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Baal Dan Charities Receives eBay Foundation Grant

DALLAS (October 29, 2007) – eBay Foundation recently awarded a *CHAMPION A CHARITY* grant of \$2,500.00 to Baal Dan Charities. The grant was made possible as a result of Prabitha Ganesh, an eBay Inc. employee, who “championed” funding for our organization. Funds will support the “Baal Dan School Fees Program” for 10 impoverished children in Calcutta, India who attend the Loreto Sealdah School.

eBay Foundation’s CHAMPION A CHARITY program encourages employees to become involved with and advocate funding for nonprofit organizations that work to improve the quality of life for all. A competitive program through which grant decisions are made by an employee committee, eBay Foundation CHAMPION A CHARITY grants are only made to organizations recommended for funding by eBay employees.

Prabitha Ganesh, the eBay employee that found and nominated Baal Dan for this grant said, *“The single feature that attracted me to Baal Dan is that it's primary focus is to help children in need. Street children are considered way of Indian life with no voices and unknown future - no one bothers to either second glance or question the child's condition. The fact that Baal Dan is making a difference in the life of these children who are considered as social nuisances and providing them with a opportunity for a future is what motivates me to support Baal Dan.”*

Tanya Pinto, Founder of Baal Dan, was delighted by the grant and said, *“This grant is an important achievement for Baal Dan and helps some extremely impoverished children. I am honored that eBay selected Baal Dan.”*

ABOUT eBay Foundation

eBay Foundation was established by eBay Inc. in 1998 as a way to give back. Today, the Foundation works to improve the social and economic well-being of communities by partnering with leading nonprofit organizations. Since its inception, the Foundation has contributed over \$14 million to nonprofit organizations worldwide. To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.ebay.com/foundation.

ABOUT BAAL DAN

In Hindi, “Baal” means “Child” and “Dan” means “Donation”. Baal Dan Charities, is a Dallas-based, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charity that helps children in need in India. Based on the simple

concept of raising money to help street children, orphans and the organizations that help impoverished children (e.g. orphanages, schools, shelters etc.), the charity raises money to buy things in bulk that children can use immediately like food, clothing, medicines and books. Since 2006, when the charity was founded, more than 1,500 children in India have received aid from Baal Dan. For more information, [visit www.baaldan.com](http://www.baaldan.com).

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