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Subject: Please forward

Dear Members of the India Community

Be a part of something great! The Diversity Center's 6th Annual Diversity Event Walk, Rock & Run will be held Saturday, May 3, 2008 (Announcement attached). This diversity initiative and city-wide event is an opportunity for you to publicly demonstrate your commitment to creating an inclusive society.

Our community can boast of incredible individual achievements in a wide range of fields of endeavors, from academics to government to law to science, and so much in between. In a mere forty years or so of large scale immigration of Indians into this wonderful land, the individual success stories have been absolutely phenomenal. However, collectively, as a community, we have only just begun to achieve the recognition and respect we so richly deserve. Perhaps, for the longest time, we have fallen short of living up to the responsibilities that go hand in hand with opportunities that brought us all to this land, and helped us build our lives with such success. We refrained from standing next to - shoulder to shoulder - with our brothers and sisters from diverse backgrounds that make America the great nation.

FICA (the Federation of India Community Associations of NE Ohio) has lately been making strides in gaining recognition and acknowledgement in the greater community, as the face of the Indian community in this region. Please come together under the FICA umbrella, and march to greater heights as a community, so that we can all share in the recognition and respect, and enjoy the benefits that will ultimately result from this!! After all, shouldn't we remember that as much as we nurture and celebrate our regional Indian culture and heritage in its inimitable fashion, we all carry the identity of an INDIAN to the people and government of the United States?

THIS YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE DISTINCT HONOR OF BEING THE SOLE SPONSOR THE 5K RUN!!!! We are so excited to be a part of Walk, Rock & Run event. The Diversity Center is important to us and to our community. It offers educational programs for our schools, corporations, and non-profit organizations around Northeast Ohio to help build awareness of and promote diversity. Peggy Zone Fisher, wife of Lt Governor of Ohio Lee Fisher, runs the Diversity Center of NE Ohio is our partner in this effort. The goal of the event is to raise money to support the valuable programming The Diversity Center delivers. Amazingly, 100% of the proceeds from Walk, Rock & Run directly support this programming. Our goal is to

raise awareness and funds to help reach that goal. Please take a few minutes to review the attached announcement. We will truly appreciate your support.

PLEASE JOIN US on Saturday, May 3rd - it's a great Saturday morning event for the whole family! There will be food, music, entertainment, and other activities. Every person who registers gets FREE admission to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame + Museum and the Great Lakes Science Center on that day! And of course a Free T-shirt to new registrants this year! Thank you for supporting our efforts.

Sincerely,

Asim Datta & Mona Alag,  
Event Coordinators, FICA

ps. If you participated in the Walk last year, please wear the T-shirts that you received, so that we can distribute the ones we have to the new registrants this year. Thank you for your co-operation.

Regards,  
Executive Committee  
Bengali Cultural Society  
Cleveland, OH

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