

# The Foundation for Sustainable Development



is proud to announce the launch of its



## Traveling Giving Circle to India!



Join a community of donors from all over the US who will travel to Rajasthan, India from October 18 - 29, 2010. Participants will pool their donations together and engage in a collaborative grant decision-making process with several grassroots Indian community based organizations. The trip will also include sightseeing and a unique opportunities to experience the rich culture, cuisine, and wonderful people of India.

Participants will observe the work of grantees first-hand, learning about the people they serve and the key challenges they face. Donor members will then dialogue with grantees about how funding from the giving circle would help increase the impact of their efforts.

The program will promote a personal connection between donors and grantees, while advancing a more democratic grant decision-making approach.



## what is a giving circle?

A giving circle might best be described as the philanthropic equivalent of a book club. A group of donors agrees to pool its time, talent and resources to work together on making international grants. Group members learn about the issues through readings, guest presentations from experts in the field, and in this case, through direct observation and dialogue with the grantees themselves. The donors of the circle will then decide collectively how they can make the greatest impact with their pooled funds.

Travelers to India must be willing to commit to the entire twelve day length of the trip. The minimum grantmaking commitment is \$2,000 per individual (\$2000-\$5000).

The program costs, including in-country air, hotel, food, on-the-ground transport, excursions, program guides and facilitation is \$3,530. Donor members are responsible for their own international travel costs.

Should you be unable to travel we still welcome the participation of any donors who wish to contribute to the grantmaking pool. We also encourage you to think about providing a partial or full scholarship to support the participation of another engaged philanthropist.

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