



Triad Hindu Temple

HINDU SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA (NORTH CENTRAL REGION)

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Temple Expansion Committee

Neeraj Bhadouria; Ajit Kelkar; Jag Sankar; Sashtri Annambhotla

Cultural Committee:

Vijaya Sankaran and Vijayam Mohan

Balvihar Teachers:

Vijaya Sankaran, Ramya Santanam; Mini Santhosh, Srikanth Ghantae

Outreach Committee:

Vinaya Kelkar and Nalini Sankar

2017- Overview

Dear Friends and Supporters of Triad Hindu Temple,

We are proud to say that year 2017 was truly remarkable in the history of the temple as the community made it possible to buy the land for the new temple location. This was indeed a huge accomplishment since this was done in addition to taking care of the day-to-day running of the temple, organizing festivals, cultural programs and other events. This would not have been possible without the dedicated team of people including our priest Sarmaji, Balvihar teachers, volunteers and supporters like you. Below is a summary of highlights at THT in the year 2017.

New Temple Expansion: Based on the results of the survey conducted during December (2016)/January (2017), a decision was made to relocate the current temple to a new central location, Northwest of Greensboro. Following an aggressive fund-raising activity, seven acres of land on Alcorn Road (near the airport) was purchased at a cost of \$120,000. We sincerely thank every donor who made this possible. While the site for the new temple was purchased, we are still far from completing Phase 1, as the purchased land is now to be cleared of trees, levelled and Master plan approved by the city. Construction committee comprising of Neeraj Bhadouria, Sashtri Annambhotla, Ajit Kelkar and Jag Sankar along with Sarmaji are in dialogue with the architecture/ building firm and Indian Sthapatis (experts in temple building) to finalize the temple structure and design as per the Vedic requirements. These activities are estimated to require about \$200,000 more. Phase 2 involving completion of the main temple (without cultural hall and commercial kitchen) is estimated at a cost of one million. Stay tuned for the date of Ground Breaking ceremony.

Religious events: In addition to the regular major festivals at the temple such as Maha Shivaratri, Ram Navami, Krishna Janmastami, Ganesh Chaturdhi, Brahmotasavam, Nav Ratri, Diwali and Karthika pournami, two new events were initiated; Saibaba Palki utsavam and Sravan Masa Shiva puja. Our sincere appreciation and respects to priest Sarmaji who continues to be the chief architect of every temple activity.

Balvihar: Balvihar classes are conducted on Sundays twice a month for children of our community. The objective is to develop an awareness of our Hindu cultural and spiritual heritage, traditions and values through the medium of stories, bhajans, shlokas, crafts & games. This year Balvihar was proud to have 46 children at different levels such as Bala, Madhya, Ananda and Yuva. Board of Directors greatly appreciate the time, passion and support of the teachers. Their efforts were not limited to Balvihar but touched every event at the temple.

Cultural events: THT organized several music and dance events in 2017. Continuing the tradition of having a local artist performing in the first quarter, we had a Hindustani Classical music concert by Sharanya Ananth (a

junior at Guilford Early College) and in fall, a concert by Smitha Prasad was organized. Renowned flutist Pt. Ronu Majumdar was hosted by THT which was very well received by the community. In addition, community members showcased their talents through the Sangeetha and Nrithya Aradhana in spring. Temple invited local music and dance teachers to have informal performances during Navarathri and Ganesh Chaturthi seasons.

Volunteering committee: We had more new volunteers sign up to help in 2017. We missed some regular volunteers from previous years. We are reaching out to each of you to engage in volunteering. We recognized more than 50 volunteers for their significant contribution to the temple. We will be applying Presidential Voluntary Service Awards (PVSA) for at least 4 kids this year which improved from the previous year. The participation of kids in events has significantly improved. Children who recorded a minimum of 25 hours of volunteering are Roma Desai, Sharanya Ananth, Lahari Kammanadiminiti and Rishi Kandala.

Urban Ministry: In this outreach program, THT partners with Urban Ministry and serves hot meals to homeless and underprivileged in the community. THT was given the opportunity to do these five days in a year. Volunteers from our community come out to cook and serve a meal for an estimated 100 people on each occasion. It is a great opportunity to give back to the community and also our young volunteers can get credit for service hours. We thank the generous sponsors and enthusiastic volunteers who made this program a great success in 2017.

Finance updates:

Revenue:	Expenses:
Specific to New Temple: \$226,518	Land acquisition: \$131,000
Other Donations: \$109,620	Priest salary & benefits: \$42,000
Cumulative donations: \$335,138	Operational expenses: \$15,400
Membership number: 274	Festival expenses: \$32,000
Construction funds available: \$160,000; Funds needed for construction: \$1,200,000	

Other important updates:

- Following the amended by-laws, a Board of Trustees (BoT) was formed consisting of Venkat Iyer, Vijaya Sankaran, Ajit Kelkar, Nalini Sankar, Ram Mohan, Prasad Gaddamanugu, Raj Narayanan, Neeraj Bhadouria, Hersh Chopra, Vishnu Avva and CP Singh. BoT will oversee BoD function and focus on achieving the long-term goals and vision of the new temple
- Following the efforts of Venkat Iyer, THT was approved for 'Church designation' by the IRS. This would greatly benefit the THT from a tax-filing perspective
- THT hired Punita Ahuja, a certified accountant to look after the temple finances. This gives the community a sense of confidence about the proper usage of their donations and on the accounting of temple revenue and expenditure
- ACH system has been set up to provide an opportunity to donate any amount on a monthly basis. We request the patrons to avail this recurring payment method and contribute to the new temple construction fund.

Your financial, physical and moral support is needed now more than ever. Let us continue our passion and realize Vision-2020 of our temple to preserve and spread the values and traditions of our Sanatana Dharma.

Kind regards,

Board of Directors- 2017 & 2018