

Press Release

New Delhi/Gurgaon: Mahesh Dattani's new play in English, 'Brief Candle' will premiere in Delhi and Gurgaon on the 24th and 25th of October as a fundraiser for Genesis Foundation. The play, produced and directed by Lillette Dubey, is a poignant tale ...tragic, humorous, farcical and finally elevating with a star cast of Suchitra Pillai, Joy Sengupta, Amar Talwar, Zafar Karachiwala, Satchit Puranik and Manasi Parekh.

The proceeds from this play will go towards saving the lives of 4 little children Shabnam, Ashish, Mahfooz and Rinku who need critical medical and financial support.

'**Brief Candle**' is a play within a play involving Jeevan Jyoti, a hospital and hospice for cancer and terminally ill patients. The founders have requested a cultural event on founder's day. Dr Dave, Shanti and some of the terminally ill patients feel that a play written by an inmate who died of Aids related cancer will be an ideal choice.

The play is a farce with some extremely funny situations revolving around a hotel room near the airport. As the characters in the play await their departures, they end up in comic situations as they entangle themselves in surreptitious dalliances and complicated love affairs. The metaphor of arrivals and departures for life and death leaves them with a reflection of their own struggles and needs.

There will be two shows each day at 5pm and 7.30pm on 24th October at Kamani Auditorium, Delhi and on 25th October at Epicentre, Gurgaon. Cost is Rs.1000- Rs.750- and Rs.500-. (Balcony seats Rs.250- at Kamani Auditorium) and can be blocked in advance by emailing marielle.holmblad@genesis-foundation.net.

Sale of tickets will commence from October 1, 2009 from the following outlets: **Delhi**-Archie's Gallery, Select City Walk, Saket **and** at Ansal Plaza **AND Bahri Sons, Khan Market. Gurgaon**-Archie's Gallery, DT Mega Mall **and** at Ambience Mall AND Epicentre, Apparel House, Sector 44 Also available on the day of the show at Kamani and Epicentre.

Genesis Foundation, whose focus is to provide critical medical and financial support to young children from orphan homes and under-privileged families, will use the proceeds from this play to save the lives of four children in need surgery. Please visit www.genesis-foundation.net to learn more about how you can help 'Save a Life'.

About the children:

- ❖ **Shabnam** - (14yrs) suffers from cancer (Acute Myeloid Leukemia). She has undergone several sessions of chemotherapy and now needs Bone Marrow Transplant; this is possible as her sibling is a perfect match. The expected cost of this transplant is Rs.10,00,000-
- ❖ **Asish** - (8 yrs) is from Bihar and has undergone 4 sessions of chemotherapy. He suffers from cancer (NHL). His father is a labourer and urgently needs financial support for continuous treatment of chemotherapy. The expected cost is Rs.250,000-
- ❖ **Mahfooz** - (15 yrs) is from a poor family in UP. He has a cardiac disorder (hole in the heart) and requires surgery. The expected cost of this surgery is Rs.175,000-
- ❖ **Rinku** - (7 yrs) has been diagnosed with 2 holes in her heart. She needs a PDA Device Closure at the earliest. The surgery will give Rinku a chance to lead a normal life. Surgery cost will be Rs.70,000-

As you may be aware Genesis Foundation is a private trust established in 2001, it facilitates critical medical care for abandoned and lesser privileged children with the intent and hope that such children may have

an opportunity to lead a normal or near normal life and sustain themselves in the future.

The Foundation's focus is to provide life saving and life changing medical and financial support to critically ill children who are critically ill children from orphanages or whose family income is so little that they cannot afford the treatment required. The Foundation supports children and works in the area of ***cancer, heart, organ failure, thalassemia and extreme deformities***. Visit for more details: www.genesis-foundation.net

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