



Dear Friends of Shuktara,

As the festive season approaches, we want to take a moment to thank you for your unwavering support and share some heartwarming highlights from a truly special year.

2024 has been a milestone for **Shuktara**, marking **25 years of love and care** for young people with disabilities in Kolkata. It was wonderful to see so many of you — old and new supporters — at our anniversary lunch at Xen's. The event was made all the more emotional by the incredible surprise visit from **Pappu**, who travelled all the way from Kolkata to London. Coaxed along by **Fern**, David and Pappu's heartfelt words and inspiring stories touched us all and reminded us why we remain so committed to this cause.

In October, my family and I had the privilege of visiting Shuktara. Seeing the joy, resilience, and love within the homes is always inspirational. It was especially touching for me to watch my **nine-year-old daughter, Lyra**, connect so beautifully with **Muniya, Lali, and Tamina**, young women she had heard so much about while helping raise funds at her school in London. I will always remember watching their smiles and laughter together.

During our time at Shuktara, I witnessed Pappu's incredible dedication as a homemaker for both

the boys' and girls' homes. His warmth, compassion, and leadership ensure that each child feels truly at home. Shuktara is a family and David and Pappu are at the heart of it.

This year has reminded us of the profound impact your generosity has on the lives of these young people. Whether through attending events, donating, or sharing Shuktara's story, you are helping to create a world where every individual, regardless of ability, is valued and loved.

As we look ahead to 2025, we remain deeply grateful for your continued support. Together, we can ensure that Shuktara continues to thrive for many years to come.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

With heartfelt thanks,  
Adam Thompson  
Chairman, Shuktara Trust UK



Muniya and Tamina with Adam's family





Pappu with Tamina and Moni



Tamina and Lali



Muniya and Guria



Lula Bari





Lali, Lyra and Muniya



Puja Bagh and Lali



Fern and David at ShuktaraX25



David and Pappu at ShuktaraX25





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