



## **Celebrating 23 years of Humanitarian Activities**

### **The Toronto-Calcutta Foundation holds sixth annual fundraising gala**

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TORONTO (November 3, 2011) - The Toronto-Calcutta Foundation (TCF) will hold its sixth annual Gala Dinner on November 25, 2011 with special guest speaker Olivia Chow, Member of Parliament. CBC Radio and TV Ontario's Piya Chattopadhyay will be the master of ceremonies. The aim of the evening is to raise funds for TCF's humanitarian activities both in Calcutta, India and in Toronto. For the past 23 years, TCF has been providing services in education, health and vocational training for women in Calcutta.

"We are thrilled to have both Ms Chow and Ms Chattopadhyay supporting TCF at this gala this year. Their presence and participation helps bring more awareness of TCF's activities," said Saswati Deb, Director, and TCF.

TCF has been actively involved in health and education awareness in Toronto. In July of this year, TCF helped facilitate a heart health seminar in the city. And in the past it has helped Toronto's Dixon Hall and Nellie's Shelter with funding. Also, working in collaboration with RESULTS Canada, TCF organized an HIV-AIDS awareness seminar in Toronto. In addition, TCF gained experience in assisting sex workers when, with CIDA funding and in collaboration with Gems of Hope of Toronto, we were able to offer health services, 'peer educators,' classes for children, and sanitary facilities for sex workers in Garia, near Calcutta.

Once again this year, monies raised during our annual fundraiser will be used to help further health and education goals in both Calcutta and Toronto. It promises to be a fun-filled evening complete with entertainment, prizes and of course, a delicious Indian dinner.

#### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Friday, November 25, 2011  
**Time:** 6:30pm to 10:30pm  
**Location:** Hilton Garden Inn, Hwy 400 & 7

#### **About The Toronto-Calcutta Foundation**

The Toronto-Calcutta Foundation (TCF) is a not-for-profit organization and a registered charity in Canada helping to alleviate poverty in Calcutta and its surrounding areas. TCF funds, supports and/or manages projects that address local needs related to health, education and vocational training for women. In partnership with local communities TCF is working towards sustainable development. [www.toronto-calcutta.org](http://www.toronto-calcutta.org).

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