



As the festive season begins, the power of family and community shines through every celebration. At Miracle Foundation India, this is our daily mission: to ensure every child grows up in the love and safety of a family.

Over the past six months we have witnessed families reunited and children finding their way home, thanks to the dedication of social workers and the strong partnerships we share with the government. These stories remind us that real change happens when people come together.

The coming month is a time of giving and sharing joy. I invite you to open your heart and give wherever you feel called: to a neighbour, a cause, or a community that matters to you. And if your heart chooses Miracle, we will be more than grateful to have your continued support.

Thank you for standing with us. Wishing you and your family joy, peace and togetherness this festive season.

Warm regards,
Kusum Mohapatra
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Empowering Care-Experienced Youth Through Family Support



Rina* (name changed) and her sister are carving out promising futures—Rina through her college studies and both through part-time jobs that give them independence and confidence. When the sisters lost their parents, it felt as though family life had slipped beyond their reach. For a short while, they stayed with their uncle, who loved them but could not provide long-term stability, and hence placed them in a Child Care Institution (CCI). That gave them shelter and education but left them missing the warmth and security of a family.

Recognizing the importance of family connections, the CCI team focused on preparing children for life within their extended families whenever possible. With encouragement, mentorship, and careful support from the team, the sisters, once they turned 18, moved out to stay with their elder sister, who was now married and settled. She, too, had once faced displacement and lived with relatives, and now she could finally offer her younger sisters the family environment they had been missing.

Adjusting to this new chapter was not easy. The sisters had to learn to manage responsibilities, balance studies with part-time jobs, and handle the uncertainty.

There were moments of fear and doubt, but the support system of social workers and the CCI team stayed by their side so that their dreams of higher studies could take flight. Beyond academics, they are receiving career counseling, skill-based training, exposure to internships, and job placements. Mentorship and emotional support helped them build resilience, while guidance in financial planning and stable housing is preparing them for long-term independence.

Today, Rina is pursuing a *Bachelor of Arts* degree at a college in Tripura. Both sisters also work part-time as receptionists at a coaching institute, earning a decent income and building confidence with each step. Their elder sister anchors them, while the wider support system continues to shape their journey toward empowerment. Stories like this remind us that even the deepest losses can give way to hope, strength, and opportunity. Children may enter CCIs in moments of crisis, but they flourish not in institutions—rather, in families strengthened and supported by systems that never let go.

Celebrating Bahan Sarita Kumari



At Miracle Foundation India, as we strive towards enabling children to stay with their families and reach their full potential, we honor the incredible social workforce that makes it all possible. This month, we are pleased to celebrate the commitment and impact of Bahan Sarita Kumari, Protection Officer (Institutional Care), Gumla, Jharkhand.

Initially focused on institutional care, her outlook was transformed after participating in the Family Strengthening (FS) and Family-Based Alternative Care (F-BAC) training, a joint initiative by the Government of Jharkhand, UNICEF India, and Miracle Foundation India. Today, she is not only a passionate advocate for FS and F-BAC but also a driving force in reshaping the child protection landscape in Gumla.

Sarita is leading from the front, building the capacities of colleagues and officials across the district. Thanks to her and the team's efforts, the number of children in CCIs in Gumla has reduced dramatically—from around 48 to just 15. In this trafficking-prone district, she is actively working with her team to trace families of rescued children, prepare them for reunification, and, when necessary, ensure safe kinship. She is not just handling cases; she is setting new standards of care, ensuring every decision is backed by strong Social Investigation Reports (SIRs) and Individual Care Plans (ICPs).

In one case, two orphaned children living with their maternal relatives in a remote village were supported after a concern of neglect was raised, largely due to the family's limited resources. Sarita and her team engaged with the caregivers through counselling on the importance of education and nurturing care, and facilitated their enrolment under the Mission Vatsalya sponsorship scheme, ensuring monthly financial support. With this assistance, the family could provide school uniforms, study materials, and nutritious meals. Today, the children attend school regularly and are thriving, while their caregivers feel empowered and supported.

Sarita is now championing post-restoration support in Gumla, ensuring children receive financial aid, vocational training, and mentoring to secure their future. She is also pushing for stronger gatekeeping in Gumla to prevent child trafficking, building community-based safety nets through Village Child Protection Committees, and creating linkages with government schemes. Through her tireless commitment and vision, Sarita is showing what is possible when passion meets purpose—proving every day that every child deserves, and can indeed grow up in, a safe and loving family.

From Care to Leadership: Youth Ambassadors Making an Impact



Miracle Foundation India's Youth Ambassadors, drawn from Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and local communities, play a vital role in raising awareness about the importance of a family for every child and driving meaningful impact. This month, we celebrate Sadhana Sahebrao Ghodke from Maharashtra, who joined our Youth Ambassadors Program in 2024.

Growing up, Sadhana witnessed child marriage, child labour, and children being deprived of education in her community—realities that deeply shaped her outlook. These challenges inspired her to step forward as a Youth Ambassador, determined to create tangible change in her community. She successfully intervened to stop two child marriages in her community and conducted awareness sessions for parents on the *Ladki Bahin Yojana* and *Bal Sangopan* schemes. Additionally, she has led discussions with children in Bal Panchayat sessions on child rights and their violations empowering children to speak up and has also been mobilizing youth in her communities to create safer, supportive spaces, fostering collective action and advocacy.

Now in her final year of college and also training as a Front Office Billing Executive, Sadhana continues to prove that no barrier is too strong when determination meets opportunity, combining personal growth with measurable impact in her community.

Her story reflects a larger truth explored in a recent blog penned by Poonam Rai from our team, *[It's Not Your Fault: The Words Every Child in Care Deserves to Hear](#)*—that with the right encouragement and consistent support, young people with care experience can transform struggle into leadership and hope.



Strengthening Child Protection through Collaboration in Gujarat

Miracle Foundation India was invited by the Social Justice and Empowerment (SJE) Department, Gujarat, as a technical partner to orient newly recruited government child protection functionaries, Child Welfare Committee members, Juvenile Justice Board members, and Child Care Institution staff from across the state in Gandhinagar on August 8, 2025. Around 300 participants were oriented on Mission Vatsalya, child rights, child protection, and non-institutionalization, equipping them to implement child protection initiatives effectively.

Additionally, in close collaboration with the Gujarat State Child Protection Society, SJE, and other government authorities, Miracle Foundation India is reinforcing the importance of family-based care and preventive approaches in the state's child protection system. These efforts aim to create a supportive ecosystem where communities, caregivers, and officials work together to ensure every child's right to a safe, nurturing family environment.

Read more about our ongoing initiative and collaborative efforts in Gujarat to strengthen the child protection systems, in this blog by Kunal from our team: [Child Protection in Action: Gujarat's Pilot Journey](#).



Convergence for Impact: Strengthening Child Protection and Education in Telangana

As part of our ongoing work in Utکور and Pulimamidi villages of Narayanpet district, Telangana, it was observed that many children were admitted to CCIs due to lack of access to education, as the absence of transportation made schooling difficult. Through convergence with the Department of Education supported by the District Education Office, the team facilitated bus services from the interior villages to the Panchayat primary school.

This crucial step has enabled more than 70 children—including 5 newly admitted with the team's support—to access education, thereby preventing dropouts and reducing the need for children to enter CCIs for educational reasons. This convergence between the child protection system and the education department is ensuring that children from vulnerable communities have equitable opportunities to learn and thrive while remaining within their families and communities. Building on these successes, Miracle Foundation India will continue to strengthen government convergence, scale innovative tools like ThriveWell, and expand community-based solutions so that every child can learn, grow, and thrive within a loving family.

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"Miracle Foundation India's work deeply resonates with me. Their efforts to reunite children with families are inspiring. I have witnessed the real change they bring to young lives. It's an honor to support such a meaningful cause."

- Diksha Pandey

Resource Links

- [The Right To A Good Start In Life: A Child's Right To Holistic Early Child Development](#)
- [Apex Court Holds The Orphan's Hand](#)
- [CBSE Career Guidance Dashboard and Counseling Hub & Spoke School Model Session 2025–26](#)
- [Strengthening Families in India: Framework & Guidance](#)

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