



D-56 Anand Niketan, Top Floor,  
New Delhi-21, India-110021  
Phone: 24110056  
www.apneaap.org

22 August 2010

### **To Whom It May Concern**

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of appreciation regarding Bobbi Ausubel and the NGO That Takes Ovaries. The model of empowerment that That Takes Ovaries uses with women and girls around the globe has been very helpful to us here in our women's centres situated around India, and in our work to help end sex trafficking on the India-Nepal border.

During her two lengthy visits to India, Bobbi was warm, caring and skilled in bringing out the stories of courage that were initially hard to access in the women and girls in our community -- women and girls who have been prostituted and sex trafficked, daughters of prostituted women, slum women and their daughters and even with crèche children. She was particularly interested in engaging our staff workers so they had opportunities to lead That Takes Ovaries workshops in their respective centres and so could replicate the TTO empowerment model.

In the end, Bobbi was able to use her skills as a drama therapist and a That Takes Ovaries workshop leader to create a safe and enthusiastic environment. The stories of the shunned women's survival and boldness in the face of great odds flowed out. In addition, women and adolescent girls, who had never acted before, were able to use drama impressively to publicly enact their unmet needs as well as their personal achievements. They performed well before lawyers and judges at a judiciary conference.

Additionally, the That Takes Ovaries event held at the American Centre, hosted by the US Consulate in Kolkata, was a success, and included a young man talking about the kindness and courage of his formerly prostituted sister whose earnings sent him to college, he, gratefully becoming the first college graduate of his community.

The That Takes Ovaries model that we are still using here in India, long after Bobbi has left is replicable and perhaps universal, and works well both in urban and rural communities.

We encourage other NGOs and women's organizations around the globe to work with Bobbi Ausubel and TTO.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. Dupla'.

Founder President,  
Apne Aap Women Worldwide  
Email:Ruchira@apneaap.org

