

# Shadhika News

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**T**HE 2004 MELA in March was held for the first time at Jenna Bayer Garden Design in Mountain View. Urmi Basu, Director of New Light in Calcutta, was in California for the occasion and talked to us about her project. In her presentation she conveyed both a sense of her own dedication to the betterment of women's lot in Calcutta, and the significance of Shadhika's support for New Light as well as our other projects. The food was great, as usual, and the venue proved excellent. The Mela was a success both socially and financially.

2004 has been a banner year for Shadhika: we are going global!! Ella and Edo Terrier, the Stangls' Swiss neighbors in France, took Shadhika under their wings and hosted a fundraiser for us in their magnificent garden in July. The evening started with a lovely concert by an excellent local string quartet, followed by a live (!!!) auction, and ended

with a buffet feast produced by Juthica. Some 50 guests, composed of friends of the Terriers and Stangls, had a great time and raised over \$11,000!

Between these two events and our ongoing donations, Shadhika has raised over \$28,000 to date in 2004 —a forty percent increase over the previous year! Thank you all for your continued support for our efforts to help women and children in India.

*Shadhika supporters take part in live auction at France Fundraiser*

