

FRIENDS OF SALAAM BAALAK T R U S T

Fundraising

to help provide a lifeline for thousands of vulnerable, street-living children in India

Street Children in India

Although India has made great strides in reducing poverty over recent years, millions of Indian children still lack adequate care and protection. Without shelter, education or family support, they struggle to survive on the fringes of India's economic explosion. Many street children run away from a broken home or beatings at school. Some are orphaned, while others live on the streets together with their families. Some are lured by the hope of better opportunities in the city. Some are trafficked; some simply get lost. Whatever their reason for being on the streets, they are all highly vulnerable. The harsh reality is that they are likely to face the effects of hunger, gangs, knife crime, drugs or illness.

Why I'm fundraising for Friends of SBT

Salaam Baalak Trust (SBT) is a leading Indian charity that was set up more than 30 years ago to improve the lives of India's street children. They now work with over 1,000 children every year.

Friends of SBT (UK) supports Salaam Baalak Trust to get vulnerable children off the street and on their feet through the provision of safe shelter, healthcare, food, education and access to support.

Funds they raise in the UK are spent:

- Providing 24 hour residential care for up to 400 children aged 4-18 years at any given time, through the running and staffing of seven residential care homes in Delhi.
- In the provision of 10 day-care centres, known locally as Contact Points, for non-residential, vulnerable children who need support.
- Enabling 3 emergency childline telephone helplines providing help for 1200-1500 children and young people every year.



How our fundraising will help

As a grassroots charity, the single biggest challenge for Friends of SBT is funding. Operated entirely by volunteers, more than 99% of the funds raised go directly to India to be used on the frontline wherever the need is greatest. Here are some examples of how our fundraising could help.





By fundraising we can make a real and urgent difference to the lives of some of India's most vulnerable children. **Thank you for your support.**

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