



BIOGRAPHY

Tanya Pinto Founder

Born in India, Tanya moved with her family to Dubai as an infant and attended British schools there. When the first Gulf War broke out she left Dubai for Perth, Western Australia where she graduated from Australia's Curtin University in 1998 with First Class Honors. She began working for The Richards Group in 1999, the nations largest, independent branding agency and is currently in brand management. In 2005, Tanya took a sabbatical to go to Calcutta and volunteer at an orphanage, which inspired her to found Baal Dan in April 2006. Tanya was recently awarded the Sri-Sri Ravi Shankar Award for Uplifting Human Values for her work with Baal Dan.



ABOUT BAAL DAN

In Hindi, Baal means Child. Dan means Donation. But, even though the name is Indian, Baal Dan was created to help children in need every country. Tanya Pinto, inspired by a quote from Mother Teresa, founded Baal Dan with one concept in mind: "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

Based on the simple concept of raising money to help street children, Baal Dan uses that money in places like India where American dollars go much further. The charity raises money to buy things that children can use immediately like food, clothing, medicines and books. Since 2006, when Baal Dan was founded, it has helped more than 1,500 children in India. In 2007, Baal Dan will expand to Africa. For more information, visit www.baaldan.com.