

Revathy

Kardias ID:

C003

Age:

12

Location:

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
(Shabnam Resources)

Status:

Migrant Shelter Care

Favorite color:

Pink, like a rose

Favorite animal:

Camel

Favorite game or sport:

Cops and Robbers

Dreams:

To be a high-ranking government official equal to a three star general

Something unique about her:

Loves to use cosmetics to look beautiful and then go out dancing.

Revathy's story:

Her father is an alcoholic gambler who very rarely comes home, and her mother has to travel to find work. The local elder of her village recommended she go to Shabnam for counseling, and after learning her story, they took her in. She sees her father every once in a while, and it is a big shame for her because he is always disheveled, vomiting, sick, and drunk. Soon she will reach puberty and will become the property of her father. In their culture, he *could* take her back and sell her to anyone he chooses for whatever price and for whatever purpose he chooses. While it is very common for children to be sold into labor, it is equally, if not more common, for young girls to be sold in to the sex trade. In addition, it is difficult for Shabnam Resources to hold onto children once they reach puberty without a gender segregated shelter. The facility that is in planning stages will meet these criteria, and will make it easier for these children to learn a trade and be cared for until they reach adulthood and can support themselves in appropriate ways.

