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Love Is All Around Wall Hanging

A reminder that love surrounds every living thing on the planet, this wall hanging offers an uplifting mantra and embroidered animals. This traditional needlework was created by makers of St. Mary's Mahila Shikshan Kendra in Ahmedabad, India. Founded by the Dominican Sisters following the closure of textile mills in the area, St. Mary's has provided job opportunities for local women for over 40 years. The income women earn has helped to educate a generation of children, many of whom have become the first in their families to attend college.



About the Artisans

St. Mary's Mahila Shikshan Kendra

Artisans with St. Mary's Mahila Shikshan Kendra use their traditional skills to create beautiful Gujarati embroidery featuring mirror-work and peacock, elephant, flower and fern motifs. Artisans use locally produced thread and hand-loomed cotton.

Approximately 400 women are employed full-time, and another 100 part-time, many working from home as they care for their children. Nearly 40% of these women are the primary wage earners for their families. St. Mary's is an intentional mix of Christian, Hindu, and Muslim artisans who work together and share in decision-making and project management. The women also have access to medical care, savings plans, sewing education, cooking classes and scholarships for children.

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Learn how Fair Trade really makes a difference. Our goal is to provide vital, fair income to artisans by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. Ten Thousand Villages sells product from more than 30 countries, providing work for nearly 60,000 people around the world.

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