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Dear Shadhika patron,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Our **15th annual Mela** was an enormous success due to your support. We raised over \$26,000! Dozens of Shadhika friends and supporters feasted on tasty snacks and homemade Indian delicacies while they bid on the silent auction items and shopped at the Indian boutique. Urmi Basu came from Kolkata (Calcutta, India) to update everyone on the success of Shadhika's projects and thank everyone personally for their generosity. We were all reminded again of how your efforts and donations bring hope to the lives of so many destitute women and children.

### Grants for Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006

The grants committee of the Shadhika board has met and made the following grants for the 2005-2006 fiscal year:

**Paripurnata** - \$5000. Paripurnata was the original Shadhika project. Paripurnata provides transitional housing and vocational training for women being discharged from mental health facilities. This year, with financial support from Shadhika and local Indian agencies, Paripurnata is establishing a follow-up care program for their clients after they graduate from the halfway house to prevent relapses.

**Uddami** - \$6140. Uddami provides computer and vocational training to orphans in Calcutta so that they might have an alternative to life on the streets. Five thousand dollars of the grant is for Uddami's operating expenses, the remainder will purchase a generator so classes can continue when the local power supply fails as it frequently does.

**SB Devi Clinic** - \$7500. The SB Devi Clinic provides free medical care to the destitute and education and training to health care providers working in their clinic. Shadhika's support has helped the Clinic train doctors, especially in programs such as nutritional counseling for mothers and their children and HIV prevention in schools, and going forward, will also enable additional health services for children of disadvantaged mothers.

**Monimala** - \$7500. Monimala is the newest Shadhika project. Monimala is a preschool for children living in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Calcutta. Many of them live in single parent homes with mothers who must work long hours in order to provide even a single meal each day for their children. Monimala provides the children with a safe haven from the streets, educational activities, and nutritious meals, and also gives parents hygiene education and parenting support.