

Search Widens FAIR TRADE Silver Workshops



Most of our production takes place in our workshops in Rajasthan, India. Roberta recently paid her yearly visit to our large workshop in Jaipur. All of our silversmiths work in a large and airy building which is spacious, clean, and well-lighted.

Most of the silversmiths come from West Bengal, and this is one of their traditional trades. Besides having excellent working conditions, they are paid slightly higher wages than other silversmiths in the area. They can all work as much as they want to between the hours of 8am and 5 pm, and are paid by the piece. Sundays are holidays, as are the other (numerous!) traditional Hindi religious holidays. In addition

to receiving a pension, they all have medical benefits as well. The master silversmiths tend to make the more complicated pieces, and training opportunities are provided for all workers.



Our company sponsors a Tibetan child who is being educated in northern India

(www.tibetanchildreducation.org) and a Tibetan nun in Dharamsala. We also work with an orphanage in Rajasthan and give a percentage of our profits to the Council of Indian Nations, the American Indian Education Foundation, the Feathered Pipe Ranch, the Global Fund for Women, the Montana Wilderness Association, Amnesty International, the Tibetan Language Institute, the International Campaign for Tibet, and EnlightenNext.

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