



*Auroville International*

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Dear Friends of Auroville,

Tuesday, December 04, 2001

We are proud to announce the successful completion of the Mahalakshmi at Play in 2001, "Three for One" Matching Program. It was Auroville International USA's goal to raise \$100,000 before the end of December 2001, so that an anonymous donor would gift a double match of \$200,000. Thanks to the many donors such as you, Auroville International USA has received donations amounting to the full \$100,000 by November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2001 (Thanksgiving).

In the spirit of the holiday season, I would like to extend to all of you a hearty and gracious

**"Thanks for Giving!"**

You have really helped make this particular matching program a tremendous success. Although this program is now closed to new donations, we realize that this is the season of giving. We encourage you, therefore, to continue supporting the purchase of Land for Auroville, the construction of the Matrimandir and the USA Pavilion, as well as many of the other wonderful projects in Auroville, such as the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, Village Action, the Auroville Arboretum, etc.

We also want to encourage anyone who would like to make a sizeable donation to Auroville, to create other such matching programs – the Mahalakshmi at Play program has shown how eager people are to give when they know that their donation will have 3 times the money-power when sent to Auroville.

**Another Matching Program:**

*Sponsor a tree at the AV Arboretum.* With a gift of \$25, you can sponsor the planting of, caring for, and labeling of a tree in Auroville's Arboretum. Another anonymous donor will double match the first forty \$25 sponsorships made through AVIUSA with an additional \$50 (up to \$2,000), which will be given to general greenwork in Auroville. For more information, or to donate, please visit: <http://www.aviusa.org/donate.htm>

Once again, thanks to all who have made the Mahalakshmi at Play matching program a success, and to all of those who continue to support projects in Auroville with their time, energy and donations.

Have a happy holiday season.

*Nilandro Markus*

Nilandro Markus, Executive Director, Auroville International USA

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