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Ten Portland Indian restaurants host "Curry for Kids" to help save kids from TB
Diners can help kids half way around the world by eating some of Portland's best Indian food

Portland, OR – October 21, 2008 – Ten Indian restaurants across the Portland area are partnering to help save children's lives through the "Curry for Kids" charity benefit event on Thursday, October 30, 2008. The nine restaurants have offered to donate a portion of their sales for the night to Progressive Health Worldwide (PHWW), a local nonprofit organization which brings food and medicine to children in India suffering from life-threatening malnutrition and tuberculosis (TB).

"'Curry for Kids' allows great Indian meals in Portland to have a life changing impact half way around the world," said PHWW founder Hayden Hamilton. "I am continually amazed by Portlanders' generosity and we are all excited to see the impact this will have on kids' lives over the next year."

A child dies from TB every eight minutes, and India has the highest number of infections in the world. In an attempt to decrease the number of children who die each year from TB, Progressive Health Worldwide started the first mobile pediatric TB clinic in rural India. With a local partner and hundreds of volunteers, PHWW helps save children's lives for less than $1 a day. Proceeds from "Curry for Kids" will help expand their program.

The event will take place during the week of *Diwali*, a primary Indian holiday known as the "festival of lights". Diwali is celebrated by multiple faiths, combining a spirit of renewal like New Years Day, energy of firecrackers reminiscent of Fourth of July, and sense of reflection and culinary treats akin to Thanksgiving. In the Portland area, this festive celebration is marked with numerous cultural events, and "Curry for Kids" will highlight local businesses helping children geographically distant, yet close to their hearts.

"As someone who has seen the effects of TB in India, I wholeheartedly support this effort," said Chandrika Nimmagadda, owner of participating restaurant, Curry Leaf. "It's a way for every patron to feel they have contributed toward an important international cause right here within their own community."

Diners can support "Curry for Kids" by visiting any of the participating restaurants listed below on Thursday, October 30th. They are listed as well on the PHWW website: http://www.phww.org/events.

Portland:

Curry Leaf*
15325 NW Central Dr.
(503) 645-6113
*(*generously extending event from*
Fri., 10/24 - Thu., 10/30)

East India Co.
821 SW 11th Ave.
(503) 227-8815

India Oven*
3862 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
(503) 872-9687
*(*generously extending event from*
Thu. 10/30 – Mon. 11/10)

Plainfield's Mayur Restaurant
852 SW 21st Ave.
(503) 223-2995

Tandoor Indian Kitchen
406 SW Oak St.
(503) 243-7777

Vindalho
2038 SE Clinton St.
(503) 467-4550

Beaverton:

Lentil Garden
18033 NW Evergreen Pkwy.
(503) 531-0802

Mayuri Indian Restaurant
16175 SW Walker Rd.
(503) 466-2165

Hillsboro:

Chennai Masala
2088 NW Stucki Ave.
(503) 531-9500

Swagat Indian Cuisine
1340 NE Orenco Station Pkwy.
(503) 844-3838

Progressive Health Worldwide (PHWW) is a Portland-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to have the biggest impact on children's health per dollar spent. PHWW believes this means saving children in the developing world from dying of treatable causes such as malnutrition and tuberculosis, and started the first mobile pediatric TB clinic in rural India.

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