

YWCA OF MADRAS-SAHODARI PROJECT

SUCCESS STORIES

SHELTER CASE



Ms. K (36/7/15)

A 36 years old married woman was referred to our centre by an organization “All Bengal Women’s”, Union Calcutta. According to her, she is a native of Bhavani Taluk, Erode district. She hails from a poor socio economic background. The client’s mother passed away long back. She got married to a 50 year old man in the age of 16 years and her husband passed away when her daughter was 6 years old. She has stayed in her husband’s home but no one took care of her. She was neglected. Then, she worked in an export company and stayed at her brother’s place, but no one took care of her and was neglected. Her family members have accused her of having relationship with another man. So, she left her brother’s place and was stranded on the road. She was sexually abused by a lorry driver and she has been taken to Calcutta, and was abandoned. Again, she was sexually abused by an unknown person and was stranded at the Railway Station. She was caught by the railway police and with the court order; she had stayed in All Bengal Women’s Union, Calcutta for few months. Since she is a native of Tamilnadu State, they approached our centre for shelter.

Intervention:

Provided room to ventilate her feelings. We contacted the owner of the Export Company informed about the clients stay and requested to inform her brother to report to our centre for counselling. Since they were living in a remote village at Bhavani taluk, they could not pass the information to her brother. So, we contacted the inspector of Bhavani Police station at Erode over phone and informed about the clients stay to the inspector and requested them to make a home visit and to inform her family members and send them to Chennai for counselling. Since client's brother had given a complaint about her missing at Bhavani police station the police informed her family members. They contacted us over the phone and immediately reported to the center along with her daughter. We counselled the client and her brother. We learnt from her brother that he was taking care of client's daughter from her childhood as her mother had a wandering tendency. He was willing to take care of client and wanted to take her back to their house. Then, the client was reunited with her family members and left our shelter. Follow up was done and learnt that she was engaged in household work and looking after her daughter. Then the client was reunited with her family members.

MARITAL DISPUTE CASE



Ms. C (178/3/15)

A 33 years old married woman approached our center on her own for shelter. According to her, she is a native of Chennai and hails from a middle socio economic background. Her husband is an Engineer and earns 35,000/- Rs per month. The client has 3 children two daughters and one son aged 17, 7 and 4 years old respectively. Since client had got married on her own choice, her family members except her brother refused to accept her. Her husband had a suspicious nature and always uses abusive words against her and had showed violence towards her. Due to husband's torture she decided to separation from him. So, she filed a petition against her husband in Koyambedu Police Station. They advised her to file case in the family court. She has

no family support and was stranded .Then, she came to our center requesting for shelter along with her 4 year child.

Intervention:

We provided room for the client to ventilate her problems. We explained the rules and regulations of the shelter home and she agreed to abide by them. She was provided temporary shelter along with her daughter .She was helped to consult with our Legal Aid Lawyer regarding separation and divorce from her husband. In the mean time, we contacted her husband over phone and learnt that her husband was also seeking for divorce from the client and refused to report to our centre for counselling. The client was counselled to think about her children's future and to take a right decision towards her future. Then, we accompanied the client and helped to file a petition in the Tamilnadu State Legal Aid Services Authority regarding getting maintenance from her husband. In the mean time, her husband was contacted again over phone and explained about the client's situation and the children's future. He agreed and reported to the centre. They both were counselled and helped to realize their faults and to accept each other. After the joint counselling session with the client and her husband, both of them were willing for reunion and she got reunited with her husband. She had withdrawn the petition of maintenance case and left our shelter happily along with her daughter.

LEGAL CASE

Ms. S (66/09/2015)

A 31 year old woman came to our centre on seeing a display board kept in the police station. According to the client she is a native of Chennai, hails from a poor socio economic background. She is working as a housemaid and her husband is an alcoholic and unemployed. Their marriage was not registered as she got married at the age of 16 years. Her husband is 35 years of age now. She is undergoing physical torture from her husband and her children are also undergoing a part of it. She has no support from her 2 elder brothers as she married on her choice. Her in-laws had expired and now her parents are supporting her. She approached Villivakkam Police Station and filed a complaint against her husband. They enquired both of them and sent the client along with him. Since, there are no changes in the behavior of her husband, she requested us to help her in filing a case under Domestic Violence Act.

Intervention:

We provided room for the client to ventilate her problems. We observed that it was not safe for her to continue living with her husband. We accompanied the client to District Social Office, Collectorate Building and helped her to file an application under Domestic Violence Act. The Domestic incidences report was filed and submitted to the Protection Officer for further action. The Summon has been sent to her husband and he is yet to report for counselling. The client is following the legal procedure and follow up is being done.

PSYCHIATRIC ASSISTANCE



Ms. R (88/10/15)

A 26 year old married woman was brought to our counselling centre by the F2 police station, Egmore for the shelter and counselling. According to the client she is native of Andhra Pradesh and hails from a poor socio economic background. Her father expired when she was in child.. Her mother works as a domestic maid and is supporting the family. She got married at the age of 15 years, to a building contractor. She has one girl child studying in 5th STD. Her husband demanded dowry from her parents and she had a maladjustment problem in the family. So she filed a petition for divorce at Andhra Pradesh and got divorced from her husband, when her child was 6 months old. Then she was staying with her mother, placed her daughter in the hostel and she is continuing her education. She had a family dispute with her mother and she left her parent's home and was stranded in Egmore railway station. The police caught her and referred her to our centre for shelter.

Intervention:

We provided temporary shelter for the client in our short stay home. We made a home visit to the client's house and found out that the client was not willing to stay with her mother. So, we brought her back to the shelter home and made her to stay in the shelter. During the intervention with her mother the client revealed that she is not willing to live with her mother and wanted to stay in the shelter. It was also found that the client is having Epilepsy problem and she was taken to an organization "Banyan" for treatment. There she was referred to meet the consultant doctor from Banyan in Loyola College she has taken the medication provided in the Banyan organization but she has not been cured. Her problem became worse she dominates the other shelter clients, being violent and hurting herself .so she was taken to Institute of Mental Health for further treatment and medication. The Doctor has suggested that the client should take EEG

and MRI scan to diagnose her problem and to provide further treatment. The client was taken to the Government General Hospital to take EEG and found that the client has mental illness and treatment needed to be given for mental illness and epilepsy. Meanwhile, it was decided to reunite the client with her mother to get proper treatment and care. She was reunited with her mother through the F2 police station and the client left our shelter.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE



Ms.K (165/2/15)

A 34 year old married woman has approached our centre for help. According to the client, she is a native of Chennai, hails from a middle socio economic background. She had completed her studies in 12th Std. Her father expired when she was young. Her mother is a housewife. She has one elder brother who got married and settled in life. Her parents had arranged marriage for her with the person who is working as a coolie and she got married to him in the year 2000. She has 2 children aged 14 and 8 years old and studying 9th and 2nd Std respectively. Her husband is a chronic alcoholic and contributing meager amount for the family. She finds it very difficult to manage the family as well as children's educational expenses. Hence she approached our center for help.

Intervention:

We provided room to ventilate her feelings. We counselled the client and contacted her husband over phone and he was not responding to our counselling session. We had an individual and joint counselling session with the client and her daughter and learnt that her husband was not maintaining the family and finding it difficult to pay the educational fees. We motivated the client to produce her Daughter's mark sheet and relevant documents with photos. The client provided her daughter's mark sheets and found that she scored 90% of marks in all the subjects.. We appreciated the client and her daughter we motivated the client to educate her daughter and to encourage her to score good marks. We helped the client to get the educational sponsorship in the month of November 2015.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Ms.SP (24/6/15)

Client aged 18, unmarried girl along with her father approached our center for counseling and help. According to her, she hails from a middle socio economic background. She is native of Chennai, had completed her 10th Std. Her father works as an Auto driver, mother is a house wife, has one brother and sister studying in 8th and 5th STD in Thangan Matriculation Higher Secondary School. Since, her father could not help her to do higher studies due to financial crisis; she approached us to help her for Vocational Training course. She was referred by YWCA-PP Home.

Intervention:

Provided room to ventilate her feelings. We counseled the client, learnt that she is interested to take up any vocational training course especially related to computer. We suggested the client to pay Rs.1500/- and to join the DTP course as she was interested to do so. We helped her to join the DTP Course and is undergoing the classes regularly and doing well. Her father brought the client and thanked us for the service done by us.

INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT



Ms.SH (146/1/15)

A 26 years old widow along with her son was brought to our centre through an NGO representative of Care and Welfare Organization for shelter. She is a native of Kerala District, and after her marriage she has settled in Pondicherry. She has 2 ½ years old boy child. The client's husband died in an accident 3 years back. Her parents hesitated to accept her as she got married on her own wish. She had completed her post graduation in MSC integrated course in Pondicherry University and was working as a computer operator in an agency. She came to

Chennai along with her son to find a job for her. While she was stranded on the Marina beach platform, a volunteer from Care and Welfare Organization brought her to the YWCA Sahodari short stay home for shelter.

Intervention:

We provided shelter for the client along with her son. We contacted her family members over phone and no one was responding and they were not interested in the welfare of the client. We referred her son to YWCA-Nursery and provided education to him. We motivated the client to concentrate on her future life and provided entrepreneurship development training like preparing Appam batter and kalkal which will help her to lead a self supported life in future. The client was motivated to take up a job and she was willing to do any kind of jobs. She was referred to Christ Faith Home”, Manapakkam for Institutional and job placement along with her child.