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These women—
high-wattage celebs
and ordinary
citizens—have taken
extraordinary
steps to provide the
resources and attention
to build self-esteem
in those facing
life's challenges. We
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2004 Mothers & Shakers
Award winners for
reaching out
and shaking things
up. Read on
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MOTHERS SHAKERS



UMA THURMAN

For nurturing
kids born
into poverty

Despite a roller-coaster couple of years—giving birth to two kids (Maya, 6, and Roan, 2), kicking butt in *Kill Bill Vols. 1 and 2*, and separating from husband Ethan Hawke—Uma Thurman has never stopped thinking about improving the lives of others. She's currently using her star status to raise funds for Room to Grow (roomtogrow.org), a New York-based group (soon opening an office in Boston) that provides 200 area children born into poverty with essentials for the first three years of their lives.

Thurman first heard of Room to Grow from a neighbor in 1997 while pregnant with Maya. As a soon-to-be mom herself, she was motivated to get involved. Thurman, who serves on the board of directors, helps with the organization's financial backing, enabling Room to Grow to provide parents with one-on-one child-rearing guidance, as well as books, clothes, and toys. "I feel very moved by children," she has said. "They're innocent and helpless. Their unnecessary suffering takes your breath away. You can't be a mother and not think about the world your children's contemporaries are coming into."