02	-	<b>013</b>
PUC 1	-	-	05	12	<b>017</b>
PUC 2	-	-	03	10	<b>013</b>
Diploma 1	-	-	04	08	<b>012</b>
Diploma 2	-	-	-	03	<b>003</b>
D.C -1	-	-	02	07	<b>009</b>
D.C -2	-	-	-	02	<b>002</b>
D.C -3	-	-	-	02	<b>002</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>222</b>





## Bridge Schooling

Of the children rescued from the streets and vulnerable pockets of Bangalore, those who were unable to return to their homes or were orphaned were admitted to the half way home of BOSCO, as some of the identified children may have never attended school. Here skill training, non-formal education, creative learning, a homely atmosphere, therapeutic counseling, mentoring, craft, play, art, etc. are provided to eliminate the deep rooted negative impact of street life, and/or the problems faced by them at home due to various unavoidable circumstances. The bridge schooling program not only aims to enroll children in schools but also focuses on their overall development and reintegration into mainstream society.

Once the children complete their schooling, they remain vulnerable young adults who are either orphans or are unable to return to their families. Each of them has dreams, aspirations and wishes to continue education at a higher level. BOSCO enrolls such youth in colleges, ITIs and other training institutes based on their interests and aptitude.



## Skill Training

BOSCO runs its own skill training centre for boys at BOSCO Summanahalli, on the outskirts of Bangalore. It is equipped with the latest machinery as well as qualified and experienced staff to promote work culture and bring youth into mainstream society. Besides training them in six trades - carpentry, electrical, two wheeler mechanics, bakery, book binding and welding - BOSCO Sumanahalli also provides computer education to the youth in Basics, Microsoft Office, internet and Tally. Apart from the above mentioned trades, a tailoring unit is also functioning at BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan.





## Statistics of Youth Enrolled for Training in 2015-16

Types of Trade	Number of Children
Welding	013
Two Wheeler Mechanic	026
Book Binding	013
Bakery	030
Carpentry	012
Electrician	025
Tailoring (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	059
Tailoring (Shivajinagar)	066
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>



**MR. JOHN JOSHUA NIRMAL I**  
HLK Child MISS Hub Coordinator  
BOSCO, Bangalore

“ I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues who stood strong as pillars in building BOSCO. Over the year I see that BOSCO has reached a new milestone in its history. It has stretched out its arm to rescue children from streets and dangerous areas, reunited them with their families and others to safer surroundings as they don't have anyone to take care of them.

I am very happy to be a part of this organisation and wish BOSCO all the success in the years to come. ”



**JEEVA**  
Bakery Trainee  
BOSCO Sumanahalli

“ 'Thank you!' is a small word but one which has a deep meaning. When I was alone on the street you were there for me, you sheltered me. For all the gestures that you showed me, For every part and every bit, For everything you do to change my life, I thank you. You made me realize the power within. ”



## Computer Education

With the advancement of technology, the computer has become an inevitable part of daily life. BOSCO provides an opportunity to youth and children to become computer literate. There are two computer training centres situated at BOSCO Mane and BOSCO Summanahalli campuses which widen career options for children and youth, contributing to their integral development. BOSCO Mane computer training is aimed toward employment opportunities, whereas BOSCO Sumanahalli provides training in computer basics to children as part of their curriculum. In BOSCO Sumanahalli, a total number of 174 youngsters were equipped with computer knowledge.

Statistics of the Youth Enrolled for Computer Training in BOSCO Mane in 2015-16						
Number of Batches	Basic (Below 18)	Tally	Basic and Tally	Total	Basic/ Vocational	Job Placement (Above 18)
Batch 1	31	10	09	050	26	23
Batch 2	13	02	18	033	20	06
Batch 3	19	07	23	049	33	04
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>33</b>

Note: 26 students did not complete their course during the year due to various reasons such as family problems, timings of the course not being suitable, etc.

Computer education is a 4 month long course, and during the last year 3 batches completed their course in Basic, Tally and Vocational. Among the students above 18 years of age, some were placed in companies such as Rangoli, Metro, LIC, SBI, Exide Life Insurance, Star Health Insurance and RCMS Company while others established their own start-ups.

ಕೆಂ. ಬಡ್ ನೆಲ್ಕಾಡದ ಒಮೀನಲ್-೦೧ರಲ್ಲಿ ಬೀದಿ ಒದಿಯ ಮತ್ತು ಮನ ಬಿಲ್ಯು ಬಂದ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಸಲಹೆಗಾಗಿ ಬಾನ್ಡ್, ರವರ ದೋರಿಕೆಯಂತೆ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ನೆರವಾಗಿದ್ದು ಬಾನ್ಡ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದು ಬೀದಿ ಒದಿಯ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು / ಮನ ಬಿಲ್ಯು ಬಂದ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಸಂದಕ್ಷಿಸಿ ಫೋಟೋ ವರಕ್ಕೆ ಒಪ್ಪಿಸುವ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಬೀದಿ ಒದಿಯ ಆದಾಡ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಉಳು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿದ ಸಮಾಜ ಘಟಕವಾಗಿ ಬದಲಾಗುವುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುವ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾನ್ಡ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಅರಿವುಂಟಾಯಿತು. ಬೀದಿ ಒದಿಯ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಉಳು ವರಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಡ್ಯಾ-ಕ್ಯಾಸ ನೆಡಿ ಅದರ ಸಮಾಜ ಮುಖಿಯಾಗಿ ಬೆಳೆಯುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾನ್ಡ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಪಾಲು ಅತಿ ಮಧುರವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕೆಲವೊಂದು ಅಂತರಗಾಂವಿಗಾಗಿ ಅನೇಕ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಮನೆಯನ್ನು ತೊರೆದು ದಾರಿಗಾಂವರ ಅಧ್ಯಾಸ ಬಾನ್ಡ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಅಂತಹ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಉಳು ವರಕ್ಕೆ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿ ಅದರನ್ನು ಫೋಟೋ ವರಕ್ಕೆ ಒಪ್ಪಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಅಂದಿನ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಮುಂದಿನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯಾವಿಧಿಯಿಂದ ಅದರನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾದ ದಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಸಲು ಬಾನ್ಡ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಅ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ರಶಂಸನೀಯ. ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ಒಂದು ದೊಡ್ಡ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸ. ಆ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಬಾನ್ಡ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಅತ್ಯುತ್ತಮವಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಲು ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ.



**K.H. SHRINIVAS**  
Divisional Controller  
KSRTC

## Job Placement

Most of the youth come to the city in search of jobs. After being counseled at BOSCO Yuvodaya these youth are sent to BOSCO Yuvakendra, where they are assisted and guided in finding suitable employment. Youth who have undergone skill based training at various vocational skill training centres of BOSCO are placed for skilled jobs like welding, carpentry, computer data entry, electricians, mechanics, screen printing, bakery, tailoring, sales, etc. BOSCO is in contact with a number of employers who understand the situation and background of these youth and are ready to extend cooperation and offer them jobs.



### Statistics of Youth Placed in Jobs in 2015-16

Type of Job	Number of Job Placed Youth
Printing Press	16
Two Wheeler Mechanics	08
Office Assistant and Hospitality	05
Eateries	08
Semi-Skilled Jobs	25
Others	04
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>



## Room Placement

Mainstreaming youth- leading them back to the society as economically independent young adults - is our ultimate goal. BOSCO helps youngsters in hiring rooms or renting a place along with other boys. They are equipped to pay for the accommodation; and follow up of these youth is done periodically. The core idea behind room placement is to prep them for the change from a cocooned life of institutionalized care where they were provided with everything, to accommodation where they have to manage on their own. BOSCO staff does follow-ups by visiting them and arranging past-pupils get together. During the project year, BOSCO placed two new youth and did the follow up of 10 youth, including 8 old youth.



**SANJU**

Electrical Trainee  
BOSCO Sumanahalli

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to BOSCO for the abundant love, care, support and concern. I have no doubt that had it not been for your timely intervention, I would have ruined my life. Now I have absolutely no fear when I look at my future because the organization is training me to face life. I thank the organization for all the support, especially for the education and encouragement given to me partake in various sports events.





## Home Placement

Home placement is one of the major activities of BOSCO. BOSCO Yuvodaya acts as a transit home for around 30 children on a daily basis who are rescued from the railway stations, bus stands and the various contact

points in the streets of Bangalore. The children who are brought to the centre are counseled and encouraged to return to their homes. BOSCO's main aim is to reunite the children with their parents since it believes that family is the most suitable place for a child to grow up. A lot of motivation and awareness is given to children as well as parents before BOSCO decides to home place a child. This home

placement in most of the cases includes calling the parents or close relatives and handing over the child to them; sometimes our staff accompanies the child back home. In the previous year a total of 5,248 children were home placed from BOSCO.

Having been associated with BOSCO in Bangalore for close to two decades, I wish to place on record my deep appreciation for the work by the entire team of BOSCO who work with highly vulnerable children. Earlier BOSCO used to work only with boys, and now it is also working with girls by providing them with care, support, counseling, educational alternatives including vocational education and shelter. Its recent work in the communities is a welcome addition, since it is also located in areas where there is a surfeit of marginalized communities, including Muslim girls, who are already benefitting from the intervention in a very significant manner.

Interacting with the children who are part of the children's clubs set up, a part of the CREAM project supported by BREADS, was inspiring. They were courageous, well informed and getting equipped to face the injustices in their own personal worlds and the larger community with well guided facilitation. The vocational programmes of BOSCO are well rounded and provide remarkable life-skills for youngsters to not only improve the quality of their lives in a holistic manner but also to contribute to the communities they belong to. Its outreach programmes welcome youngsters from cities colleges to associate with its children and build bridges across communities and classes.

Wishing its team all the very best.



**KAVITA RATNA**

Director-Advocacy  
The Concerned for Working  
Children (CWC), Bangalore

## A HOME FOR SANTHOSH

A resident of Nagwara village in Bangalore, 13 year old Santosh Kumar bears a very tragic past- he was disowned by his own parents. The child has no idea about who his real parents are because he has never had a glimpse of them. Santosh spent his growing up years with his grandfather- who he thinks is his father - and his uncle, in Nagwara village.

His journey and connection with BOSCO started when the CWC (Child Welfare Committee) members found him at Shivajinagar and enquired about the reason he ran away from home. This is what he related: One day in Nagwara village, Santosh went to his neighbour's house, met a girl, and engaged in inappropriate behavior. The girl told her parents and they complained to Santosh's uncle. Fearing a beating from his uncle, Santosh decided to run away from home and thus landed Shivajinagar. For almost a month he spent his days and nights at the bus stop and in nearby places where he met Arun, who helped him earn a small amount of money which he used to buy his meals for a while. He earned a living making dolls and small jewellery, and took shelter in the church at night. After almost a month the CWC members found him wandering around and took him to BOSCO Yuvodaya.

Usually it's the parents that protect a child, and so Santosh having none, lost his way and cultivated bad habits, becoming the kind of child which society frowns upon. At BOSCO Yuvodaya, while enquiring about his family and parents, BOSCO came to know that he was left an orphan and his grandfather took responsibility, but, besides providing food and shelter, did not guide him. He began troubling children from the neighborhood, smoking and so on. This turned him into a frustrated, angry and unpleasant adolescent.

Santosh's journey at BOSCO started 3 years ago; ever since he came to BOSCO Mane, with the help of counselling and advice, the officials were able to bring about positive changes. After several attempts and enquiries, BOSCO found that his mother's sister stays in a village near Big Banyan Tree, Bangalore. Santosh had told us that he had visited his aunt during vacations and was very fond of her. After talking to his aunt, they came to know that Santosh's real mother, who he thinks is no more, was alive and came to Bangalore after getting married to another man and she has two new children. When Santosh's aunt told his mother about him, she did not want him back nor did she want to have anything to do with him. Despite this, it is heartening that he still has a place which he can call home, and an aunt and uncle who will take him into their home.

Santosh will now be going back to his home at Big Banyan Tree to stay with his family and finally get a life which he deserves. They have also assured us that he will be starting his education once he goes back. Santosh is extremely thankful to BOSCO for treating him like a family member and also said that he will miss BOSCO and his friends in BOSCO. But like they say, there's no place like home, and this boy is happy to head back to his nest.



SHIVAMALLU  
BOSCO Mane

ಅಂತರರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಬಾಸ್ಕೆಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಸರು ಮಾಡಿ ೨೦೧೫ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಪಾತ್ರವಾಗಿದೆ. ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳು ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ದೊರಕಿಸುವ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ, ಅವರ ಸರ್ವತೋಮುಖ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ, ನರ್ತಕಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಗಳ ಜೊತೆ ಕೈ ಜೋಡಿಸಿ ಕ್ರಮವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ವರ್ಗದವರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ೨೩ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ನಾನು ಭಾಗಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದು ನನಗೆ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ವಿಷಯವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಇದೇ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹು ದೂರ ಸಾಗಲೆಂದು ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯನುತರನೆ.

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# SLUM/COMMUNITY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

**B**OSCO, being a rights based organization, concentrates its effort on the holistic development of slum communities to promote child protection. In this regard, the BOSCO team works closely with slum communities and especially women and children on various issues such as health, shelter, food, education and women empowerment.

In 2015–16, BOSCO team worked closely with various slum communities and ensured the following:

- Birth registration of 21 new born babies
- 2125 children were immunized.
- The Pulse Polio Drive benefitted thousands of children
- 65 malnourished children were identified
- 9 health camps were conducted in slums during the year and a total of 1,471 people benefitted from them.
- Ration card for 55 families were renewed through the 'Adalath'.
- BOSCO team assisted in filing and procuring Voter ID cards and filed 209 applications.

## School and Tuition Centres

During the scholastic year, 15 children secured seats under RTE in various private schools. There were 193 new enrollments and re-enrollments from slum communities. An average of 160 children from RG Colony, Vasanthnagar, Mackan compound, Nehrupuram and Nivas center were given tuitions and they proved to be eager learners. Also, summer camps were conducted for 2014 where several skills of arts and crafts were taught with the help of resource persons and awareness was given on "good and bad touch".

**Statistics of Children Attending Tuition (2015-16)**

Std/Class	Shivajinagar	Satellite Area	K.R. Market	Total
I	19	04	20	<b>43</b>
II	17	03	20	<b>40</b>
III	18	02	30	<b>50</b>
IV	14	03	25	<b>42</b>
V	08	03	34	<b>45</b>
VI	14	01	26	<b>41</b>
VII	05	00	12	<b>17</b>
VIII	11	02	08	<b>21</b>
IX	09	02	12	<b>23</b>
X	11	04	11	<b>26</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>348</b>





## Child Rights Clubs

BOSCO works closely with children in schools and slum communities with the objective of providing them with a platform to share their ideas and empowering them to address their own protection issues. The Child Rights Club acts as a powerful medium for bringing about transformation in society. Through their timely intervention, many child marriages were stopped, child labourers were rescued and many children were re-enrolled in schools. Once a month, club members meet with their animator and discuss current child related issues particularly those pertaining to their respective schools.

## Advocacy with Slum Board and Other Departments



BOSCO is directly involved with communities, especially slums, to ensure that their basic rights are protected. It conducts field visits to study communities in crisis and advocate for their essential needs. BOSCO's strategy of conducting awareness programme for the well-being of the slum community involves not only spreading awareness about child rights, health care, women empowerment, etc. but also ground level work for the community. Through BOSCO's intervention - in collaboration with Action Aid- negotiation on land allotment for evacuated slum people is on.



## Women Empowerment

Women have a major role to play in any society. Very often it is the women who run the family with their meager income shouldering the burden of sick parents and young children, as the men are either alcoholics or have deserted the families or are no more. It is against this socio-economic background, that BOSCO started intervention among women in slum communities. The objective of BOSCO here is to empower women to educate their children, and through their children, bring about transformation in their lives.

BOSCO has strengthened Mother's Groups across 26 ICDS centres through 55 sessions. Capacity building of Mother's Group members focuses on emergent literacy and math, and is done on the basis of 1 program for 52 mothers. At present there are 5 SHGs in total.





## Stakeholders

Stakeholders can affect or be affected by the organization's actions, objectives and policies. Major stakeholders include a wide range of people who are supporting both directly and indirectly, the rescue and rehabilitation of children. They range from the common man on the streets to Government officials such as Police, RPF, GRPF, Railway and bus stand officials, AHTU, child rights clubs, NGOs, school teachers, parents, SDMC members, local leaders of the ward, etc. It also includes the duty bearers such as CWOs, DCPO, CWC, JJB, railway officials, KSRTC, BBMP officials, officials from the Departments which includes WCD, ICPS, labour departments, education departments and health departments, Law Enforcement and Legal System, etc.



### RUBEN SETS HIS GOALS HIGH

The story of Ruben is a fable of someone who displayed the grit to reach his goal. He doesn't remember anything about his family. Ruben was rescued from the street by sisters from the congregation of Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (SMMI). He finished his schooling up to 7th standard at SMMI convent school in Hassan. Later on as the boy expressed his desire to do vocational training, he was given admission in BOSCO Sumanahalli on July 1st, 2007.

Ruben completed his training in carpentry and welding during his stay at BOSCO Sumanahalli. After the training he was job-placed and worked for 6 months before returning to BOSCO Sumanahalli to prepare for KOS Exams. He wrote the exam and completed his SSLC in 2011. He continued his studies in regular college and completed his PUC in the year 2013. He joined Govt. First Grade College, Vijayanagar and successfully completed B.A in 2016. On completing his studies, he joined as Store Manager in LIVEN-UP Concept Cycle Store on Malgala Ring Road, Bangalore. Now he is earning Rs. 10,000/-per month. He wants to become an acclaimed cyclist in the future and carve a niche for himself in society. He has won 4th place in the 200 km cycling run (Bangalore to Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu) and was awarded with the Bronze Medal. He has also won 1st place in 400 Kms for cycling (Bangalore to Vellore, Tamil Nadu) and won the Silver Medal.



TULASI

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan

I left my home at the age of 6 due to the physical torture by my family members; because of this I stayed in a government home for 11 years. Four years ago, BOSCO took me out of the government home and put me in its own shelter. It was altogether a new experience for me in the beginning. I was a little confused, but when I met the Fathers, Sisters and the other girls like me, I was surprised to see how they kept the doors wide open for me and accepted me just the way I am. BOSCO gave me ample opportunity to learn new things. It also gave me a chance to get admission in one of the most reputed colleges in Bangalore, Jyothi Nivas College. With a lot of care and support provided to me by BOSCO, I managed to pass PUC exams with 72 percent.

Thank you BOSCO for your love and support! I shall remain ever grateful to you for rendering such a service to girls like me.



## BRIDGE Network

BRIDGE (Bangalore Rights Initiative for Development and Gender Empowerment) is a ten year project which was initiated in 2006 as a network of 11 NGOs, among which BOSCO is functioning as the nodal agency. It is supported by Action Aid. BRIDGE Network, was instituted with the aim to connect urban deprived communities with government agencies and avail government schemes or projects that are set apart to ensure these people's basic rights. BRIDGE network works towards safeguarding five rights:

- Right to land and housing
- Right to education
- Right to food
- Rights of women and children
- Right to health.

The BRIDGE network has its presence in 32 slums in the city of Bangalore and it connects people with government projects aimed at their holistic development.

Some of the major actions of BRIDGE Network:

- A campaign resulting in 1,228 slum dwellers giving application to the government demanding land allotment.
- 134 RTE applications were applied for and 54 admitted.
- Re-enrolment of 35 school dropouts.
- Stopped 8 child marriages.
- 554 BPL cards have been applied out of which 269 have been accessed.
- 149 application for pension were applied and 86 have been accessed.
- Capacity building for women and summer camp for children.

It is a great experience to work with BOSCO Bangalore Railway CHILDLINE at Bangalore city railway station. The efforts of the staff of BOSCO Bangalore Railway CHILDLINE are really very effective. Every month on an average more than 200 children are being rescued in Bangalore city railway station premises. The rescued children are sheltered, counseled and as per the Child Welfare Committee advice they are safely returned to their parents, or sent back to their hostels. I feel that BOSCO Bangalore Railway CHILDLINE is doing a great service to the community and to the nation.



**SRI PRAKASH**  
Station Master (Gaz)  
KSR Railway Station  
Bengaluru

# IN COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS

## CHILDLINE

CHILDLINE is a 24/7 free emergency telephone helpline service for children in distress. It is a project of the Ministry of Women and Child Development and works in partnership with NGOs, Government and Corporate Sector. BOSCO is the collaborative organization of CHILDLINE. BOSCO CHILDLINE is committed to respond to the CHILDLINE calls on 24/7 basis and intervene in crisis situations since 2002. It identifies high risk areas where the number of vulnerable children is high and reaches out to them. CHILDLINE intervenes in cases of child labour, child marriage, abandoned children, sexual abuse, corporal punishment, school dropout children, begging children, etc.



### Statistics of Call and Intervention Cases (2015-16)

Types of Calls	Number of Calls
Medical Help	0006
Shelter	0186
Repatriation	0109
Protection from Abuse	0870
Parents asking Help (Missing)	0053
Emotional Support and Guidance	0018
Information and Referral to Services	0154
Information about CHILDLINE and Volunteers	0294
Silent	0017
Follow-up	1056
Phone Testing	1807
Administrative	0187
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4753</b>



## TYPE OF CASES (2015-16)

Type of cases	CCC	Outreach	Total
Child Labour	184	141	<b>0325</b>
Begging/rag picking	125	073	<b>0198</b>
Child Marriage	021	005	<b>0026</b>
Shelter	046	008	<b>0054</b>
Runaway/Found	025	050	<b>0075</b>
Street Child	017	017	<b>0034</b>
Addicted Child	010	003	<b>0013</b>
School related	065	012	<b>0077</b>
ES & G	035	000	<b>0035</b>
Physical abuse	058	004	<b>0062</b>
Sexual abuse	014	001	<b>0015</b>
School dropout	019	033	<b>0052</b>
Medical help	005	001	<b>0006</b>
Illegal adoption	004	002	<b>0006</b>
Mental abuse	002	000	<b>0002</b>
Surrendered Child	002	003	<b>0005</b>
Eloping	001	003	<b>0004</b>
Devadasi	001	000	<b>0001</b>
Family Related	004	000	<b>0004</b>
Missing	020	000	<b>0020</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>1014</b>

## Jayakumar is Rescued

During the field visit of the BOSCO CSN team in Chandra Layout, 13 year old Jayakumar, was found working in 'Naveen Men's Shop'. The shop owner was very rude and he didn't allow the team to meet the child. But along with the support of the police, the team caught hold of the child and enquired about his whereabouts. Jayakumar belongs to Bellary District, Thuorannagalli. His father's name is Hokarappa and mother's name is Gangamma and both parents are illiterate. They are financially poor and the father is the only breadwinner of the family. Jayakumar has two siblings. His uncle took him to Bangalore promising to give him education and a job after that. But no education was provided to him, rather he was employed in a shop. Jayakumar is interested in pursuing his higher education. His work timings in the shop are from 7 am to 7 pm and he was paid a very poor salary, and food and shelter were given to him in the house of the shop owner.

With the support of the Chandra Layout police station, Jayakumar was rescued and taken to BOSCO Yuvodaya for rehabilitation.

## Action Taken

Type of Cases	Rescued	Supported in the Existing Set Up	Not Found	Referrals	Total
Child Labour	158	094	073	00	<b>0325</b>
Begging/Rag picking	088	031	077	02	<b>0198</b>
Child Marriage	014	008	004	00	<b>0026</b>
Shelter	007	026	001	20	<b>0054</b>
Runaway/Found	064	009	001	01	<b>0075</b>
Street Child	026	003	004	01	<b>0034</b>
Addicted Child	002	003	005	03	<b>0013</b>
School Related	012	048	008	09	<b>0077</b>
ES & G	001	033	001	00	<b>0035</b>
Physical Abuse	005	043	012	02	<b>0062</b>
Sexual Abuse	005	008	000	02	<b>0015</b>
School Dropout	035	013	003	01	<b>0052</b>
Medical Help	000	000	000	06	<b>0006</b>
Illegal Adoption	004	000	000	02	<b>0006</b>
Mental Abuse	001	001	000	00	<b>0002</b>
Surrendered Child	004	001	000	00	<b>0005</b>
Eloping	003	001	000	00	<b>0004</b>
Devadasi	001	000	000	00	<b>0001</b>
Family Related	000	004	000	00	<b>0004</b>
Missing	000	000	000	20	<b>0020</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1014</b>



## Railway CHILDLINE

Railway CHILDLINE is a new project which is jointly initiated by the Department of Women and Child Development and Indian Railways in 2015. The aim of the programme is to rescue children from the railway station and the surrounding areas, provide counseling to the children and re-integrate them with their family members. The procedure- starting from rescue till the reintegration- involves several stages such

as collecting details of the children, producing the children before the Child Health Group (CHG), sending them to the open shelter and finally producing them before Child Welfare Committee (CWC). The information of the rescued children and the final action taken is given to CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF).

## Foster Care

Foster care refers to a temporary arrangement for children who are in a difficult period in their lives such as orphaned/semi-orphaned and children who do not have a family of their own. These children are placed in a home, individually or in a group, of foster parents certified by the state. BOSCO Foster Care works in collaboration with various Government Departments, Government Homes and other NGOs. The activities of BOSCO Foster Care include identifying the potential foster parents, counseling them, identifying and preparing children for going into foster care, visiting homes of the potential foster parents, visiting children at school to ensure their well-being and growth as well as maintaining systematic documentation. BOSCO provides foster care services such as individual and group foster care. In 2015-16, 5 children were placed in Individual Foster Care, out of which 1 child was referred back to CWC due to ill health of his parents and 11 children were placed in Group Foster Care.



It is indeed an immense pleasure to be associated with BOSCO (Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota) as one of our partners for implementing the Rainbow Homes Program for vulnerable girl children on the streets. With the immense experience that BOSCO has of working with children, our program has been effective in not only implementing the home, but also for working with the systems, especially Government, in advocating for child rights and for bringing out child friendly policy directives.

My best wishes for BOSCO in all its endeavors and hope to scale up the association in the future for creating a better future for underprivileged children.

**Poornima. B.S.**

State Program Manager, Karnataka, Rainbow Foundation India, Bangalore

## Manikantan Starts Over

Trying to make a living out of rag picking, tells us what kind of a tough childhood a boy like Manikantan experienced. Fathers are usually the pillars of the house. However in the case of Manikantan, his father is the reason for many issues in the family. Periya, Manikantan's father, stopped working when he came to know that he had Epilepsy, and he used this as an excuse to not go to work. Instead, he stayed at home and drank, leading to a lot of fights and physical abuse in the family. The regular fight between Manikantan's parents was one of the reasons why Manikantan lost interest in studies and decided to leave school when he had just finished Std 2!

Once he stopped going to school, Manikantan chose the life of a rag picker, roamed around with his friends and got into the habit of smoking. He gave up on his dreams of becoming an educated person. Due to financial restraints, it was difficult for his mother to send him to a hostel or a school nearby because she, working alone, could not afford it. BOSCO officials observed him and his mother in one of the big sewers for a few days and finally approached his mother and convinced her to send her child to BOSCO where he could lead a different life and start to dream again.

Even today, whenever Manikantan goes back home, he encounters the same behavior of his father and ends up in a dull and negative frame of mind all over again. His grandmother is unfortunately at the receiving end of all these abuses and was in fact admitted in hospital after she was beaten up by Manikantan's father. Manikantan has three older sisters, of whom two are studying whilst the youngest one has also chosen the life of a rag picker. Manikantan loves his mother, sisters and his grandmother; they have lavished love, care and affection on him. He wants to get them away from all the troubles caused by his father and help them move away from the emotional and physical abuse.

On the academic front, he is very slow in terms of learning; he gives up very easily, the repeated abuse that he has been through makes it tough for him to do things again and again. One of the volunteers had asked him to make a duck out of paper and after two unsuccessful attempts; he gave up and wanted to do something different. The volunteer, however, wouldn't give up, and this time he took five to six attempts to make the duck, but he persevered. In the past one year, things have changed a lot and the credit goes to BOSCO for making him believe in life again. Here he gets to play around with other kids and the toys, and he is learning to relax and feel safe.

Manikantan is now trying his best to educate himself and has successfully stayed away from smoking or any kinds of drugs for that matter. The new environment provided to him by BOSCO has made him a better person and one can only hope that his life too becomes better from now on.

BOSCO Bangalore is a nationally recognized NGO that is not only a home to hundreds of children and young people who live and work on the streets, but also to many who have walked through its doors and were encouraged to use it as a stepping stone to a more happy and dignified life within the community. The wide array of services offered for this vulnerable group is truly a demonstration of the commitment and genuine service to the most marginalized, particularly when many organizations are now transforming homes for such children into 'hostels' for school going children. The Action Research approach drawing from the 'street presence philosophy' that it adopts often results in a positive contribution to policy and law, as well as in replicable models - an invaluable contribution to the normative framework and professional practice with children. I congratulate BOSCO for its wonderful work, and wish the organization all the very best in its ongoing endeavors.

**Arlene Manoharan,**

Fellow, Programme Head - Juvenile Justice, Centre for Child and the Law, NLSIU, Bangalore





## Open Shelter

This is a programme for Integrated Child Protection Scheme in urban and semi-urban areas to provide care, support and rehabilitation for the children. Open shelter caters to children in need of care and protection like beggars, street and working children, rag pickers, orphaned, deserted and trafficked children particularly those without home and family ties, vulnerable to abuse and exploitation, especially children of sex workers and pavement dwellers. The project provides shelter, nutrition, healthcare, sanitation and hygiene, safe drinking water, education and recreational facilities, protection against abuse and exploitation, enrolment in schools, vocational training and placement, health services, reducing drug and substance abuse and HIV/AIDS among street children.



## ECCE

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is a project which aims to improve the quality and learning environment of children belonging to primary schools as well as ICDS (Anganwadi) centres. This project is carried out by BOSCO in partnership with Save the Children. The objective of the programme is to create a child friendly learning environment for supporting children's education in the slums of Bengaluru Urban. In this programme children were supported in 26 ICDS (Anganwadi) centres and 60 schools in 21 wards, out of which 55 schools are run by the government and 5 are private schools in the urban slums of Bengaluru.





## Child Safety Net (CSN)

The project 'Child Safety Net' was initiated for vulnerable children on the streets of Bangalore. The objective of the project is round the clock care and protection to children at risk; through the physical presence of the street educators/field animators in the most vulnerable pockets of Bangalore city patrolling on rescue vehicles. It focuses on the rescue of vulnerable children, and bringing public awareness. It also creates awareness and advocacy with various Government Departments and formation of caring communities. In 2015-16, the CSN team has attended 58 cases of child labour, conducted 192 public awareness and door to door awareness programmes and 54 school awareness programmes.



## Missing Child Bureau

BOSCO functions as the State Nodal Agency for the Missing Child Bureau (MCB) of the state of Karnataka. It works in collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development and police in collecting and sharing information about missing and unaccompanied children by using the latest technology and strategy. MCB uses a web based

technology (Child MISS) to track and trace missing children. It also collaborates with NGOs in all the districts of the state of Karnataka who carry out missing complaint registration and other related works.



Missing Complaints and Traced Children in Karnataka (2015-16)	
Missing Child Complaints	Number of Complaints
Live Missing Complaints	0881
Lost in Touch with Complaints	0004
Missing Complaints Solved/Traced Children	0300
<b>Total</b>	<b>1185</b>

Unaccompanied Children Contacted and Home Placed in Karnataka (2015-16)	
Unaccompanied children Details	Number of Children
Still Unaccompanied	0770
Refer to other state	0028
AHP	0486
<b>Total</b>	<b>1284</b>

### Capacity Building Programs of MCB/MCBDC for the Year 2015-16

Training	Category of participants	Number of Participants
Functions of MCB, Child Rights, Child Related Issues and JJ Act	Anganwadi Workers	0255
	Asha Workers	0125
	SHG Members	0314
	Police	0317
	PDOs and Panchayat Members	0119
	Primary & High School Teachers and Students	0475
	NGOs	0134
	General Public	0535
	Bus Conductors, Railway Potters, Auto Drivers	0119
<b>Total Participants</b>		<b>2393</b>

### Rescue, Return & Rehabilitation

On the 29th of January, 2016, the morning brought shocking news for the good hearted people of Kolar. It was the untimely demise of an innocent child named Sashikiran, an inmate of Venkateshwara Orphan Educational Charitable Trust. As a result of this incident, an enquiry was done by KGF police and it led to the unnecessary detention of 19 more children in the institution. The arrest of the head of the institution caused panic among the orphans and semi orphan children.

A member of the Zilla Panchayat, took all the children to his residence at Ananthapura, Aavani Hobli without consulting or taking prior permission from any concerned personnel. The Missing Child Bureau District Cell got this information through the general public and acted upon it immediately along with DCPO and CWC. All the 19 children were taken back and given adequate facilities to stay at homes in KGF.

MCBDC started talking to these children and gathered information, based on which they started searching for parents and close relatives of the children. The astonishing result helped embrace a permanent solution to this issue and made sure that all 19 children are now safe with their parents and relatives.

Among the 19 children, 8 have a single parent and their beloved mothers are extremely happy to hold their children once again; 11 are orphans and have been taken in by their relatives. The follow up ensured that all the children are going to school regularly and leading a happy life.



## Child MISS

Child MISS is a software cum web portal tool to assist documentation of both quantitative and qualitative data to create a database for the organization. It is networked with Homelink and the team focuses on documenting the information of vulnerable children of its networking partners. The Child MISS Program supports its partners to collect the data in systematic formats based on the JJ Act. The use of Child MISS would reduce re-typing the reports, helps in downloading the reports in needed formats such as CVS, Excel, Word, PDF, etc. The option of online editing and modification is provided which allows updating of the children's information regularly and makes it accessible, secured online use and view of data, maintaining data bank in cloud base without the use of system space.

## Special Juvenile Police Unit

BOSCO through Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) has been assisting the police in handling cases in the two divisions of Bangalore city- South and West Divisions covering 35 police stations. The primary objective of SJPU is to create a child friendly approach while dealing with the children involved in criminal offences and thereby, ensuring their rights are not breached at any stage of the legal procedure. BOSCO SJPU wing conducts various public awareness programmes to prevent crimes by children. These programmes include special training for police officials and counseling sessions for both children charged with criminal offences and their parents. All serious cases are referred to Observation Home for further intervention by Juvenile Justice Board. BOSCO SJPU networks with various Government Departments and other NGOs.

Statistics of Cases Attended in 2015-16			
Types of Cases	South Division	West Division	Total
Serious Cases	046	038	<b>084</b>
Non- Serious Cases	054	051	<b>105</b>
Care and Protection	008	025	<b>033</b>
POCSO	034	013	<b>047</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>269</b>
Male/Female			
Male	104	103	<b>207</b>
Female	38	24	<b>62</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>269</b>

Action Taken			
Types of Action	South Division	West Division	Total
Observation Home	051	038	<b>089</b>
Referred to CHB	000	008	<b>008</b>
Referred CHG	019	004	<b>023</b>
Direct Home Placement	023	024	<b>047</b>
DHP & PD	048	050	<b>098</b>
AHP	001	001	<b>001</b>
BVB	000	002	<b>002</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>269</b>



## Youth Parliament

Youth Parliament is a meeting of all the inmates of the centre, led by the youth themselves. In the meeting the office bearers are elected and the ordinary



and simple issues of the centre are solved by the members. The meeting usually takes place once in a month and all the members attempt to address the matters concerning the centre and their life there. It is a platform for the inmates to express their views and opinions freely to make a necessary transformation in their lives. It also inculcates in them a sense of ownership and a sense of belonging.

## Psycho Social Interventions at the Government Run Juvenile Homes

BOSCO works with children in need of care and protection and with children in Government Homes. As per the Juvenile Justice Act, children are grouped under two broad categories, namely, children in need of care and protection and children who come into conflict with the law. BOSCO reaches out to children who are given shelter at the Government juvenile homes. Once children are placed in the Government children's home, periodic follow up is done by BOSCO. Special counseling sessions are planned for the needy to guide them with regard to changes in life. BOSCO also organizes cultural events and awareness programmes for these children. BOSCO staff takes initiative in motivating children and youth for doing skill training and encourage them to continue with their academics.

### Kishore Goes Back to School

Kishore Kumar belongs to a very poor family. He has no father, and his mother struggles to make both ends meet. Kishore's elder brother has completed Std 10 and is looking for a job. His sister studied up to Std 9, is not interested in studying further and has taken up a small job. The family lives in a rented house paying a rent of Rs. 2,000 per month.

Currently, Kishore is studying in Std 7, but he was a school dropout when BOSCO staff spotted him wandering in the nearby areas of an Anganwadi centre. The BOSCO staff spoke to Kishore and asked about his details, his family, and his school and informed the same to the Coordinator of ECCE, BOSCO. Later, the Coordinator met the school teacher and spoke to her about Kishore and ensured that he continued going to school. When Kishore was asked to state the reason for discontinuing education he said that his teacher used to beat him, and so he had developed an aversion towards the teacher and the school.

At present, a regular follow up to ensure that the child is attending school daily is being done by BOSCO staff. Also, staff members keeps meeting Kishore to see that he completes his school education.



# MAJOR EVENTS & PROGRAMMES



## She is our Pride

BOSCO Rainbow Home celebrated International Girl Child Day 2015: BOSCO celebrated the day with a colorful and elegant function at BOSCO Rainbow Home, Wilson Garden on the 11th October, 2015. "It is the day to commemorate and to uphold the power and the dignities of girl children and to safeguard their rights", said BOSCO Executive Director Fr. Mathew Thomas on the occasion. Miss. Purnima, Rainbow Home State Coordinator, inspired the gathering of children with real life tales of people who achieved great things and came out in flying colours even when they had mountains of difficulties to overcome.



## Stop Violence Against Children

BOSCO celebrated Children's Day by organising a stunning programme, on the 14th of November. It was a day to celebrate childhood and to instil in children their rights, and to make sure they remain the champions of their life. The day was enhanced with the presence of the chief guest, Shri B.S. Lokesh Kumar, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police South Division.





## **BOSCO Management and Staff Celebrate Christmas**

"Christmas has always a single message to deliver: 'Mankind is not alone, the creator is with them'", said Rev. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director of BOSCO while delivering his message at the Christmas celebration for the staff and volunteers on the 19th December, 2015. After the message a cultural programme was performed by the staff and volunteers, enlivening the hearts of all. All the staff and volunteers were given gifts and the celebration concluded with a high tea. BOSCO also celebrated Christmas with children on the 25th December, 2015. The day was celebrated with 600 children and gifts including T-Shirts and cookies were distributed to all the children.

## **Annual Evaluation of BOSCO 2015**

On the June 11th and 12th, 2015, all the staff members of BOSCO gathered to evaluate the activities and work that were undertaken in the particular year. Fr. John M.A., Director of BOSCO Yuvodaya, welcomed the gathering and introduced the Chief Guest Smt. Sunanda Arul, Additional Divisional Regional Manager (ADRM), South Western Railway, Bengaluru City (SWR/SBC). Mrs. Arul appreciated and thanked BOSCO







for the yeomen service it renders for the rescue and rehabilitation of the thousands of children at risk. The Annual Evaluation Day also witnessed the celebration of the Founding Day of BOSCO (June 15th) along with the evaluation of the activities that were undertaken in the particular year and analysis of the activities to be implemented in the future.

### **Children's Sports Day Celebration at BOSCO**

To develop and enhance the spirit of sportsmanship, a sports day was organised for the children on 17th of January, 2016, at BOSCO Sumanahalli. The event started off with Ventriloquist, Mr. Uday from Talent World who conveyed a message on the importance of health and hygiene in the context of Swachh Bharat Abhyan. 400 children from all the centres and areas of BOSCO participated in various events in the sub junior, junior and senior categories.





## It Is Time For A Battle!

Sports Day for BOSCO Staff: The Third Annual Sports Day for BOSCO staff was conducted on the 24th January, 2016 at Sumanahalli. It was a day of fun and games as the staff members jumped into the arena and were all set to compete and win laurels. Around 100 staff members participated in Volleyball, Throw ball and Cricket competitions.



## Don Bosco Month Begins

Don Bosco month was inaugurated on the 5th January, 2016 at BOSCO Mane. The month long celebration was celebrated to commemorate Don Bosco, an Italian Roman Catholic priest, who was the founder of Salesians of Don Bosco and great lover of children and youth. Mr. Vishwas A, Inspector, Central Police Station, Fr. Udaya Kumar, Don Bosco Prakashapalaya, Fr. Binny, BOSCO Mane Director; staff and children from BOSCO gathered to attend the inaugural function.



## Don Bosco Bicentenary Celebration

The Grand Finale - Don Bosco Bicentenary celebration was held at BOSCO Mane on 30th January, 2016. On this day, children, friends and well-wishers of BOSCO came together to share the achievement of being awarded the much acclaimed Child Welfare Award 2014, for BOSCO's unstinted service towards the upliftment of the underprivileged children. The chief guest for the programme was Shri K.J. George, Honourable Minister, Bangalore Development and Town Planning.







## Empowerment of Women

Prosperity for All: "Pledge for Parity", a program by BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan in observance of International Women's Day, was organized on the 12th March, 2016. The celebration was a joint venture of BOSCO and Accenture team. 45 children, 4 staff members of Vatsalya Bhavan and 20 employees of Accenture participated in the programme.



## Proud Moment for BOSCO Family

The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, has chosen BOSCO for the prestigious 2014 National Award for Child Welfare under Institution/Organisation category for its decades-long outstanding service in the field of welfare of the marginalized children. It is certainly the biggest honour among the many accolades won by BOSCO in its 35 year-long inspiring history. The award carried cash prize of Rs. 3 lakh and a Citation which was presented to Rev. Fr. Mathew Thomas, the Executive Director of BOSCO, by Shri Pranab Mukherjee, the Honourable President of India, in a solemn function held on the 14th November 2015 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

## Child Labour is the Death of Childhood

BOSCO celebrated Anti Child Labour Week from 4th June to 12th June, 2015 by organizing massive anti-child labour awareness campaign in different areas where maximum number of child labourers could be found. The campaign aimed at putting an end to child labour and re-enrolling maximum number of children to school. On the 12th June, 2015 BOSCO organized a massive rally to observe International Anti-Child Labour Day in which 500 children participated. The rally was flagged off by Shri G.A. Bhava, Retired Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) and a noted social worker from Upparpet Police Station.







## CHILDLINE 1098 Service Begins at Bangalore City Railway Station

The Union Ministry for Women and Child Development and Indian Railways launched 'Railway CHILDLINE' to set up a children's help desk through CHILDLINE India Foundation in 20 major railway stations across India. Bengaluru is one of these 20 stations and BOSCO was given the privilege of implementing the project in the city. A kiosk was set up on Platform No. 8 in the Bangalore City Railway Station to implement the initiative. July 31st, 2015 was a red letter day as BOSCO and the Railway Department got the green signal to start the project. Smt. Sunanda Arul, ADRM, SWC/SBC, officially inaugurated the CHILDLINE activities at Bangalore City Railway Station on the July 31st, 2015. The aim of Railway CHILDLINE is to assist children in distress.

## Anti Child Labour Campaign

In a special initiative, a unit of BOSCO CHILDLINE and Rajgopal Nagar Police Station conducted Anti- Child Labour campaign on 8th October, 2015 at Peenya by distributing handouts issued by police that says 'No Child Labour' to the shopkeepers and factory management. Nearly 300 shops were given notices on child labour and encouraged not to employ children in their shops.



## CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week

Signature Campaign and Mass Awareness at City Railway Station: BOSCO Bangalore organized a week long campaign titled 'CHILDLINE SE DOSTI'. The campaign was inaugurated by Shri B.S. Lokesh Kumar, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, South Division during the Children's Day held at BOSCO Mane on the 14th November, 2015.



## BOSCO Organized Mega Makkala Mela

BOSCO SJPU conducted an awareness programme titled 'Makkala Mela' at Kempegowda ground for school children on the 15th December, 2015. Around 2500 children and 100 teachers from 26 schools participated in it. It was arranged by Bengaluru South Division Police Department in collaboration with BOSCO and Women and Child Welfare Department. Dr. Kripa Alwa, Chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, graced the occasion with her presence.







## Road Safety Week Awareness Campaign

BOSCO joined hands with Jubilant Food Works Limited (JFL) and Bangalore city Traffic Police to organize Road Safety Week Awareness Campaign. The campaign was flagged off by Fr. Regi, Administrator of BOSCO. As a part of this Campaign, a drawing competition was organized where the students of Sajjan Rao Vidya Samsthe, V.V. Puram, drew to create awareness on the importance of road safety and measures to be taken for the same.



## World Malaria Day Awareness Campaign

BOSCO and Jubilant Food Works employees in collaboration with Primary Health Centre, Tusker Town held an awareness campaign in RG Colony on the 25th April, 2016 at 10.00 am. Dr. B.G. Vedavati, Medical Officer of BBMP extended his support and provided material for the successful conduction of the campaign.

## BOSCO Child Assistance Centre Reopens at KSRTC

BOSCO Child Assistance centre at KSRTC Bus Station, from where an average of 2,500 children is being rescued annually, gets a revamped identity. Mr. Inayath Bagban, KSRTC DC, inaugurated the renewed centre in the fourth platform in the presence of other dignitaries on the 12th April 2016.





## My Walk towards School

'Shale Kade Nanna Nade' (My walk towards school), was an awareness campaign launched by the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) in collaboration with Education Department, Women and Child Development Department, NGOs and other like-minded groups to enrol maximum children in school in the upcoming academic year across Karnataka, thereby reducing the number of children, who are dropouts or never been to school. Meetings to plan the campaign were held at different levels and the campaign was officially launched on the 1st April, 2016 in the Banquet Hall of Vidhan Soudha by the honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka Mr. Siddaramaiah.



## Walk for Wash

On the 22nd March, 2016, BOSCO in collaboration with Domino's Pizza organized a campaign for water sanitation and hygiene in the city on "World Water Day".

## Inauguration of Children's Dormitory and Study Hall

On the 11th October, 2015 Mr. Mathai, Deputy Commissioner of Advertisement and Marketing, in the presence of BOSCO Executive Director, Fr. Mathew Thomas, and BOSCO Yuvakendra Director Fr. Edward, officially inaugurated the renewed block of children's dormitory and study hall at BOSCO Rainbow Home.







## Anti-Begging Campaign

BOSCO CHILDLINE jointly conducted an anti begging campaign at South-End circle, Jayanagar, Bangalore in the month of September, 2015. In collaboration with APSA and CRT, BOSCO conducted an Anti-Begging Campaign in Koramangala on the 14th October 2015. The team gave awareness to the public regarding begging, especially where children are involved.

## BOSCO Rescues 27 Child Labourers

On the 30th June, 2015, BOSCO team rescued 27 children (below 18 years), including three girls, who were working at various plastic and synthetic recycling units in the vicinity of Talachaguppa, near Kumbalgoduv Circle, Mysore Road. The team was assisted by Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, representatives from District Child Protection Officers, APSA CHILDLINE, Child Rights Trust and Police.

## BOSCO to the Rescue of 13 Child Labourers

BOSCO with the help of Chandra Layout police rescued 13 child labourers from the city in a massive operation carried out on 31st March, 2016. Children were found working in Arundhati Nagar, Gangondanahalli and Nayandahalli areas in Chandra Layout Police Station Limits.



## Summer Fiesta at BOSCO Nivas

BOSCO Nivas kicked off their Summer Fiesta on the 18th April which lasted till the 23rd of the same month. The camp was home to around 100 children from 5 different areas of Shivajinagar and they were engaged in several activities from 10 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. everyday for those 5 days.





## **BOSCO Staff Picnic in Madikeri**

Every year BOSCO organizes outings for staff to rejuvenate and recharge their mental and spiritual batteries. This year the entire BOSCO team was taken to Madikeri for a tour. They were taken in two batches so that regular work was not affected. The entire staff of BOSCO (both the batches) was accompanied by the management during the picnic.

## **One Day Picnic for Children**

On the 21st May, 2016 BOSCO Summanhalli team organised a one day picnic to Innovative Film City for its children. The picnic was sponsored by Big Tree Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. (Book a Smile, an initiative of Book My Show).

## **Summer Thrill for BOSCO Vikas**

On the 2nd May 2016, 50 BOSCO Vikas boys travelled to Don BOSCO Prakashpalya to begin their summer camp.

## **Summer Fiesta at BOSCO Nilaya**

The 25th April, 2016, BOSCO Nilaya inaugurated the Summer Fiesta and it went on throughout the week till the 30th April. It was a five day camp and the children were engaged in various interesting and fun activities.







### Dasara Camp at BOSCO Nivas

Children actively participated in a three day camp organized by BOSCO at Mackan Compound from the 16th to 19th October 2015.



## Induction Training for the New Staff

BOSCO conducted induction training and orientation programme for 24 new staff members who joined from June, 2015 onwards and again for 16 new staff members on the 19th February, 2016 in BOSCO Yuvodaya.



## Training on LFA Preparation

On the 27th October, 2015 BOSCO organised training on LFA (Logical Frame Analysis) preparation at BOSCO Yuvodaya. 16 coordinators from different departments of BOSCO participated in the training.



## BOSCO Joins in International Yoga Day Celebration

A training programme for three days on Yoga was organized for its inmates starting from the 17th June by BOSCO Yuvakendra.

## BOSCO boys grabbed medals in State level Taekwondo competition

On the 6th June, 2015 BOSCO boys grabbed medals in a state level Taekwondo competition held at Koramangala (Indoor) stadium. In this competition, Jeeva and Karthik C. were awarded a gold medal and they qualified for the national level competition. Shrinath V. won a bronze medal and Manjunath, Shreekanth, Darshan and Chandu received a certificate of participation.





## BOSCO Rainbow Home Team Grabs Medal

On the 19th September, 2015 BOSCO Rainbow Home team grabbed a medal in the Rainbow General Knowledge Quiz Competition hosted by BOSCO Mane.



**Geethamala**  
Counselor,  
BOSCO Yuvakendra

I feel blessed working with BOSCO. Before joining BOSCO I had worked with various organizations on different social causes, but somehow I was unsatisfied as I had a great desire to serve children who face difficulties in their lives. When I thought of serving children the only name that came to my mind was BOSCO.

BOSCO has been providing excellent services from many decades for downtrodden children who are found on the streets, and so it is a great pleasure to be associated with them and to be one among the BOSCO family. Working with BOSCO has also benefited both my personal and professional life. I was taught to see situations from different angles and take decisions for children. Now it is my third year since I have been working with BOSCO and I feel satisfied as my dream of working with the 'Best Institution' is fulfilled.



## Research and Documentation

BOSCO's National Research and Documentation (NRD) has been instituted to take up systematic data collection, scientific documentation and research, and publications of the materials of BOSCO. Reports from all the centers are collected periodically and photos, videos, etc. of major events conducted by BOSCO are preserved in NRD. The department also has remarkably well maintained information on child data of the last three decades.

It has a library where books, journals, research papers, case studies and other private circulations on child-related articles are preserved for reference. Besides managing BOSCO website, updating and uploading reports on social media, NRD also coordinates the publication of newsletters, annual report and researches.

## PUBLICATIONS

### 'Quest for Change: A Glance at the Realities of Runaway Children'

'Quest for Change: A Glance at the Realities of Runaway Children' is an attempt to understand the issues of runaway children in the current scenario. It tries to observe and analyse the factors leading the children to run away from home, their issues in the street and life after reintegration with their family members.



## BOSCO and YaR

Headquartered in Delhi, Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk, commonly called YaR is a National Network of Don Bosco organizations in India that are committed to the care and protection of the children/youth who are at risk. The term 'Young at Risk' embraces specific categories of children – such as street and vagrant children, runaways, unaccompanied children, child labourers, school dropouts, children of migrant manual labourers, refugees etc. BOSCO is an active member of the YaR network and joins hands with the YaR National Office to serve the young at risk in various ways.

Don Bosco YaR Forum has developed a new web portal, Child MISS (Management Information System & Services) to implement the concept of child care and protection system. BOSCO, Bangalore has been appointed as the Nodal Agency by Don Bosco YaR network in implementing the Child MISS program in the state of Karnataka and Kerala.

Another National YaR network programme in which BOSCO is part of is Participatory Action Research (PRA). This is a training and research programme to support YaR centres to be effective in caring for children with behavioural difficulties.



## Volunteering

BOSCO Bangalore through its department of Human Resource is doing a wonderful program called "volunteer management". BOSCO is recognized and known far and wide, and its volunteers come from corporates, educational institutions, religious institutions and foreign countries. The presence of these volunteers in BOSCO programs like early intervention surveys, street presence programs, public awareness programs, fund-raising, research and the other support programmes in the different rehabilitation processes make BOSCO activities more vibrant.

During the reporting period BOSCO's human resource provided opportunities to 315 volunteers to serve. BOSCO would like to thank the schools and colleges, religious congregations and the individual volunteers for teaming up with us for the cause of changing the society. Furthermore, the 'motivating presence' of this young and cheerful faces, have positive impacts on BOSCO's services for the young.

Corporate Volunteers - 22	Foreign Volunteers -9
Religious Volunteers - 58	Student Volunteers - 226
<b>CONGREGATIONS</b>	
St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Malleshwaram Franciscan Servants of Mary (FSM) Holy Spirit Sisters, Bannerghatta Road Kristu Jyoti College, KR Puram SDB, Alva Jesuits Congregation	Sacred Heart Congregation Adorno Fathers Congregation Medical Mission Secular Institute Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Assisi Ursuline's of Mary Immaculate The Order of Servant of Mary
<b>COUNTRIES</b>	
United Kingdom France United State	Austria Finland Germany
<b>INSTITUTIONS</b>	
Bangalore University	KLE Society Law College, Bangalore
Punjab University	Jain University, Bangalore
Guwahati College of Architecture	Jindal Global Law School, Haryana
National Law School of India University	St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science, Bangalore
Siddhasri Bhavana, Tumkur	St. Philomena's College
Hemadri Post Graduate Center	Milagres College
Sardar Veernagound Patil Mahilvidya Peeth	Govt. Degree College Yadgir
Sri Siddhartha PG College	The Oxford College of Arts
Vimala College, Thrissur	Richmond Fellowship of Post Graduate
Christ University, Bangalore	Sri Venkiteshwara College of Architect
Marian College Kuttikkanam	Nanjil Catholic Institute of Arts and Science
Goutham College of Science, Bangalore	ASW Special College
BCM College, Kottayam	KE College Mannanam
St. John's Medical College	National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Science
Tumkur University	Bharath Matha School of Social Work
Vishwa Bharathi College	Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies
Banjara Academy	Sampurna Institute of Advanced studies
Meenakshi College of Engineering	Gogte Institute of Technology
Bishop Vayalil Memorial Holy Cross College	Center for Social Action
St. Joseph's College, Devagiri	SB College, Kerala
Indira Gandhi National Open University	Bharath Matha School of Legal Studies
Mount Carmel College	Center for PG Studies in Social Work
Loyola College of Social Science	

# AWARD/RECOGNITION

SL NO.	AWARD/RECOGNITION	YEAR
01	Rotary Community Service Award: Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director of BOSCO, has been honoured in August 1990, for his noble work by Rotary Bangalore	1990
02	Special Police Officer's Badge: The Special Police Officer's badge (1992) to 5 staff members of BOSCO and appointment of an A.C.P. at Police Commissioner's office and Sub Inspectors (1991) in all the police stations to deal with cases pertaining to street children, as a result of BOSCO's collaboration with the Police Department	1992
03	Bheedhi Bhagya Award: Fr. George Kollashany was honoured with the Bheedhi Bhagya award by the Karnataka Government in 1992	1992
04	Bravery Award: Master Santhosh received the Bravery Award in 1994 from Mr. Kurshid Alam Khan, the Honourable Governor of Karnataka	1994
05	Rotary Community Service Award: Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director, has been honoured in August 1998, for his noble work by Rotary Bangalore Vijayanagar with a Community Service Award and a Citation	1998
06	Makkala Kalyana Rajya Prashasthi Award: The State Award, Makkala Kalyana Rajya Prashasthi, was received from the Women and Child Welfare Department of Karnataka for being the best NGO in the State for child welfare activities	2000
07	Best Child Artist Award: BOSCO child Manjunath received the Best Child Artist Award (2001)	2001
08	Makkala Mitra Award: BOSCO received the Makkala Mitra Award from the Women and Child Welfare Department of Karnataka for the year 2004 and 2005	2004 2005
09	Kempe Gowda Award: The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Pallike (BBMP) recognized BOSCO for its immense service towards street children and child laborers in the Bangalore Metro, by awarding the Kempe Gowda Award to the Institute	2007
10	Rotary award: for the Service of Excellence	2009
11	Kempe Gowda Award: For Best Social Worker	2011
12	Special Recognition: from Department of Women and Child Development for initiating begging child survey and rescue mission in collaboration with Police Department and net working NGOs	2012
13	Namma Bengaluru Award (Finalist)	2012
14	Global Achievers Foundation Award 2013 for the outstanding achievements, services and contributions	2013
15	Best National Child Welfare Organisation Award by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India	2015

# FINANCIAL REPORT 2015-16

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Opening Balance	30 941843.41
Foreign Contribution	6729214.00
Local Contribution	8024568.00
Projects	33245625.00
Government Grants	4222560.00
Bank Interest	145563.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>83309373.41</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Street Presence: 24/7 Child Assistance and Rescue	5564520.00
Training and Advocacy	1624580.00
CHILDLINE (1098) Services	1954000.00
Family Reunification and Follow Up	3015400.00
Maintenance of Rescued Children	8015465.00
Higher Education of the Rescued Children	3048954.00
Vocational Training to the Underprivileged Youth, Job Placement, After Care Programme	4568954.00
Talent Enhancement and Cultural Programme	1125640.00
Health Care	3254690.00
Awareness Creation on Child Rights in the School/Colleges/Public Places, etc.	1845920.00
Piloting Alternative Form of Care in India	1015690.00
Empowerment of Slum Women and Education of Slum Children	5047860.00
Child Protection, Child Dignity and Education of Poor Children of Bangalore's Selected Slums	1654780.00
Staff Salary, Capacity Building and Welfare	11024590.00
Closing Balance	30548330.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>83309373.41</b>
<b>DONATION RECEIVED IN KIND</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE VALUE</b>
Food and Provision	1254960.00
Clothes	214560.00
Furniture	154690.00
Sports Articles	315680.00
Books and Stationeries	360000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2299890.00</b>



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1.	Accenture	23.	Jyothi Nivas College
2.	Action Aid	24.	Kinder Mission Werk
3.	American India Foundation	25.	Lunar's Bags and Footwear
4.	ASMOF	26.	Microsoft
5.	Bishop Cotton School	27.	Mount Carmel College
6.	Book A Smile, A BookMyShow Initiative	28.	MSI Services Pvt. Ltd.
7.	BREADS	29.	National Public School
8.	Chance for Growth	30.	Partnership Foundation
9.	Charity Aid Foundation	31.	PVF
10.	Christ Academy School	32.	Radio City
11.	CIF	33.	Raja Foundation
12.	Claud Marion Foundation	34.	SABDA
13.	CRY	35.	Save The Children
14.	Don Bosco Bonne	36.	St. Bonaventure Church, USA
15.	DWCD	37.	Support.com India Pvt. Ltd.
16.	ETM	38.	TDH
17.	Federal Bank Ltd.	39.	TESCO
18.	Government of Germany	40.	VASA
19.	Goldman Sachs Services Pvt. Ltd.	41.	Volvataour
20.	Himalaya Global Holdings Ltd.	42.	West Bridge
21.	Jubilant Food Works Ltd. (Domino's Pizza)	43.	XL Catlin
22.	July Systems and Technologies		



Year	No. of Children		Total Number	Home Placement	Room Placement	Job Placement	Sent to Other Institutions (including BOSCO Centres)			Vocational Training	Health Care	
	Old	Fresh					BM	BYK	OI		IP & OP	OMC
1980-05	18847	34781	53628	19398	407	2148	3715	2990	669	2390	5164	32591
2005-06	871	3392	4263	1928	98	109	458	312	342	239	30	1127
2006-07	761	4277	5038	2312	22	134	1807	482	540	222	331	1127
2007-08	663	3892	4555	2200	43	90	1551	633	834	131	367	1607
2008-09	691	5922	6613	3527	30	141	1796	572	843	128	167	1281
2009-10	521	6445	6966	4083	27	85	1899	778	939	137	352	1068
2010-11	208	7186	7394	5070	18	115	2342	866	153	174	359	1699
2011-12	374	6932	7306	5176	26	140	1891	1150	1228	182	393	3574
2012-13	218	5310	5528	4027	36	42	994	439	1024	171	412	1886
2013-14	317	6167	6484	4862	18	17	1003	423	1290	187	585	5449
2014-15	295	7318	7613	5603	16	108	370	395	1016	121	713	2741
2015-16	295	6644	6939	5248	10	66	63	253	1953	119	795	1662
<b>Total</b>	<b>24061</b>	<b>98266</b>	<b>122327</b>	<b>63434</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>3195</b>	<b>17889</b>	<b>9293</b>	<b>10831</b>	<b>4201</b>	<b>9668</b>	<b>55812</b>

BM - BOSCO Mane  
BYK - BOSCO Yuvakendra  
OI - Other Institutions  
IP - Inpatient  
OP - Outpatient  
OMC - Other Medical Care

# PUBLICATIONS OF BOSCO









# BOSCO IN THE NEWS

The collage consists of numerous newspaper clippings, each with a red border. The clippings are arranged in an overlapping fashion. Key headlines and content include:

- INDIAN EXPRESS:** "8,000 Kids Kidnapped, Missing in State in 1 Yr".
- DECCAN HERALD:** "Kids' safety top priority for police, says DCP".
- THE TIMES:** "Rumours of girl's sexual abuse on school campus spark tension".
- THE HINDU:** "POPULARISING CHILDLINE".
- ಕನ್ನಡ ಪ್ರಭ:** Multiple clippings with headlines like "284 beggars 'rescued' as cops launch Operation Smile" and "Operation Smile 'Rescues' 190 Children Forced Into...".
- ವಿಜಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ:** Clippings such as "ಮಕ್ಕಳ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ಅಸಹಕಾರಿಗಳು" and "284 ಬಡವರನ್ನು ರಕ್ಷಿಸಿ ಪೊಲೀಸರು 'ಆಪರೇಷನ್ ಸ್ಮೈಲ್'".
- Australian Salesian Bulletin:** "284 beggars 'rescued' as cops launch Operation Smile".
- ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ:** "ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವರದಿ: ಮಕ್ಕಳ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ಅಸಹಕಾರಿಗಳು".
- ಮಕ್ಕಳ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ಅಸಹಕಾರಿಗಳು:** A prominent headline in the top left section.
- ಶೋಷಿತರನ್ನು ರಕ್ಷಿಸಿ:** A headline in the top right section.
- ಪಾಲ್ ಕಾರ್ನರ್ ವರದಿ:** A headline in the middle right section.
- ಇತರ:** Various smaller clippings with headlines like "Despite odds, they made it big", "It's time for 'Childline se Dosti'", and "Deprivation fuels juvenile crime".



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