



HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING GALA RAISES OVER \$15, 000

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Friday December 18th, 2009 saw the *Toronto-Calcutta Foundation* (TCF) threw a gala evening at the Payal Banquet Hall in Mississauga. The evening was dedicated to raising more funds for TCF's operations overseas which include medical clinics in five villages, two pre-schools, eye camps and a training centre for women.

After a foreword by TCF President Ted Culp, the program began with an information session on recent successes and causes in need of support presented by Saswati Deb. Included was a speech by Yeolla Teplitsky and Fatimah Uddin, two doctors who will be going to India to volunteer their services to TCF's projects in and around Calcutta. A short interlude of a Jazz Trio comprised of Brendan Cassidy, Tyson Kerr, and Jim Sexton serenaded the audience with blues pieces. To close the night's program was a segment done by David Trattles, a documentary photographer, who shared his experiences on bicycle traveling all over India. He intrigued the audience with the revelation of women boxers in Calcutta, India. Despite having fewer guests than expected, TCF was able to raise over fifteen thousand dollars and that was possible because of Monica Palit's notable performance and appeal to the guests as a master of ceremony. Donors and supporters came through with their generosity to the appeal of TCF. Of course the evening concluded with a mouthwatering buffet dinner.

At the end of the evening Organizers of TCF thanked the volunteers, supporters and donors for their generous support and dedication.

The Toronto-Calcutta Foundation is a registered charity which provides services to impoverished citizens of Calcutta, India. For further information please go to TCF's website www.toronto-calcutta.org

