



# American Dharma Network

A Sewa Initiative to Respond to a Pandemic

“Together We  
Serve Better”



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# THE CONTEXT

2020 will be remembered as the year that changed our world in profound ways. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of us, rich and poor countries, the developed and the developing, and wrought much havoc on individual lives, too many to record fully, too much to comprehend at one glance. However, 2020 will also be remembered for bringing people and organizations together to respond to this global threat. Sewa International was one of the organizations that was first off the blocks to begin responding to the pandemic.

As a disaster relief organization, Sewa International had the expertise, and working on many fronts and apprehending the enormity of the task, Sewa International leaders realized the importance of joining hands with like-minded organizations to respond comprehensively to the pandemic. Thus, we launched the “Sewa Sankalp” initiative (see Appendix I). This report offers thumbnail sketches of organizations that have worked with us at the local, regional, national, and international levels, contributing money, time, and energies to the collective Sewa bucket.

Sewa International is grateful to all donors and supporters. While many of these organizations, across the United States, have served their communities on their own or with other partners, we are grateful to all those who joined us in this cooperative and collaborative effort. We sought information from all of our partners so that they can be given due credit in this report.

We apologize for any omissions or errors. Please contact us at [marketing@sewausea.org](mailto:marketing@sewausea.org) if you note any errors.

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# INTRODUCTION

We are living in unprecedented times. This statement has become a cliché, but our daily reality is anything but clichéd or predictable as the coronavirus, whose first intimations began to be heard only in late January 2020, began to gather speed late February, and started its havoc mid-March caught most of us by surprise. We were unprepared, despite some cautionary warnings by experts over the past few years, for this global pandemic.

Spanish flu? Who remembered it? SARS and MERS? Yes, but how many really were affected globally? Did we not carry along, except in some limited contexts and limited to a few countries, with our lives as before? Ebola? Oh, it was just a couple of countries in Africa.... It seems as if we were all sleepwalking into this global disaster. So, we had work to do. We did not have the luxury of being armchair pedants blaming this or that country, this or that institution, this or that political leader or health expert for what we as a civilization faced.

At Sewa, we began to put an action plan together. Our initial, six-pronged approach included the following:

- Providing Sewa's COVID-19 helpline numbers
- Supplying Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to healthcare and other essential services personnel
- Supporting international students by making provisions for food and shelter
- Providing Case Management for individuals and families requiring long-term assistance
- Conducting periodic webinars with physicians, attorneys, and other professionals

- Assisting and protecting vulnerable people by delivering essentials (prepared food, groceries, medicines, etc.)

But we knew that while we could offer relief as we have done in other disaster situations, we needed the help and support of other Dharmic organizations to tackle this pandemic. We understood that if we pooled our resources we could deliver the relief and help sought by communities across the country more effectively and more generously.

We therefore came up with a new initiative: to bring together Dharma and sewa (service) organizations in the United States to commit to a Sewa Sankalpa or Pledge of Service to care for community members by providing necessary non-medical COVID-19 support. In return, Sewa International pledged to work with these organizations to build capacity and for the organizations to leverage Sewa's expertise, skills, and volunteer base to respond effectively to the pandemic. More than one thousand dharma and sewa community organizations, big and small, were contacted to pool ideas, collaborate, and build confidence in the communities they/we served and lived in. The Sankalp Patra was signed by more than 500 dharmic organizations, and about 400 organizations, in small and big ways, have collaborated with Sewa International in fighting the pandemic.

The COVID-19 helplines established by Sewa International began receiving calls immediately from stranded and worried college students who were concerned about food, accommodation, travel, visa status, and more importantly, about testing positive for COVID-19. Many other requests were received

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through email, or via redirected requests by Indian Consulate officials, or through personal connections/network of volunteers.

We began training volunteers, including many from Dharma organizations, to respond to these calls. They were able to help these worried students, parents, and families in “real time” as the messages got transmitted over a variety of social media and media apps, and the follow-up on each request was almost immediate.

Sewa’s multi-pronged response to COVID-19 increased to at least a dozen major initiatives, including mask-making at home, starting the first national plasma registry, and collaborating with over 5,300 women physicians and health professionals for rendering effective and fast assistance to Covid-19 patients.

In the second phase of the response to the pandemic we identified the following areas for a more focused response:

- **Fighting Hunger: Food distribution to the needy**
- **Emotional and Wellbeing Support: Through proactive prevention, ongoing education, and awareness, interventions, and support through Case Management**
- **Career Transition and Support: Mainly for international students, which may also be beneficial to people impacted by job loss.**

Our community has donated more than \$1 million to Sewa International to conduct all these activities, and this report – which will be continuously updated – is our way of acknowledging and thanking the

many Dharmic organizations and individuals who in the true spirit of selfless service pitched their energies and their money into the Sewa bucket to respond to this global pandemic.

We also wish to highlight our gratitude to many community organizations who not only worked hand-in-hand but also provided Sewa international with financial and other resources which used to go to the governor’s or mayor’s fund or to the very large organizations like the Red Cross. Sewa International is grateful for the trust shown by all donors, supporters and supporting organization. This report is one way of acknowledging the trust you have placed in us. We are in this together, and we are working on the ground together, or you may know that your neighbor next door is a Sewa volunteer.

As President of Sewa International, I would like to thank all of the Dharma organizations – leaders and volunteers – for joining hands with us. We need your support and encouragement not only in this immediate context but as we begin to create a new, sustainable, equitable, and safe world.

Sincerely,

*Arun Kankani*

**Arun Kankani**

President, Sewa International



**ORGANIZATIONS**







# **ORGANIZATIONS**

Dharma Organizations  
Joining Hands

# ORGANIZATIONS

## All World Gayatri Pariwar, Houston



	<b>FOUNDING YEAR</b>	1995
	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://www.awgphouston.org/">https://www.awgphouston.org/</a>
	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	832-382-4300; 201-982-2018
	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	20914 Park Row, Katy, TX 77449
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	awgp.houston@gmail.com
	<b>VOLUNTEER STRENGTH</b>	50 (local), 10 million (global)

**FOUNDING MEMBERS :** Bharat & Sangita Tailor, Mahesh & Varsha Patel, Suresh & Neeru Baxi, Deepak & Daksha Khatri, Lt. Praful & Bhanu Kakkad, Madhu & Prabha Barvalia, Ashok & Jayani Parikh, Viral & Manisha Patel, Ketan & Garima Doshi

**VISION :** Rise of divinity in mankind, descent of heaven on earth.

**MISSION :** To transform the consciousness of all human beings through Upasana (imbibing divine qualities by regular Gayatri mantra jap), Sadhana (self-refinement by developing control over senses, thoughts, money and time) and Aradhana (serving society). A transformation in human beings will result in a better society, prosperous nation, and will bring peace in the world.

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All World Gayatri Pariwar, Houston

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES :** Righteous wisdom (Gayatri) and righteous actions (yagya) are the two pillars of divinity. Rise of divinity in mankind and descent of heaven on earth is possible by a strong foundation of these two at three levels: personal, familial and societal.

**HIGHLIGHTS :**

1. Bal Sanskar Shala, Sunday school, which focuses on intellectual knowledge about one's own strength and virtues, positive emotions, and positive character traits.
2. Providing hot meals and groceries every month for "Street Friends of Katy" in support of the efforts of Hope Impact of Katy, a nonprofit organization which strives to feed Katy's homeless.
3. Following the principles of "Recycle, Refuse and Reuse".
4. Offering a platform to our members where they can gather for social, cultural, emotional, and spiritual upliftment.
5. We work closely with other organizations to actively participate in community service.
6. Providing all 16 sanskars like marriage, punsvan, naamkaran, annaprashan etc., to the community.

**NUMBER OF CHAPTERS :** 4000 centers globally

**MAJOR PROJECTS :**

- In Greater Houston Area our major projects are:
- Conducting Bal Sanskar Shalas
- Providing food and groceries for the homeless in collaboration with other local organizations
- Providing all 16 sanskars like marriage, punsvan, naamkran, annaprashan, etc., to the community
- Celebration of all major Hindu festivals

**IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY :** Dharma means the sacred duty that each entity of this universe is supposed to fulfill with sincerity to maintain balance in this universe. It is important for all dharmic organizations to come together to inspire humanity to remain steadfast on the path of dharma, especially in today's difficult circumstances.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :** We participated in the food drive organized by Sewa International.

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## All World Gayatri Pariwar, California



-  **Founding Year** : 1995
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-  **Volunteer Strength** : 200(local), 10 million (global)
-  **Number of Chapters** : 10

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Anjuben Bhupendra Patel, Nimit Bipinchandra Thaker

### MISSION

To adapt to modern times the age-old wisdom of Vedic rishis who practiced and propagated the philosophy of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*.

### VISION

To be a living model of a futuristic society, guided by the principles of human unity and equality -- *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Self-transformation will lead to the transformation of society; Self-refinement will lead to global refinement.



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All World Gayatri Pariwar, California

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## MAJOR PROJECTS :

- Serve the community and bring them together irrespective of caste, creed, color, and faith
- Holistic approach to body, mind and soul by conducting yoga, meditation and pranayama classes
- Cleansing the environment by conducting yagya regularly along with mantra chanting
- Providing youngsters a platform to learn and follow ancient wisdom and rishi culture

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY :

Humanity is above any religion. Dharma means "duty," and being human it is the duty of all Dharmic organizations to come together and revive faith in humanity.

## INSPIRING STORY :

While donating masks to hospitals, we came to know they are not getting any head coverings or coveralls from the county. We supplied them hand made reusable cloth head-coverings and it helped nurses especially. It was touching to hear from them that the efforts of our volunteers served the purpose.

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All World Gayatri Pariwar, California

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :

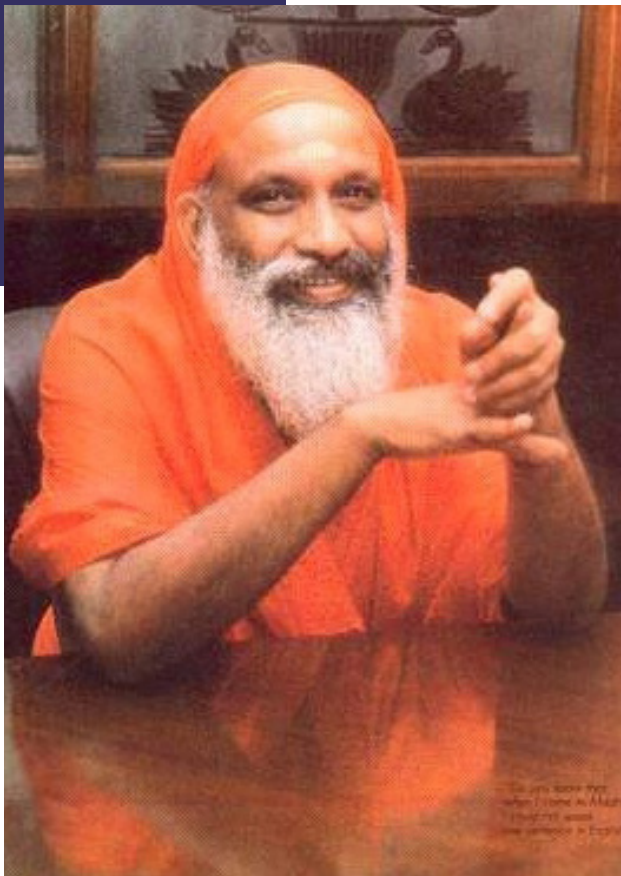
1. Hand made PPE gears(500+) e.g. masks and head coverings: donated to hospitals, Safeway and other workers.
2. Hand sanitizers and supplies donated to Hospitals.
3. Special fund raising to donate to Alameda County Community Food Bank.
4. Regular evening prayer (chanting of Gayatri Mantra and Maha-Mritunjaya Mantra) everyday for the wellbeing of everyone.
5. Regular morning mediation sessions during these stressful times.
6. Weekly yagya and offering special ahutis to cleanse the environment and creating a protective environment to fight the coronavirus pandemic.
7. Special fundraising of \$50,000 to support other AWGP centers in the US and India.
8. 8. Special Gayatri Mantra Anushthan (close to 1.3 million) of “Chaitra Navratri” dedicated to “Fight the Pandemic”.
9. Conducting special pranayama sessions at workplace.



## Arsha Vidya Gurukulam

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### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Swami Dayananda Saraswati

### VISION

To establish an institute for the traditional study of Advaita Vedanta, Sanskrit, meditation, Yoga, Ayurveda, astrology and other classical Indian disciplines.

### MISSION

To share the knowledge with adults, families, and children; AVG also supports Aim for Seva, helping schools in India offer quality education.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

There is nothing equal to Self-Knowledge

### HIGHLIGHTS

Building ashrams throughout India and one in the USA to teach traditional courses in Advaita Vedanta, Sanskrit, meditation, and support Aim for Seva helping schools and orphanages in India.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Currently working on refurbishment of a building in India to have a place for aging ascetics to stay.

 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 1986

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 20

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 6

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## *Arya Samaj of Greater Houston*

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FOUNDING YEAR	VOLUNTEER STRENGTH	NUMBER OF CHAPTERS
1991	500	1

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Devinder Mahajan, Shekhar Agrawal, Brij Kathuria, Sunil Mehta, Munish Gulati

### VISION

Our motto is Krinvantowishvamarayam: we aim to

make the world noble. The Arya Samaj of Greater Houston preaches the meaning of the Vedas under the guidance of qualified priests.

### MISSION

The primary mission of the Arya Samaj is to

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## Arya Samaj of Greater Houston

eradicate ignorance (Agyan), indigence or poverty (Abhav), and injustice (Anyay) from this earth.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our mission is enshrined in the ten niyams or principles (<https://aryasamajindia.org/read/10-principles-of-arya-samaj>). The four Vedas -- Rig-Veda, Yajur Veda, Sama Veda and Atharva Veda -- are the source of guidance.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- State of the art facilities for Sunday Satsang with dining hall and library
- D.A.V. Montessori & Elementary School provides quality Montessori and elementary education combined with knowledge of Vedic values, Indian culture, and language to young children of the growing Indian community
- Designated as the Model Arya Samaj in the world, 2018

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Full curriculum DAV Montessori Schools

- Sunday School and Satsang
- Community Service Projects
- Yoga and Meditation Classes
- Vaidik Education
- Annual Health Fair
- Festival Celebrations

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Unity is power. We can join hands and make a difference for our community.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

In May 2020 we organized teams and distributed free, non-perishable vegetarian groceries to needy and vulnerable people. These initial efforts were supplemented by more aid as we conducted a Blood Drive and distributed reusable masks.

### INSPIRING STORY

Our Management Committee came together in four days to organize the food drive for the community. We quickly started with fund raising and put volunteers to work.



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**APCO**

*For Telugu People of Andhra Pradesh*



## APCO -- Andhra People of Central Ohio

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 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 2019

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 200+

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 1

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Venu Talasila, Nageswararao Manne, Sridhar Vegesna

### VISION

To safeguard the interests of people of Andhra Pradesh living in Central Ohio, and preserve the culture and heritage of Andhra Pradesh

### MISSION

Preserve the rich culture, heritage, and culinary traditions of Andhra Pradesh, and pass these on to our younger generations living in the US.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteered in mask making; distributed face

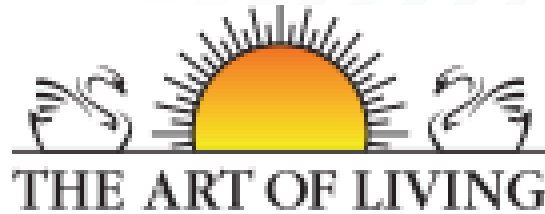
masks to many people living in Columbus, OH; Offered financial and social assistance to students in Ohio who were having financial hardship because of covid. Raised funds to help the classical dance art form of Kuchipudi gurus in the current pandemic crisis in AP and Telangana. Participated in many other sewa events in AP.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

It is also the motive of APCO to do dharmic kriya (work) and try our best to serve humanity.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

In this Covid-19 crisis we offered financial help to stranded or unemployed students and families in Columbus, OH. Distributed face masks free. Raised funds through our program: "Save Kuchipudi Gurus"



## Art of Living (AOL) -- Colorado

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<https://www.artofliving.org/us-en/colorado>

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Namrata Verma

### VISION

To discover evidence-based breathing techniques that quickly reduce stress and make meditation effortless; to restore vibrant life in people, and help them achieve their best in life.

### MISSION

Discover evidence-based breathing techniques that quickly reduce stress and make meditation effortless.

### HIGHLIGHTS

AOL Colorado worked with Sewa International to increase awareness about yoga and meditation in the community during the pandemic.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Art of Living, Colorado, worked with Sewa International to increase awareness about yoga and meditation in the community during the pandemic.

## BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

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FOUNDING  
YEAR

1907

NUMBER OF  
CHAPTERS

3,850

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Shashtriji Maharaj

### VISION

BAPS Charities harnesses the efforts and collective spirit of volunteers around the world to serve individuals, families, and communities in five key areas. Taken together, these initiatives empower individuals to volunteer their time and resources to create a better community, nation, and world:

- Community Empowerment
- Educational Services
- Environmental Protection & Preservation
- Health & Wellness
- Humanitarian Relief

### MISSION

We believe that the power to build better communities lies in the hands of the very members of those communities. BAPS Charities serves communities through a variety of programs aimed at improving the lives of our neighbors, such as Walkathons and Annual Challenges to bring awareness to important causes in the community. We believe we can build closer and more resilient communities -- one step at a time.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

With the belief that education is the primary driver



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## BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

of development and progress in the world, BAPS Charities provides extensive support through a variety of programs, such as day schools, residential schools, and educational hostels in Asia and Africa. We also host education and training programs to prepare students in communities around the world for the opportunities available to them.

### HIGHLIGHTS

BAPS Charities aims to provide low cost, high quality health and wellness services in a variety of innovative ways. Programs such as health fairs and health awareness lectures with a focus on prevention serve as an invaluable resource for healthier living. BAPS Charities also supports primary health care facilities and initiatives in the developing world to provide quality health care for disadvantaged communities as well as the public at large.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Our major projects typically focus on: Community

Activities, Educational Services, Environmental Work, Health & Wellness, and Humanitarian Relief

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY


In times of natural and manmade calamities, BAPS Charities has worked to respond effectively to the needs of the hour. From earthquakes and prolonged droughts to civil disturbances and terrorist attacks, BAPS Charities stands ready to serve and support affected communities.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Donation of \$1,000 to Mathews Help Center
- Donation of \$5,000 to Novant Health Medical Center in Mathews
- Donation of \$1,000 to CMS Foundation in Mathews

## Bay Area Youth Vaishnav Parivar



	<b>FOUNDING YEAR</b>	2002
	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://bayvp.org/">https://bayvp.org/</a>
	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	408-586-0006
	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	175 Nortech Parkway, San Jose, CA 95134
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	<a href="mailto:info@bayvp.org">info@bayvp.org</a>
	<b>VOLUNTEER STRENGTH</b>	400

**FOUNDING MEMBERS :** Divyang Patel, Ashwin Sura, Saumil Shah, Anjan Parikh

- VISION :**
- Building a cultural bridge between generations
  - A focal point for worship, knowledge and culture

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## Bay Area Youth Vaishnav Parivar

**MISSION :** Propagate and understand the life and teachings of Lord Krishna as envisioned by Vallabhacharya Mahaprabhuji in the “Path of Grace-Pushtimarg”. Cultivate a “Parivar” that lives, promotes, and enhances Vaishnav values and our way of worship.


**GUIDING PRINCIPLES :** Faith and surrender (Sharangati), selfless service (Seva), associating with truth (Satsang), dedicated offering (Samarpan), pure non-dual perspective to life (Shuddha-Advait)


- HIGHLIGHTS :**
- Over 5000 members
  - First Pushtimarg Vaishnav Temple on the West Coast of USA
  - One of the largest temple facilities acquired recently in Silicon Valley
  - Pre-COVID: Host speakers from around the globe and had over 50 events in a year
  - Regular Sunday School for 200-250 children in the past 10 years


**MAJOR PROJECTS :** Will be starting renovations of newly acquired facility

**COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :** Donated masks made by members; helped seniors with grocery shopping; held online daily satsangs to keep people connected; weekly satsangs live (three times a week); online Sunday school for children and adults; held virtual cultural programs (music, dance etc); workshops for workers and employees to take advantage of PPP (CARES); provided weekly update on COVID to members; distributed food to the homeless.

# Bengali Women's Forum

 **Founding Year** : 2019

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## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Shanta Dutta

## MISSION

Based in Charlotte, North Carolina, BWF's mission is to provide constructive programming around current affairs, social concerns, personal and professional development, as well as having informal gatherings, all of which are designed to strengthen and nurture connections among communities in the city.

## VISION

Our goal is to identify key issues like health, social welfare, education, and barriers to equal opportunity affecting women and men and find the avenues to remediate the same.

## HIGHLIGHTS

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# Brahma Kumaris

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**FOUNDING YEAR** : 1937 | **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 137 countries, five continents  
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## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Prajapita Brahma Baba

## VISION

1. The study of spiritual knowledge
2. Understanding the nature of soul and awareness of the Supreme Being Help
3. The practice of Raj Yoga meditation -- a step-by-step process to help focus on one's deep inner strengths and potential to reaffirm the spiritual identity, inherent goodness, dignity and worth of the human being
4. To encourage a deeper understanding of life's purpose
5. Conscious assimilation of virtues: Learning to practice virtues in adverse conditions
6. To encourage a change of awareness, attitude, vision, and behavior within the human family
7. To encourage a deeper understanding of life's purpose

## MISSION

- To encourage a deeper understanding of the individual's place and purpose within the broader context of life.
- To reaffirm the spiritual identity, inherent goodness, dignity and worth of the human being.
- To encourage a change of awareness, attitude, vision, and behavior within the human family.
- To help individuals rediscover their latent personal relationship with the source of all goodness.
- To foster a spirit of human brotherhood -- every human being, irrespective of their religion, their race, their gender, or their nationality, can draw profound inner strength from a relationship with their eternal parent, the Divine.
- To support the betterment of the human condition by remaining fully engaged in our communities and to support programs,

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Brahma Kumaris

projects, and initiatives with this rediscovered inner strength.

- To establish a relationship between human beings and the environment based on the principle of non-violence.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our guiding principles focus on these themes:

- Knowledge of the Soul and its nature
- Awareness of a Supreme Being
- Getting help to transform life experiences through on-going flow of experiences
- A step by step process to help focus on one's deep inner strengths and potential
- Reaffirmation of the spiritual identity, inherent goodness, dignity, and worth of the human being
- Encouragement of a deeper understanding of life's purpose

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Largest spiritual organization in the world led by women
- Secular organization catering to all irrespective of caste, religion, etc.
- More than eight-decades old organization
- Global presence across 137 countries, in all five continents
- All spiritual services are provided free of cost to all
- Extensive impact in many sectors as an international socio-spiritual, non-governmental organization
- Associate status with the Department of Public Information (DPI)
- Consultative status with the United Nations

Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

- Observer status to the United Nations' Environment Assembly (UNEP)
- An observer organization to UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- A flagship member of Education for Rural People (ERP), and Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)

## MAJOR PROJECTS

Courses offered:

- Raja yoga meditation
- Anger management
- Positive thinking
- Self-esteem
- Stress free living
- Residential courses

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

We believe that the importance of a dharmic network for humanity lies within our guiding principles.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Raja Yoga Meditation Foundation Course which is offered free of charge (currently online); Ongoing Sunday Meditation Series (currently online); every Sunday from 5 PM to 5:30 PM -- ongoing talk and meditation programs

## *Bihar Jharkhand Association of North America*

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**NUMBER OF CHAPTERS : 6**

### **VISION**

The primary mission of BJANA is to carry out, promote and coordinate philanthropic, educational and voluntary activities serving physically and economically disadvantaged people in Indian states of Bihar and Jharkhand, and to integrate Indian communities across North America, who have origins in Indian states of Bihar and Jharkhand, through strong community organization, celebration of cultural festivals and promotion of Indian culture among younger generations in our communities.

### **COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS**

BJANA provided COVID relief work in the community where we live and work:

1. Provided contributions for masks to TheSewStrongProject
2. Provided hot meals to the staff at COVID-19 testing site at OCC via Salvation Army
3. Provided meals to Penn Medicine Princeton Health & St Barnabas Medical Center
4. BJANA children made 1,000 face shields for essential workers

BJANA did the following COVID relief work in India:

### **In Jharkhand --**

1. Provided meals to about 800 poor for three days in a row at Ranchi
2. Distributed masks and hand sanitizers in RIMS, police lines, and to vendors
3. Distributed food packets with rice and potatoes, and distributed asks in Bokaro, Phusro, Dhanbad
4. Uncooked food packets distribution to 1,000 families good for a family of four for a week
5. Provided nutritious food to 300 pregnant women and those with children below three years at risk of malnutrition in daily wage and migrant labor households

### **In Bihar --**

1. Distributed masks, gloves, soap and sanitizers to poor and needy in Patna
2. "Mission 15 Days For 1,500 Families" -- groceries for one month for each family of four in slum areas of Patna

In addition to the above, BJANA did 10 webinars to increase awareness and education on COVID, mental health, impact on higher education, and financial matters for benefit of community members both here and in India"

# ORGANIZATIONS

## | Bharati Tamil Sangam



🏠	<b>FOUNDING YEAR</b>	2007
🌐	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://www.bharatitamilsangam.org/">https://www.bharatitamilsangam.org/</a>
☎️	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	510-353-3998
📍	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	43575 Mission Blvd., #225 Fremont, CA 94539
✉️	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	service@bharatitamilsangam.org
👤	<b>VOLUNTEER STRENGTH</b>	50 +
	<b>NUMBER OF CHAPTERS</b>	1

**FOUNDING MEMBERS :** Govindarajan Venkatesha, Kesavan Srikumar

**VISION :** Bharati Tamil Sangam is a non-profit cultural organization following Hindu dharmic traditions and serving the Tamil community living in the San Francisco Bay area.

**MISSION :** Bharati Tamil Sangam is a cultural organization for world-wide Tamils, that adheres to Hindu culture and dharmic traditions.

**GUIDING PRICIPLES :** Bharati Tamil Sangam will implement programs to inculcate art, literature, Hindu spirituality and cultural aspects in Tamil youth, especially children.



# ORGANIZATIONS

Bharati Tamil Sangam

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY :

Dharmic Organizations are principally aligned to serve Hindu community using Hindu dharmic principles.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :

2500 Face Masks -- distributed to Healthcare Workers, First Responders & Senior Living Community in five weeks with the help of 35 volunteers  
Conducted an event with Cancer Institute Foundation (CIF) -- Panel discussion on the Pandemic with a group of eminent doctors.

## INSPIRING STORY :

Uttarkand Flood Relief: within a week we raised about \$30,000. During the early Covid-19 phase we distributed 2,500 face masks within five weeks.

## MAJOR PROJECTS :

Every year we conduct events for Pongal, Tamil New Year, Diwali, and Bharathiar Day. We also conduct Golu Contest every year and distribute prizes. In response to Covid-19 we were involved in stitching face masks. We serve the community by raising funds to support people (for example, flood relief) and also provide food services for the needy through the "Annapoorna" program.

## HIGHLIGHTS :

Bharati Tamil Sangam volunteers are making face masks for our frontline workers fighting against COVID 19. We are raising funds for affected people. We have conducted an event with Cancer Institute Foundation (CIF) -- a panel discussion on the pandemic by eminent doctors.

# ORGANIZATIONS



**Carolina  
Business  
Alliance**

## *Carolina Business Alliance*

704-807-5454 | 980-231-5427

**FOUNDING YEAR 2020**

### **FOUNDING MEMBERS**

Uday Reddy, Paresh Patel

### **VISION**

CBA represents business organization consisting of motels, retail sales, manufacturing, and professional service providers in the Charlotte (North Carolina) metro area. The alliance was formed to help solve business related challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **MISSION**

- To work effectively with local, state, and federal officials in the development of policies, rules, and regulations
- To share pertinent information among its members
- To educate legislators, government officials, and the public about challenges faced by members
- To promote good community and environmental policies

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Presented at the first ever virtual meeting of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners
- Conducted webinars for members COVID-19 related problems
- Helped members connect with banking institutions for PPP funding
- Helped Hindu Center to manage mobile COVID-19 tests
- Partnered with Charlotte Regional Business Alliance
- Partnered with the Mecklenburg County on communication issues

## Charlotte Gujarati Samaj

7701 Wallace Ln, Charlotte, NC 28212

704-491-1186 | <https://www.gsofclt.com> | [secretary@gsofclt.comusa](mailto:secretary@gsofclt.comusa)

### VISION

CBA represents business organization consisting of motels, retail sales, manufacturing, and professional service providers in the Charlotte (North Carolina) metro area. The alliance was formed to help solve business related challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### MISSION

- Promote Gujarati Language
- Establish direct flight between Charlotte, NC to Ahmedabad
- Monthly event for networking and entertainment
- Exchange visit programs for students, seniors, business and trade investors
- Support local talent
- Organize events, festival celebrations, and entertainment programs for Gujaratis






### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Exchange expertise in social, legal and financial security for NRI's benefit.
- Seek government support in organizing festivals, events etc.
- Establish an NRI guest program.
- Offer service to homeland under humanity projects

VOLUNTEER  
STRENGTH

3150

## Charlotte Marathi Mandal

	<b>FOUNDING YEAR</b>	1999
	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://charlottemarathimandal.org/">https://charlottemarathimandal.org/</a>
	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	704-941-7338
	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	8227 Ruby Valley Rd, Charlotte NC 28277
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	csmmonline@gmail.com

**VISION :** Our objective is to bring Marathi speaking people and communities together, raise awareness about our culture, shared values and carry it to the next generation. We believe that efforts borne by people speaking different Indian languages makes our ethos more vibrant and culture ever lasting. We have tried to achieve this by organizing events planned to keep our cultural values alive. We offer a platform for all to participate in social, spiritual, musical, educational, and other community bonding activities. Our focus is to preserve, enhance, promote Marathi language, literature, heritage within the Hindu fold.

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# ORGANIZATIONS

Charlotte Marathi Mandal

## GUIDING PRICIPLES

- Partner with organizations to build a vibrant Indian community based on our traditional cultural value system
- Contribute to the well-being of the Indian diaspora in Charlotte and elsewhere
- Partner with other Hindu faith-based organizations to revive lost traditions and build a society based on the principle of universal family values
- Conduct community building events during the Covid situation imparting various cultural and educational programs
- Help and assist the student fraternity who have been impacted during these times
- Grow and reach out to people through the Ganapati Festival
- Partner with various government and non-governmental organizations to help, collaborate and participate in citizen initiatives for the general good of communities

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Charlotte Marathi Mandal won the rights to host the biennial North America Marathi convention for 2021
- Conducted numerous yoga programs, Vedic mathematics classes, and Shlok Mantra Pathan events
- Conducted the annual Ganapati festival for the past 40 years

# Chinmaya Mission



chinmayamission.com



678-615-7088; 707-223-2528



5511 Williams Road  
Norcross, GA 30093; PO Box 129,  
Piercy, CA 95587



**Volunteer Strength** : 250



**Number of Chapters** : 300

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Swami Chinmayananda

## MISSION

To provide individuals, from any background, the wisdom of Vedanta and the practical means for spiritual growth and happiness, enabling them to become positive contributors to the society.

## VISION

To provide maximum happiness to the maximum number of people for the maximum time.

# ORGANIZATIONS

Chinmaya Mission

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Chinmaya Mission strongly believes that spirituality is a family activity. Special care is taken to conduct spiritual and cultural programs that interest all members of the family.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Structured Bala Vihar curriculum from Pre-K to Grade 12 adopted in several organizations and schools globally

Gita 365 mobile app featuring daily 2-4-minute multimedia segments from the Bhagavad Gita

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Structured Bala Vihar curriculum from Pre-K to Grade 12 adopted in several organizations and schools globally
- Gita 365 mobile app featuring daily 2-4-minute multimedia segments from the Bhagavad Gita

## MAJOR PROJECTS

- Chinmaya Jeevan Darshan: a virtual multimedia project to equip children and adults with the knowledge needed for their spiritual journey
- Sri Saumyakasi Sivalaya temple re-modeling
- Chinmalaya retirement community
- Teaching Vedanta

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Righteous living (Dharma) and selfless service are the underpinning values for our organizations which would be useful for establishing a value based and harmonious society.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Fund raising and monetary support (\$60,000) for Houston Food Bank and Sewa International.
- Mask making and distribution.
- Virtual Bala Vihar classes, adult discourses, and study groups.
- Virtual pujas / sewas performed at Sri Saumyakasi Sivalaya temple on regular basis.
- Individual counselling to members and society.



## Columbus Telangana Association



PO Box 903, Powell, OH 43065

614-219-9044 | [contact@ctaohio.org](mailto:contact@ctaohio.org) | <https://www.ctaohio.org/>

### FOUNDING YEAR

2009

### VISION

To help restore and build the identity, pride, and self-respect of Telanganites and to be a part of developed, prosperous and vibrant Telangana region.

### MISSION

To provide a platform for all like-minded, passionate, and sympathetic people who understand and share the culture, heritage, and values of Telangana, and who wish to participate in its socio-economic development.



## Colorado Community Clinic, Colorado Spring



1605 N Union Blvd, Ste 100, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

 **PHONE NUMBER** :719-330-3102

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 1

**FOUNDING MEMBERS** : ANJANA JOSHI

### HIGHLIGHTS

The Clinic worked with Sewa International to distribute PPE kits, sewing home-made masks, providing medicines to parents, students, and others during the Covid-19 pandemic.

  
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10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM  
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TICKETS/CONFIRMATION CONTACT  
MANJU @303-217-3484 | PRAFULLA @303-641-5612

## EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF USA

1000 Westoak Mall, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77082-082

281-668-5982 | [ekalusa@ekal.org](mailto:ekalusa@ekal.org) | [www.ekal.org](http://www.ekal.org)

FOUNDING YEAR	VOLUNTEER STRENGTH	NUMBER OF CHAPTERS
2000	600	60

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Dr. Rakesh Popli, Dr. Rajneesh Arora

### VISION

Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation, USA was formed to support tribal and rural-remote village upliftment and empowerment efforts of Ekal Abhiyan and Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India.

### MISSION

Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of USA's mission is to provide holistic education, healthcare, and development programs to tribal and remote villages in India.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of USA's guiding principles are based on grassroots work combined with volunteer efforts and fundamental transparency in financial matters.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Ekal USA has been able reach out to the larger

American communities and encourage people to visit tribal and remote villages in India. Their financial support and ideas have been a big contributory factor to the growth of Ekal--USA work.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Ekal Schools, Arogya, Computer Lab, Gramothan Centers, Tailoring Centers, Integrated Village Development, Poshan Vatika (Organic Farming), Women Empowerment, etc. Different projects are being evaluated after reaching 100,000 villages.

# EKAM Foundation

NUMBER OF  
CHAPTERS

15

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Dr. Sailakshmi Balijepalli

## VISION

Direct life saving, reforming the community

## MISSION

To support:

- Anganwadi Center - Sorpanandal Village
- Public Elementary School – Sorpanandal Village
- Public High School – Vaitheeswarankoil
- Public Elementary School – Vaitheeswarankoil
- Public Library – Vaitheeswarankoil
- Provide ventilators and humidifiers for a government hospital in India
- Support homeless through Hope Vibes

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Direct life saving and reforming the community

## HIGHLIGHTS

We have provided support to schools in India including supplying furniture, donating books for their libraries, hosting awareness programs, facilitating the use of toilets in villages and schools, offerings basic hygiene kits and snacks to children, organizing contests for school children, etc. In the US we have conducted an Art and Writing Contest for local Charlotte school students, donated funds to Charlotte Mecklenburg School District, baked and cooked breakfast at Ronald McDonald House, worked with Refugee Club in Ardrey Kell High School, and participated in tree planting and tree give away drives.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

- Providing ventilators and humidifiers for a hospital in India
- Supporting the homeless through Hope Vibes

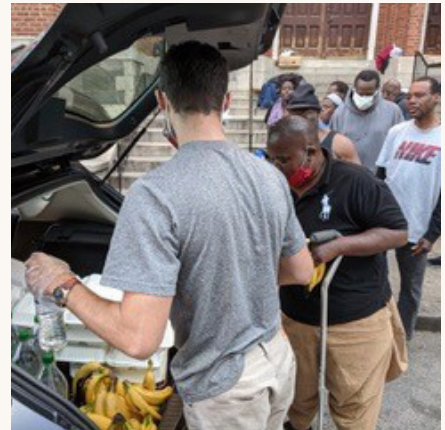
## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Building a network will help in reforming and strengthening the community.

## Food4lives



	<b>FOUNDING YEAR</b>	2018
	<b>VOLUNTEER STRENGTH</b>	450
	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://food4lives.org/">https://food4lives.org/</a>
	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	404-735-8991
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	<a href="mailto:contact@food4lives.org">contact@food4lives.org</a>
	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	1122 Old Chattahoochee Ave NW, Atlanta, GA 30318



**FOUNDING MEMBERS :** Vedasar Das

**VISION :** The world is hungry, but the emptiness goes far beyond the table. Food4Lives exists to end hunger of the body, mind, and soul.

**MISSION :** Food4Lives is a service founded to feed, educate, and empower the homeless of Atlanta. We serve the homeless in three simple ways: Annadanam (Feeding the homeless for free); Vastradanam (Providing the homeless basic physical needs and shelter); and Vidyadanam (Educating the homeless for free).

# ORGANIZATIONS

Food4lives

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES :** We Live to Serve

- HIGHLIGHTS :**
- 82 consecutive days serving food during COVID
  - Volunteers from our Bhakti yoga families in Georgia Tech, UGA, MTSU, Emory, KSU, and GSU did community work
  - Serving since 2017
  - Connecting the community to necessary resources by communicating specific needs to expansive donor network
  - Expanding service into Athens, GA where distribution doubled for three consecutive services
  - 650 boxes delivered to low income neighborhoods and community organizations from Athena Farms donations
  - Hospitals: 1,155 boxes to Emory Decatur ER, Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital ER, Emory Johns Creek ER, Emory University Hospital Midtown: ER, Emory Hillandale ER, Emory Main Campus and Northside
  - Police Commissioner: 100 boxes

**NUMBER OF CHAPTERS :** One

**MAJOR PROJECTS :** COVID relief program, grocery distribution.


**IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY :** Connection through service is the most genuine form of community. We are honored to engage in daily sewa with the support and consistent efforts of all those compassionate enough to extend their hands and hearts to help.


**COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :** We seek out the homeless in a variety of Atlanta area locations. We have touched hearts in some of the most materially desolate areas of Atlanta. The consistent service is a true testament to the strength and heart of our donor network who have made these accomplishments possible.

**INSPIRING STORY :** One of our volunteers has made an extremely personal connection with Elizabeth, one of the homeless. One day, she reached out to our volunteer for emotional support concerning a deep period of suffering she was enduring. When we went out for distribution that day, our volunteer had a long discussion with her about creative outlets for her emotions. With the help of our donors, we were able to immediately supplement Elizabeth with the art supplies she needed to implement a daily spiritual practice that has since freed her from some of the material pain she is subjected to daily.

## Framework For Future

 **Founding Year** : 2016

 952-297-5991

 17515 Campbell Hall Ct,  
Charlotte, NC 28277

### VISION

To mentor and develop the next generation leaders through increased collaboration within the community and connecting them with leaders from different walks of life.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Framework for Future is an organization that seeks to strengthen and encourage young Asian leaders to be involved in civic engagement

### HIGHLIGHTS

- All our events are led by our youth leaders
- Tennis camp for underprivileged children
- Community service at nursing homes
- Food delivery
- Third year of fund raising through golf tournaments
- Two-year partnership with Festival of India
- Mask donation through fund raising
- Leadership sessions with Civic and Medical leaders
- Recognition by Mayor; October 8 declared as Framework for Future Day

## Federation of Indian Associations

Columbus, Ohio

614-495-6841; 732-763-2608 | [www.indiafestival.org](http://www.indiafestival.org) |  
[bot@fia-ohio.org](mailto:bot@fia-ohio.org); [chairman@fia-ohio.org](mailto:chairman@fia-ohio.org); [president@fia-ohio.org](mailto:president@fia-ohio.org)

 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 1982

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 2

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Manu Bhatt, Kishore Mazumdar, Guruswamy Aya, A R Char, Yeleti, Pankaj Shah, Vishesh Wadva

### VISION

To provide a unique platform for Ohioans to explore, experience, and embrace the culture and heritage of India. To foster interaction between mainstream organizations and the local Asian Indian community to strengthen mutual cooperation.

### MISSION

Federation of Asian Indian Associations strives to create a united Asian Indian community working together to serve the people of Central Ohio. To accomplish our mission we do the following:

- ▣ Conduct, coordinate and promote all activities of common interest to Asian Indians in Central Ohio and throughout the United States of America.
- ▣ Co-ordinate and present programs devoted to the advancement of cultural, educational, social, economic, and community interests of Asian Indians.
- ▣ Preserve and popularize Asian Indian culture and heritage.
- ▣ Foster friendship and cultural understanding between Asian Indians and others. ▣ Carry out the above and other worthy humanitarian causes either directly or in cooperation with other organizations.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

To represent the interests of the Asian Indian community throughout the Central Ohio area; To conduct, coordinate and promote all activities of common interest of the Asian Indian community in Central Ohio and throughout the U.S.A; To preserve and popularize Asian Indian culture and heritage; To coordinate and present programs devoted to the advancement of cultural, educational, social, economic, and community interests of Asian Indians; To organize conventions of Asian Indians and others with a view to accomplish the above objectives; To raise, solicit, receive, and manage funds, charities and donations to carry out the above objectives and promote other worthy and humanitarian causes either directly or in cooperation with other organizations; To foster friendship and cultural understanding between Asian Indians and other communities; To preserve and protect the best interest of Asian Indians in U.S.A.

### HIGHLIGHTS

India festival  
Flag hosting at Times Square -- New York City  
Visa camp

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Currently working on refurbishment of a building in India to have a place for aging ascetics to stay.

## Gujarati Samaj of Houston

9550 W.Bellfort St, Houston, TX 77031

713-720-8700 | [president@gshouston.org](mailto:president@gshouston.org) | [www.gshouston.org](http://www.gshouston.org)



 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 1979

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 100

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 1



# ORGANIZATIONS

## Gujarati Samaj Of Houston

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Mukund Gandhi, Ramesh Shah, Pravin Parikh, Devendra Patel, Shanti Dani

### VISION

We organize educational and cultural activities to promote Indian heritage.

### MISSION

Create an innovative, inclusive, and ideal “Gujarati Samaj Community Center” to implement our vision and activities.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We create educational, developmental, fitness, and training resources for youth and adult members of our communities. We also support our senior citizens to provide opportunities for inter-generational exchange of knowledge.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebration of festivals like Holi celebration, Diwali, etc.
- Spring and fall picnic with other organizations
- Navratri Mahotsav for all communities

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- We built a Gandhi Center in 1987
- We rebuilt two villages in India after an earthquake in 2001
- We built a state-of-the-art “GSH Event Center” in 2019

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

To have equality, irrespective of race and religion. Respect all humanity to live in peace and harmony.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

We did a food drive with Sewa International and a few other organization; helped seniors supplying groceries. We have conducted meditation classes everyday with the help of Houston Saheli group for 40 families.

### INSPIRING STORY

We have our members helping families in the community who need help. One of seriously ill members is being helped with food, rides to the hospital, and daily visits and prayers.

# ORGANIZATIONS

## *Gurdwara Sahib Charlotte*

5715 University City Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28262

704-509-2828 | <https://charlottegurdwara.org>

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**FOUNDING YEAR** 2003

**VISION**

To meet the religious, spiritual, cultural and social needs of the Sikh community as well as the broader community

**MISSION**

To transmit our values and beliefs to our children in the context of the time and place where we are and our children will be. It is an expression of our love for them and our legacy as well.

# Guru Nanak Mission Society of Atlanta

1158 Rockbridge Road, Norcross, GA 30093

770-931-3490 | atlanta.gurdwara@gmail.com | www.atlantagurudwara.com

VOLUNTEER  
STRENGTH

25

FOUNDING  
YEAR

2010

NUMBER OF  
CHAPTERS

1

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Trustees: S. Surinder Lalli, S. Santokh Dhillon, S. Parminder Singh, S. Karamjit S. Jogi, S. Gurcharan S. Arora, S. Gurpal Gill, S. Jaspal S. Gandhi, S. Surinder S. Tucker, S. Jaspal S. Bunty, S. Happy Grewal

## VISION

To create a world that offers happiness, prosperity, and inclusivity for all human beings by promoting Guru Nanak's message of universal love, brotherhood, humanity and equality for all

## MISSION

To practice, promote and preach the principles

of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's message of universal brotherhood

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Sikhism believe in three basic principles:

1. Naam Japna -- Constant remembrance and/or meditation on the name of God
2. Keerat Karni -- Earning a living by honest means
3. Vand Chakna -- Sharing the fruits of one's labor with others

## HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past decade, GNMS has arranged for the visits of renowned Sikh Dharma

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Guru Nanak Mission Society of Atlanta

Parcharaks (preachers) to visit GNMS, who have enlightened Atlanta Sangat with their deep intellectual knowledge of Guru Granth Sahib and teachings of the Sikh Gurus.

We have aligned with other organizations of Atlanta and neighboring states to organize and lead several educational events at cross-community levels.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Conducting and organizing seminars and educational workshops to increase cultural, educational, and religious awareness
- Provide assistance with social, political, and economic issues that face our community

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

There are many benefits in joining hands and doing efforts collectively. We believe that the organizations whose vision and mission are committed to serve humanity can deliver at a

higher magnitude when they join forces. When working together, we can realize synergies in the deliveries of our efforts and can make a larger impact towards the betterment of society.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Our efforts have mainly been focused on ensuring that our members and congregation had continued access to the religious services. After the Covid-19 outbreak, we worked to switch over the weekly services broadcast over social media platforms, ensuring that members could participate in the services without any disruption. The executive and volunteer teams worked hard to brainstorm and chalk-out plans to re-operationalize the organization while keeping everyone's safety as utmost priority. We assume this will be a long journey. The biggest challenge at hand is to keep the organization solvent during these unprecedented times. Being a non-profit, the sustainability of our organization is primarily dependent on Sangat (congregation) donations and seva.

## Hari Om Mandir

	<b>FOUNDING YEAR</b>	1972
	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://www.hariommandir.org/html/temple_history.htm">http://www.hariommandir.org/html/temple_history.htm</a>
	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	630-980-0900
	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	Hari Om Mandir, 6 N 020 Medinah Rd., Medinah, IL 60157
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	info@hariommandir.com
	<b>VOLUNTEER STRENGTH</b>	25

**FOUNDING MEMBERS :** Darshan Rawal

**MISSION :** Teach the philosophy of Bhagvad Gita, worship Lord Krishna

**HIGHLIGHTS :** Religious programs like Satyanarayan Katha Puja, Chaitra Navratri 2020, Devi Jagran 2020, Holi Bhajans, Spring Forwards, and Ram Navmi celebrations.

**MAJOR PROJECTS :** Religious programs like Satyanarayan Katha Puja, Chaitra Navratri 2020, Devi Jagran 2020, Holi Bhajans, Spring Forwards, and Ram Navmi celebrations

**IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY :** Alone, we can get lost. If we live with others in society there is a high chance that we will succeed together. As per the Vedas and Shastras, unity is our strength and can help us get most out of our efforts. Hence it is important to collaborate.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :** Performed poojas online. Performed havans like Vishvakalyanam and Mahamari pooja for ensuring safety of doctors and nurses. We distributed masks and sanitizers to the needy. Conducted discussions on mental health and wellbeing.

# Heartfulness

- Founding Year** : 1945
- <https://www.heartfulnessinstitute.org/>
- 919-225-6184
- 16221 Annahill Ct, Charlotte, NC 28277
- padmaja.bingu@gmail.com
- Volunteer Strength** : 15,000
- Number of Chapters** : 165

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Shri Ram Chandra, Shahjahanpur, UP India

## MISSION

To encourage self-development, stress management, and an evolution of consciousness through a heart-centered lifestyle.

## VISION

To empower each individual to live a happy, peaceful life guided by heart's wisdom.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Humanity's way forward is through the heart, which is characterized by love, compassion, joy, and peace.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Four million hearts are enriched everyday with heartfulness and more are joining.



## Hindu Society of North Carolina

309 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville, NC 27560

919-481-2574 | [president@hsnconline.org](mailto:president@hsnconline.org) | [hsnconline.org](http://hsnconline.org)

 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 1987

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 100

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Hindu community leaders

### VISION

To promote devotional, spiritual, and traditional Hindu experiences intended to preserve and extend religion, culture, education, and art

### MISSION

To meet the eligious, cultural and spiritual needs of Hindus in the Triangle Area; provide a place for worship and practice of Hinduism; arrange, support and encourage activities that fulfill religious, cultural, linguistic and spiritual needs of current and future generations; and promote India's rich heritage

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Weekly Education: Sanskar Gurukul Class, Bal-Mukund Class, Hindi Class
- Yoga Sessions three times a week
- OmSquad: Youth group of the HSNC
- Virtual aarti sessions during Covid-19

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

- HSNC is proud to host COVID-19 Swab Tests and Antibody Tests at its headquarters
- Made and distributed 5000 masks in the community
- Distributed 15,000 food packs
- HSNC has also been preparing and delivering food for about 200 people at the Homeless Shelter in Downtown Raleigh every weekend; prepared over 7000 fresh meals so far
- We have also been sharing important and accurate information about Covid-19 within our community to ensure everyone practices safety precautions

# ORGANIZATIONS



## Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, USA

121 Hawthorne Ct., Rockaway, NJ 07866

973-500-8477 | [www.hssus.org](http://www.hssus.org) | [info@hssus.org](mailto:info@hssus.org)

**VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** 2000+ (involved in COVID - 19 relief efforts)

**NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** 219

**FOUNDING YEAR** 1989

### VISION

To build a progressive and dynamic Hindu society that can deal with its internal and external challenges, and contribute to the welfare of the whole world.

### MISSION

HSS aims to organize the Hindu community in

order to preserve, practice, and promote Hindu ideals and values.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The inspiration for HSS is the idea that the whole world is one family. We strive to instill ethos of hard work, good morals, and selfless working in children and adults. Act for the benefit of the society through seva activities. Promote, preserve, protect and practice Hindu dharma.

### HIGHLIGHTS

An average weekly attendance of 7000 individuals in a structured program of intellectual, spiritual, and physical training which aims to increase self-



# ORGANIZATIONS

## Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, USA

disciplined, self-confident, and the spirit of selfless service (seva). These individuals (swayamsevaks and sevikas) go on to lead myriads of social projects.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Guruvandana, Raksha Bandhan, Surya Namaskar Yagna

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Just like a diamond needs numerous facets for its radiance, each Dharmic organization will bring its unique strength and character to contribute to the process of upliftment of humanity.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Served in 27 states, 198 cities, with 426 collaborating organizations: 352 beneficiary organizations, 4,357 fresh meals to front line workers, 79,000 masks, more than 250 international students helped, online yoga

classes, stranded travelers and isolated seniors helped, 154,214 individuals impacted by the help.

### INSPIRING STORY

A student in Michigan contacted the student helpline for help with groceries. She requested a small amount of rice and dal. On detailed questioning it turned out that she had very limited money and was expecting to pay for the food. We helped her with the food. Incidentally, there was a small Indian grocery store in her town. Arrangements were made to buy groceries at the store and deliver it to the student. Once the owner of the store understood the student's dilemma, she offered to help the student herself and even offered to house the student in her own house. This is just one example how the difficult times bring out the best out of individuals, as even strangers volunteered to help.



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Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, USA



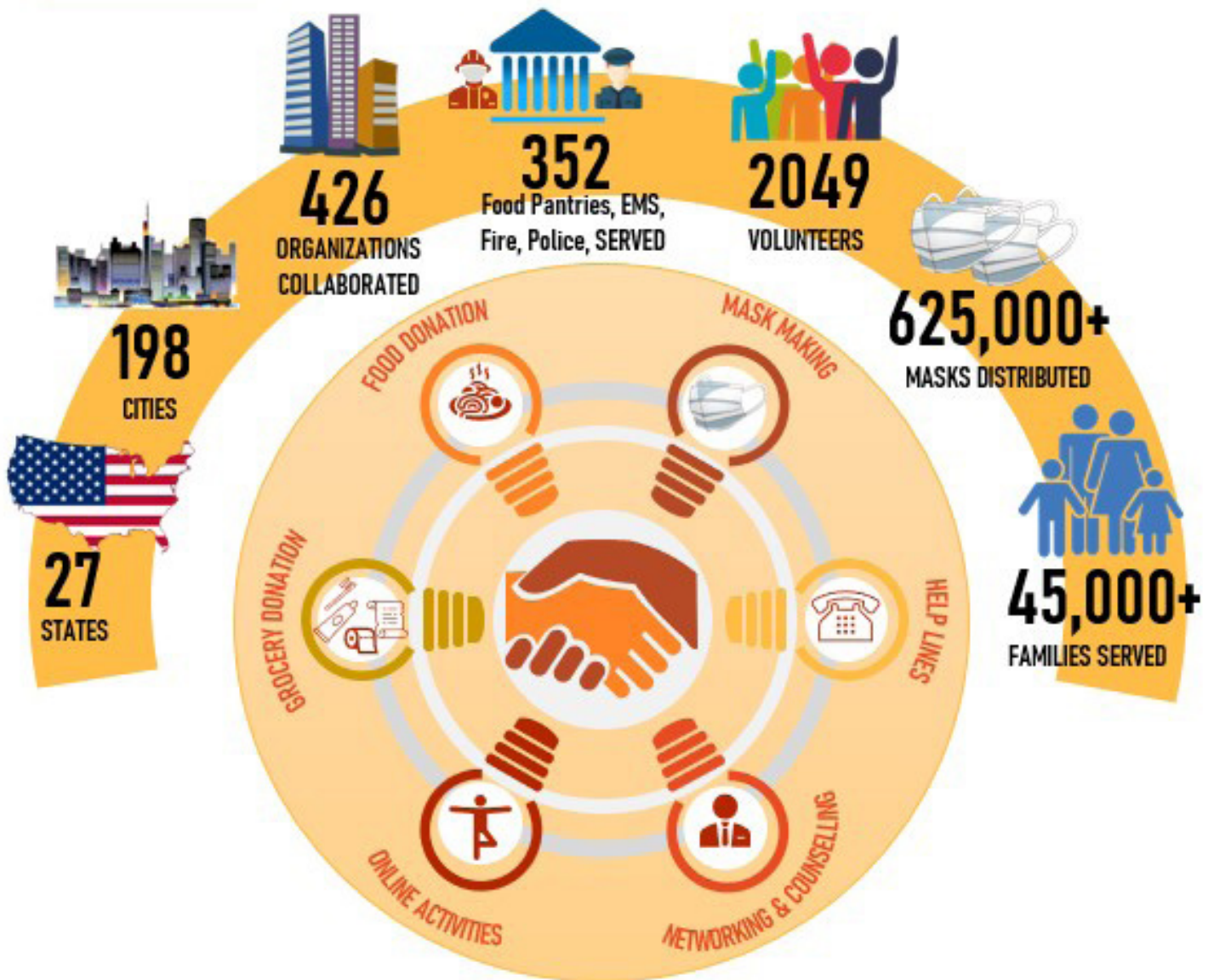
**Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA, INC.**

An IRS Section 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Charitable Organization

RESPONSE TO  
**COVID 19**  
REPORT - JUN 2020

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(Service) to  
Humanity

## NATION WIDE (Partnered with Sewa International USA)



# Hindus of Greater Houston

4018, Westhollow Parkway, Houston, TX 77082

713-962-8523 | [www.hindusofhouston.org](http://www.hindusofhouston.org) | [President@hindusofhouston.org](mailto:President@hindusofhouston.org)






Be Someone's **HERO** **DONATE BLOOD**

Join Hindus of Greater Houston & Arya Samaj Greater Houston in this BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday | MAY 31  
 9:00 am - 1:30 pm  
 Arya Samaj Greater Houston  
 14375 Schiller Road, Houston, TX 77082

Blood Drive is by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** to promote social distancing

**DONOR REQUIREMENTS:**

- Donors should wear a mask or face covering
- Photo ID required
- Be in general good health & feeling well
- Must weigh at least 110 lbs
- Must be at least 17 years old
- Should not be pregnant
- Required to eat a hearty meal 2-4 hours prior to making a Blood Donation

Register <https://aryasamajhouston.org/blooddonation>

Sanjay Jain 832-598-5246 | Vijay Pallod 713-562-1920 | Girish Naik 281-851-6866  
[info@hindusofhouston.org](mailto:info@hindusofhouston.org) | [hindusofhouston.org](http://hindusofhouston.org)



**HGH Board Member donating blood**

**FOUNDING YEAR**  
**1989**

**VOLUNTEER STRENGTH**  
**30**

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Raj Syal

## VISION

Hindus of Greater Houston was founded in 1989 to bring together Hindus and celebrate major Hindu

festivals. We bring together Hindu organizations and collectively organize community events and encourage our youth to participate. We celebrate their selfless service in our Annual Youth Awards. We organize summer camps for ages 9 through 20 and are actively involved in community outreach programs.

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Hindus of Greater Houston

### MISSION

We provide guidance and support as an umbrella organization. We seek to build a strong community. We uphold ideals of Sanatana Dharma. We propagate understanding and dispel misinformation about our faith. We coexist with camaraderie and compassion with all factions of other faiths. We preserve our cultural and religious ideals and practices.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Hindus in America need a forum to forge a distinct identity and be tightly woven into the American national fabric. To keep up with the spiritual needs of the Hindu community in Houston, we have built many Hindu temples and institutions that will offer a Hindu religious setting to future generations.

### HIGHLIGHTS

We have two organizations under our wing: the Young Hindus of Greater Houston (YHGH) offers leadership, cultural, social, and service programs. Monthly programs are aimed at creating a cohesive group of young Hindus trained to deal with challenges. Visit <https://youth.hindusofhouston.org/> for more information; the Hindu Heritage Youth Camp is conducted in partnership with Hindus of Greater Houston. Visit <http://www.hinducamp.net/#about-1> for more information.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Young Hindus of Greater Houston Awards; annual Hindu Youth Summer Camp; International Yoga Day outreach and publicity; annual sponsorships of Holi Mela, Diwali Mela, and celebration of Janmashtami festivals; this year HGH along with

Arya Samaj of Houston organized a blood drive due to the pandemic.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

About thirty years ago some stalwarts in the community made an attempt to bring all Hindus under one umbrella, celebrating Janmashtami, the birth of Lord Krishna, the universal Hindu deity. The celebration became established, and has created a feeling of unity among Hindus in Houston.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

We share information and contributions of temples and organizations in our Virtual online Biweekly Conference Call attended by 35 organizations. We offer updates on Covid 19 medical developments by Dr. Suneja. We publish a newsletter about temples closure and other activities, rules and restrictions related to Covid 19 developments from both the City of Houston and Texas state officials.

### INSPIRING STORY

Hindus of Greater Houston mobilized a task force of Hindu community leaders to help the community during the Covid-19 pandemic. HGH raised \$90,000 through its own efforts by April 18 and donated the funds to Sewa International. HGH held a Blood Donation camp in May 2020, and several food drives were organized in different parts of Houston on a weekly basis. Many temples offered special prayer services and also participated in food distribution in the Greater Houston area.

## Houston Durgabari Society



	<b>FOUNDING YEAR</b>	1996
	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://www.durgabari.org">www.durgabari.org</a>
	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	281-589-7700
	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	13944 Schiller Road, Houston, TX 77082
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	<a href="mailto:feedback@durgabari.org">feedback@durgabari.org</a>
	<b>VOLUNTEER STRENGTH</b>	100-150

**FOUNDING MEMBERS :** Patrons from the Houston Community

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES :**

- \* Follow the Bengali Hindu sacrament and tradition for religious worship (puja) practices and rituals
- \* Construct and maintain a multi-purpose facility appropriate for the mission
- \* Administer the use of these facilities by members of the society and by members of communities for activities deemed appropriate in the context of the mission of the Society

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Houston Durgabari Society

**MISSION :** To serve the Hindu community by promoting religious as well as cultural, educational, social and charitable activities including inter-faith understanding

**HIGHLIGHTS :** Spread over 6.2 acres of land the temple represents a perfect synthesis of Hindu beliefs where devotees attend regular puja of the main deities. The annual Durga Puja attracts over 3,000 devotees from the Greater Houston area and other parts of the country. HDBS also provides a platform for cultural, educational, athletic, and youth programs for community members of all age groups.

**NUMBER OF CHAPTERS :** 1

**MAJOR PROJECTS :**

- \* Running the temple
- \* Running the Kalabhavan (Educational arm)
- \* Providing a socio-cultural platform for community members

**IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY :** 2020 has completely changed our way of living. The life vs. livelihood debate is tearing communities around the world. By working together the dharmic organizations can extend a strong helping hand to our community members. We firmly believe that is how divinity will manifest from within, to give us the strength and fortitude to see us through.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :** We have moved the religious, cultural and educational activities online. People are routinely participating in Pujas, taking the classes and enjoying cultural programs.


We have partnered with Sewa International on our community's Covid 19 social efforts:


- \* We have shared the medical and non-medical helpline numbers with the community
- \* Directed donations for COVID 19 towards Sewa
- \* Asked volunteers from our community to sign up with them
- \* Co-hosted information sharing events for the community





## Houston Kannada Vrinda


 **Founding Year** : May 1983


 **hkvdinda@gmail.com**

 **kannadavrinda.org**

 **Volunteer Strength** : 25

 **281-813-6760**

 **Number of Chapters** : 1

 **5123 Jackwood St, Houston,  
TX 77096**

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

RNS Rao, Nalini Jayaram, Vatsa Kumar and Acharya

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Fundraising for Sewa International Houston Chapter to assist them in their Covid-19 outreach efforts.

### MISSION

To educate and to promote public awareness and interest in the performing arts, folk arts, Kannada literature, Kannada language and the cultural identity of Kannada speaking people

### HIGHLIGHTS

\* Cultural events, outreach programs for financial awareness and well being, and information for middle and high school students

\* Participation in National Kannada conference

# ORGANIZATIONS



## Houston Maharashtra Mandal

Houston Maharashtra Mandal P.O.Box 421486  
Houston, TX 77242

713-598-9859 | [President\\_hmm@hmmhouston.org](mailto:President_hmm@hmmhouston.org) | [www.hmmhouston.org](http://www.hmmhouston.org)

 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 1980

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 50

### MISSION

To educate and create awareness among the mainstream community about Maharashtrian and Indian culture. To undertake various activities, promote cultural events such as literature, arts, health, religion and other liberal humanities. The Mandal shall work to promote goodwill, understanding, and appreciation of the culture of India, especially from the state of Maharashtra.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Vaastu - a cultural center for the benefit of the community

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

The very reason for the existence of this organization is to help and support the community of greater Houston.

### INSPIRING STORY

Supporting SEWA International through community volunteers by making masks for the greater Houston area.



## Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC) (Livermore Temple)

1232 Arrowhead Ave. Livermore, CA 94551  
925-449 6255 | [ec\\_human\\_resources@livermoretemple.org](mailto:ec_human_resources@livermoretemple.org)  
| <https://livermoretemple.org/hints/default2.asp>



 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 1977

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 450

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 1

### MISSION

Serving the community by making a difference in the lives of needy people. Such activities are covered under Human Services. HCCC strongly believes in the adage “Serving God is Serving

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Hindu Community and Cultural Center

Humanity". In the past years, several social programs were successfully executed on different occasions. These activities range from assisting needy people and supporting student education activities to providing relief for victims of natural disasters.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

HCCC will strive to meet the needs of the worldwide community irrespective of religion, race, and cultural identity depending upon available funds, on a priority and needed basis.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Provide grants to non-profit organizations -- local and international; Community outreach; programs for senior citizens; Free medical advice; Scholarships to high school students in Livermore School District

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Food programs for the needy Distribution of clothing, blankets, and toys in India and the US Activities at Senior Centers Honoring seniors Support to other non-profit organizations dedicated to human services Health advisory and Education Center on HCCC premises Health classes on yoga and meditation Health drives such as blood donation and bone marrow Donation of learning material to schools and libraries such as computers and books Scholarships for gifted but needy students in India and the US Donations to victims of natural disasters anywhere in the world Funeral

services for devotees upon request Prayer or Puja for critically ill upon request Establishment of a Dedicated Fund for charitable organizations overseas Infrastructure related projects for common use such as bus shelter

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Serving the community at large by making a difference in the lives of needy people is one of the important functions of the HCCC. We believe in the principle of "Serving God by Serving Humanity". We have assisted needy people.

### STATISTICS

Provided Groceries -- 700 pounds of rice, beans, canned food to 250+ families in Livermore School District and Alameda County Provided 2000 water bottles to Open Heart Kitchen which serves free meals to seniors and needy in Tri Valley Area HCCC partnered with Sewa International, Bay Area Chapter, in the Community Food Drive

# ORGANIZATIONS



📞 732-447-8515 🌐 <http://heart2hut.org/> ✉ [info@heart2hut.org](mailto:info@heart2hut.org)

## VISION

We strongly believe that every human should be physically and mentally fit and well-educated. Our dream is to create a world-class living environment for people by focusing on their health and education. We believe that we will be able to educate all our citizens to follow this dream.

## MISSION

Our mission is to inspire humanity to bring a positive

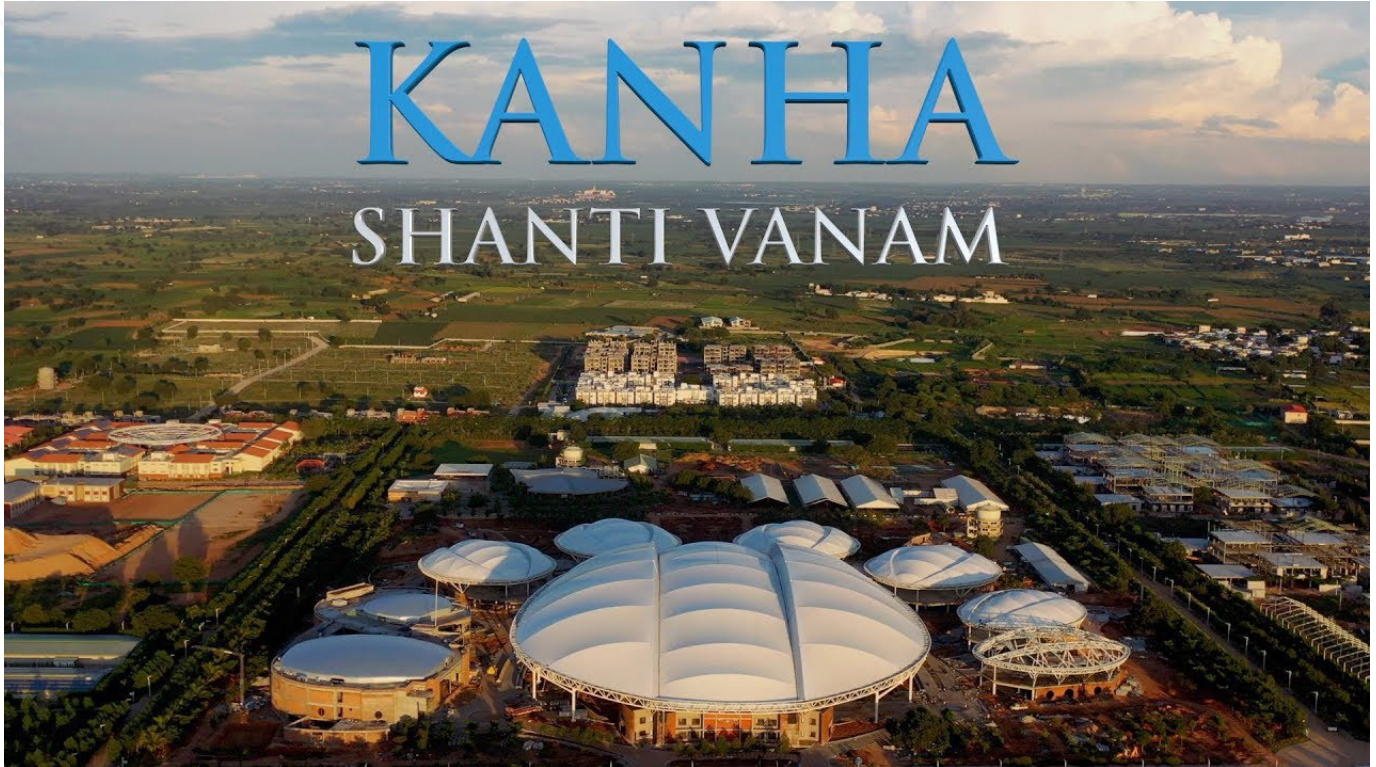
change in health, education, and the environment through the most innovative ways. We want to become the most beloved non-profit organization in order to inspire our future generations.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

We conducted health camps, supported hospitals in India for free heart surgery, and conducted outreach activities in New Jersey

# ORGANIZATIONS

Heart2Hut



## MAJOR PROJECTS

- “Together Let Us Make Compassion Contagious”.
- HELP is a 16-week certificate course for students on life-skills and values.

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Integration is Unity, which is the way to serve humanity

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Free packed meals, masks, webinars on stress management, compassion, coping with current situation, how to look forward, etc. for people from all walks of life including children, youth, professionals, medical professionals, teachers, management professionals and more all across the globe.

## STATISTICS

In Hyderabad along with the local police force, supplied more than 550,000 food packets to the needy migrant laborers at an average of 10,000 packets per day. We took care of groceries for 1,000 workers. We also also fed 1,000 stray dogs daily. Across India, we supplied more than a million food packets during COVID-19 pandemic.



## Hindu Temple of Colorado



**7201 S. Potomac St., Centennial, CO 80112**

303-858-9927 | [www.hindutempleofcolorado.org](http://www.hindutempleofcolorado.org) | [htcc@hindutempleofcolorado.org](mailto:htcc@hindutempleofcolorado.org)

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS : 1**

### VISION

New temple will be the hub of Hindu religious and cultural activities in the Rocky Mountain Region, meeting needs of all major sects, and regional cultural groups. The temple will strive to be all inclusive and the facilities will be available to all community members who believe and respect Hindu/Vedic/Sanatana Dharma.

### MISSION

To involve each and everyone with the motto “Temple is for ALL,” and also to provide a forum for religious worship and celebrations, and for cultural, religious and spiritual development activities based on Hindu / Vedic / Sanatana Dharma traditions.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The key objectives of the Hindu Temple and

Cultural Center of the Rockies are to:

- Strive to fulfill growing need of our society to obtain authentic understanding of the vast and rich heritage of Hindu religious traditions, philosophy and culture.
- Operate a place of Hindu worship and conduct activities aimed at the cultural and spiritual development of the community.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Increase awareness about the COVID19 pandemic as well as distribute masks, PPE kits, etc., to both frontline workers and the needy in the community.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Increase awareness about the COVID19 pandemic as well as distribution of masks, PPE kits etc.

## IGVS Houston

16628 Kieth Harrow Blvd., Houston, TX 77084

832-464-4686 | [www.sggm.org](http://www.sggm.org) | [info@sggm.org](mailto:info@sggm.org)

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Dr. & Mrs. A. Verma; Dr. & Mrs. T. Chakravarty;  
Dr. & Mrs. V. Buddhiraj; Mr. & Mrs. S. Agrawal

### VISION

To mitigate human suffering by engaging in bhakti

### MISSION

To practice and promote Sanatana Dharma and engage in activities to support the above. To develop congregation, offer gurukula method of education for children and youth. To offer community spiritual support through nam-hatta, books, and prasadam distribution. To offer Bhakti Care (food and clothing for homeless and needy).

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

God is One, loving and full of bliss: human life is meant to realize this

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Collaborate with other organizations to conduct book distribution, provide food and care for the hungry, and moral and financial help to the underprivileged.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

United we stand, divided we fall

VOLUNTEER  
STRENGTH

100

FOUNDING  
YEAR

2002







### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Distributed masks and food with the help of Sewa International

### INSPIRING STORY

Businesses impacted due to Covid-19 were counseled and helped. One young student's parents were counseled for dealing with cancer, and a fire sacrifice was conducted to pray for recovery.

## I Love Sai

	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	949-395-2026
	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	Lake Forest, CA
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	keerthikk@yahoo.com
	<b>VOLUNTEER STRENGTH</b>	15

**MISSION :** Setup I Love Sai subsidiaries by volunteers in all regions of the world and create a unified digital and physical communication platform through establishing Community Centers, Charitable and Literary activities, and cultural events.

**HIGHLIGHTS :**

1. Food distribution service
2. Temple service
3. Distribution of cooked meals to homeless

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**NUMBER OF CHAPTERS :** 1

**COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :**

1. Served hot meals in shelter home twice everyweek
2. Conducted food drives
3. Offerered groceries help for people during critical times of Covid-19

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Indian Cultural Heritage Foundation

6914 Mill Falls Drive, Dallas, Texas 75248

972-960-9223 | ichfdw@gmail.com | www.ichf-us.org



 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 1995

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 20

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 1

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Suma Kulkarni

### VISION

Indian Cultural Heritage Foundation aims to be the premier organization in North America to enhance awareness of and participation in Indian dance and music.

### MISSION

The mission of ICHF is to enhance interaction and understanding between American and Asian Indian cultures.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The organization's main activities include conducting workshops in Indian classical and folk dances by renowned international artists from North America and the Indian subcontinent. Master classes are also held in the metroplex through out the year.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past 25 years, the organization has produced and staged more than 70 productions in Indian dance and music. Several of the productions have also been fundraisers for the Women's Museum in Fairpark, Dallas, the DFW Hindu Cultural Center, and St. Jude's Children's cancer research programs.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Arts and culture events; fundraising for worthy causes.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

We participated in a North Texas food drive; we taught yoga and dance online through the City of Dallas, Arts and Culture Program; taught yoga online for seniors.

### INSPIRING STORY

Keeping children and adults of all ages entertained and active during the pandemic through online dance classes, recitals, and presentations via Facebook and Zoom.





## Indian Cultural Society of Jacksonville

12148 Calumet Farm Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32258

904-351-6655 | [president@jaxics.org](mailto:president@jaxics.org) | [jaxics.org](http://jaxics.org)

FOUNDING YEAR	VOLUNTEER STRENGTH	NUMBER OF CHAPTERS
1972	60	1

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Jacksonville residents

### VISION

To cater to people of Indian origin and to people who are interested in learning about the rich and diverse Indian culture

### MISSION

To preserve Indian culture among the second generation Indian-American population and to spread awareness about our culture

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ICS provides a platform to unite all Indian regional organizations for celebrating India's national events and to share our traditional values and cultures without barriers of language and religion. We include "service" as a key element to our list of events, to cater the needs of our community and server as platform for our youth.

### HIGHLIGHTS

ICS has organized several events. We celebrated India's Republic Day & Independence Day, organized volunteer days, talent shows, sports events, and celebrated Holi and Diwali festivals.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Organize blood drives with One-Blood
- Donate for good cause
- Spread awareness about Covid-19 among Jacksonville society
- Jacksonville youth volunteers are working with the Humane Society for collecting donations and assisting animals in need

### INSPIRING STORY

ICS youth volunteers are going out and helping community. They are helping younger generations and volunteering to spread awareness about Covid-19.

## Indo-American Forum of Fort Bend

832-455-8624 | shefujhaveri@gmail.com

### FOUNDING YEAR

2005

### VOLUNTEER STRENGTH

250

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Subodh Bhuchar, Naren Patel, K.C. Mehta

### VISION

To create a strong awareness of the Indo-American community and its cultural traditions. To be a positive and contributing force to the community.

### MISSION

The Indo American Forum of Fort Bend focuses its efforts solely on supporting the underprivileged, underserved, and needy in Fort Bend County by supporting charities in the area that provide assistance through education for education, shelter, food, healthcare, and familial and substance abuse.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Contributing positively to foster a bond between the mainstream communities and the Indian American community.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Donated to local charities like Child Advocates of Fort Bend, Children's Discovery Center, Lunches

for Love, Fort Bend Education Foundation, Behind the Badges, Women's Center, Senior Meals on Wheels, Santa's Exchange, and others. IAF recently donated PPE to the City of Sugarland and Fort Bend County. The Indo American Forum of Fort Bend (IAF) focuses its efforts on supporting the underprivileged, underserved and needy by contributing to the charitable organizations in the local area providing assistance through education, shelter, food, healthcare and familial and substance abuse. As a representative of the Indo American community, over the years IAF has supported many charities and engaged in direct support for needy causes. IAF raises funds during Navaratri celebrations and other Hindu festivals to make a difference in society.

### MAJOR PROJECTS







Navratri celebrations, Diwali gala, 4th of July event, Memorial Day celebrations, Kite festival, and International festival.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

We donated masks to the City of Sugarland and Behind the Badges of Fort Bend County.



## Indo-American Community Federation (IACF-USA)

	<b>FOUNDING YEAR</b>	1993
	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://www.indocommunity.us">www.indocommunity.us</a>
	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	510-589-3702
	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	719 Boar Circle, Fremont, CA 94539
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	<a href="mailto:Jeevanzutshi@aol.com">Jeevanzutshi@aol.com</a>
	<b>VOLUNTEER STRENGTH</b>	35

**FOUNDING MEMBERS :** Jeevan Zutshi, Rahul Zutshi

**VISION :** To promote unity, solidarity, and hope

**MISSION :** To promote involvement of Indo-Americans in the mainstream by understanding issues facing the community

# ORGANIZATIONS

Indo-American Community Federation (IACF-USA)

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES :** Accountability, reliability, dependability, and to serve all.

**HIGHLIGHTS :** The Indo-American community has been successfully connected with diverse groups and public officials the past 27 years.

**NUMBER OF CHAPTERS :** 1

**MAJOR PROJECTS :** Unity Dinner and Unity Conferences

**IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY :** Will strengthen universal brotherhood and co-existence.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :** Virtual conferences to promote solidarity.

**INSPIRING STORY :** Instrumental in starting the assimilation process of Indo-Americans in 1993; creating partnerships; working with other diverse groups.

## Indo-American Senior Citizens Association

-  **Founding Year** : 2010
-  512-918-3860; 512-750-4892
-  8517 Sweetness Lane, Austin, TX 78750
-  **Volunteer Strength** : 11
-  **Number of Chapters** : 1

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Organize bus and cruise ship tours.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Spirituality creates friendship and ultimately peace.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Organizations's effort was to keep members informed of all the implications of the pandemic, and safety steps to take.

### INSPIRING STORY

The main impact was to make members adhere to the "stay at home" protocol as much as possible.

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Ghanshyambhai Desai, Lt. Vinubhai Patel, Rambhai Patel, Somabhai Patel, Manubhai Patel, Mahesh Naik

### VISION

To foster brotherhood among senior citizens of Austin, Tx; exchange experiences; encourage education, spiritual enhancement, and good health.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Picnics, tours, and invite Seniors' Associations from out of town.

## Irvine Mandir

1861 Reynolds Ave, Irvine, CA 92614

949 222 2283 | mandir@mandir.ws | mandir.ws



**VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 25

**NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 6

### VISION

Build a Hindu temple in Irvine, CA

### MISSION

Serve the Hindu community by preserving Hindu culture

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Community service by organizing food drives, providing groceries help, conducting online health seminars, PPE distribution, distributing hot meals to the needy and homeless



## Isha USA

951 Isha Lane, McMinnville, TN 37110

931-668-1900 | [info@ishausa.org](mailto:info@ishausa.org) | <https://isha.sadhguru.org/us/en>

### FOUNDING YEAR

1992

### VOLUNTEER STRENGTH

9 MILLION

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev

### VISION

To bring physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing for everyone

### MISSION

Sadhguru fundamental mission is to offer the science of inner wellbeing to every human being – a science that helps a person realize the ultimate potential within.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Isha Foundation is dedicated to raising human consciousness, and fosters global harmony

# ORGANIZATIONS

Isha USA

through individual transformation. Guided by Sadhguru, it is an essential resource for exploring the ancient science of yoga in all its depth and dimensions.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The organization received the Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puraskar, the Government of India's environmental award in 2010.

Action for Rural Rejuvenation (ARR) is a health and community-oriented program focusing on rural Tamil Nadu.

Isha Vidhya, an education initiative, set up to educate rural children. Seven Isha Vidhya Schools are in operation which educate around 3000 students.

The Cauvery Calling project aims to support farmers in planting an estimated 2.4 billion trees through agroforestry, thereby covering one third of Cauvery basin with trees, as a means of conserving it.

Isha Foundation hosts the Isha Yoga Center, which offers yoga programs under the name of Isha Yoga. The foundation is run entirely by volunteers and it has over nine million volunteers.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

- Action for Rural rejuvenation (2003)
- Project GreenHands (2004)
- Rally for Rivers (2017)
- Youth and Truth (2018)
- Cauvery Calling (2019)

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR

## HUMANITY

Sadhguru has often said that "society is overripe for a spiritual process." From this vision stem a multitude of projects, programs, and methods, all towards the same aim: to raise every human being to the peak of their potential, so that they are exuberant, all-inclusive, and in harmony within themselves and the world.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

The Isha Yoga Center, which issued travel advisories well before COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO), was reported to be a COVID-19 free zone by the Public Health Department and continues to be a safe haven. Also Isha Volunteers are running a food bank feeding over 12,000 people every day.

## INSPIRING STORY

Rally for Rivers is a campaign launched in 2017 to tackle the scarcity of water across rivers in India and instill awareness about protecting rivers. A river revitalization draft proposal was presented to the Prime Minister of India. Six states signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with Isha Foundation to plant trees along river banks. Niti Aayog and the Ministry of Water Resources have constituted committees to study the draft policy proposal.

The Cauvery Calling project aims to support farmers in planting an estimated 2.4 billion trees through agroforestry, thereby covering one third of Cauvery basin with trees, as a means of conserving it.



# ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness)

Ballantyne, Charlotte

704 620 4839 | bhaktiyogacharlotte@gmail.com | <http://iskconcharlotte.org>

FOUNDING  
YEAR

1966

VOLUNTEER  
STRENGTH

650

NUMBER OF  
CHAPTERS

3,850

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Acharya A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada

## VISION

To spread Krishna Consciousness based on Vedic philosophy or Sanatan Dharma, and follow the teachings of Bhagvad Gita and Shrimad Bhagvatam.

## MISSION

To systematically propagate spiritual knowledge, and to educate all people in the techniques of spiritual life in order to check the imbalance of values in life and to achieve real unity and peace in the world. To propagate a consciousness

of Krishna (God), as it is revealed in the great scriptures of India, Bhagavad Gita and Shrimad Bhagavatam.

## HIGHLIGHTS

In fifty years since 1966, ISKCON has achieved many milestones:

- 650 ISKCON centers, temples and schools worldwide.
- 520 million copies of books and magazines published and distributed worldwide.
- Three billion free vegetarian meals distributed worldwide since 1966.
- 12 million people worship in ISKCON temples around the world, every year.

# ORGANIZATIONS

ISKCON



- 1.2 million meals distributed every day to needy school children in India by ISKCON Food Relief Foundation.
- 340,000 patients treated by ISKCON hospitals, mobile clinics, and eye camps.
- 100,000 devotees around the world have taken spiritual initiation into the Gaudiya tradition.
- 6,000 Hare Krishna festivals held every year around the world.
- 3,600 home study groups(Bhakti Vriksha groups) around the world.
- 110 Hare Krishna restaurants around the world.
- 65 eco-friendly farms run by ISKCON to practice 'simple living and high thinking

## MAJOR PROJECTS

Food for Life – Distribution of free prasadam (lunch and dinner)



# Indo-American Seniors Association of Woodbridge Township

732-939-4570 | [iawsaw2001@gmail.com](mailto:iawsaw2001@gmail.com)

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## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Provided financial support to the families during COVID-19. Especially helped out families with funeral arrangements due to sudden death from COVID-19.

## Indian Seniors Association of Arizona (ISAA)

**VISION**  
To help people  
in need.

**MISSION**  
To help people  
in need.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

ISAA admires the services rendered by volunteers of Sewa International who are devoting immense amount of their time in working tirelessly 24/7. ISAA is grateful to the members of ISAA who have generously come forward to support these efforts for a noble cause during COVID-19 pandemic. ISAA encourages many more to join hands in this most vital endeavor. No contribution is ever so small!

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Indian Seniors Association of Arizona (ISAA) is working with Sewa International to assist in making masks for frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ISAA members own six sewing machines that continue to make masks and make a difference. ISAA members have also provided the material needed for making masks along with financial donations.

### INSPIRING STORY

ISAA received a request to help two Indian girls who lost their jobs due to COVID-19. They needed shelter and financial support. ISAA members came forward with generous monetary and humanitarian assistance. One member even offered free accommodation to help these stranded girls to join as part of their family. ISAA is very proud of this good heartednesses of our extended family members!

## Indian Association of Rockies, Colorado

📞 508-847-5290

🌐 <https://www.facebook.com/iaorco/>



### HIGHLIGHTS






Sewa International and IAOR worked together to distribute food to underprivileged as well King Soopers, Sprouts employees.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Sewa International and IAOR worked together to distribute food to the underprivileged as well as employees of King Soopers, Sprouts.

## Jain Samaj of Charlotte



	<b>FOUNDING YEAR</b>	2008
	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://jainsamajofcharlotte.org/">https://jainsamajofcharlotte.org/</a>
	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	7400 City View Dr, Charlotte, NC 28212
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	jainsamajofcharlotte@gmail.com
	<b>VOLUNTEER STRENGTH</b>	70

**FOUNDING MEMBERS :** Dhirubhai Patel, Neelam Jain, Deepak Jain

**MISSION :** To offer the social teachings of Jainism which are based on love and brotherhood, caring for all living creatures, and avoiding malice and hurt to all

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Jain Samaj of Charlotte

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES :** Jainism is based on five principles: Ahisma (nonviolence), Satya (truth), Asteya (non-stealing), Brahmacharya (celibacy), Aparigraha (detachment from material things).

**HIGHLIGHTS :**

- \* Jain Samaj of Charlotte runs pathshala for children. There is also a library and Swadhaya group where adults read spiritual books and discuss about karma philosophy, and Jain philosophy.
- \* Jain Samaj is also very active in volunteering at numerous social events that help the society.”

**NUMBER OF CHAPTERS :** Jain Samaj is spread all across US.

**MAJOR PROJECTS :**

- \* Old clothes and blankets drive
- \* Shelter for Battered Women & Children (Contribution of cash/goods)
- \* Hindu Center Events Coordination
- \* Festival of India, Charlotte
- \* Indian Association of Charlotte
- \* Sewa Group (mask making, helpline)
- \* Trees Charlotte (planting trees, tree give away)

**IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY :** Together we can achieve more than what we can achieve as individual organizations. We believe in betterment of all souls.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :**

- \* Jain Samaj participated with Sewa to make masks, and are part of Sewa helpline.
- \* Jain Samaj is also involved in numerous art projects like painting bus-stops, and School Rocks with messages to thank first responders. “

**INSPIRING STORY :** In January 2020, we started a drive within our community to collect money to buy essential supplies for Shelter for Battered Women and Children. Within a short span of time we collected \$395 and donated essential items from a list of items that they shared with us. The group was so happy to receive the items from us.


# ORGANIZATIONS





Serve All Beings As Service To God. Worship Your Own, Respect All

## JEEYAR EDUCATIONAL TRUST (JET) USA


A Non-Profit 501 (c)(3) Organization. Federal Tax ID: 36-3977444

 **Founding Year** : 1994

 222 Dey Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512

 <https://www.jetusa.org/>

 JETCharlotte@JETUSA.org

 805-538-2458

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamy

### MISSION

To promote harmony and peace following two principles: "Serve all beings as service to god. Worship your own, respect all."

### VISION

To empower impoverished communities across the world to have equal access and opportunities to quality education, healthcare, and self-confidence to live a life filled with dignity and pride

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Prajna – A Personality Development course
- VT Seva - Volunteering Together for Service

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Personal engagement with children focusing on pronunciation, collaboration and active participation
- Promote Vedic culture and heritage
- Prayers related to daily activities and different situations
- Community service and volunteering to enhance gratitude, compassion, and a sense of responsibility
- Respect to elders and care for mother nature
- Yoga and bhajans for good health
- Instruction in public speaking, leadership, and management skills



## JVB Preksha Meditation Center

14102 Schiller Rd, Houston, Tx 77082

281-596-9642 | info@jvbhouston.org | jvbhouston.org

 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 2001

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Swatantra Jain, Alok Jain, Hasmukh Doshi, Raman Patel

### VISION

To develop a healthy individual and a healthy society through a deeper understanding of the self and a regular practice of yoga and meditation. To encourage community involvement through special workshops, camps, and classes to meet the needs and overall growth of specific age groups

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We are guided by Jaina principles and values. JVB operates under the guidance of visiting Samaniji from Jain Vishwa Bharati, India. In 1980, under the guidance of Late Acharya Tulsi and Acharya Mahapragya, a special Jain monk status of Samani was established that removes some Jain monk restrictions allowing them to travel and introduce the message of Bhagavan Mahavira outside India

### HIGHLIGHTS

Organization provides Yoga, Meditation, and Spirituality classes for free to the

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 50

general community. Sessions are lead by Samani Punya Pragya and Jigyasa Pragaya

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Providing spiritual support with special mediation sessions to improve and strengthen the human immune system

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

We provide Yoga, Meditation, and Spirituality classes free to the general community. During this pandemic season we have provided these sessions virtually. All sessions are lead by Samani Punya Pragya and Jigyasa Pragya.

- Daily prayer
- Daily meditation classes
- Discourses on Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday
- Special bhakti sessions
- Quizzes, competitions
- Yoga, meditation, spirituality classes for children on Sundays
- Providing support to seniors, such as help with groceries
- Providing spiritual support to families who lost loved ones back home and could not travel due to COVID-19
- Workshops for a healthy life

# ORGANIZATIONS



## *Kairali Satsang of Carolinas*

5807 Falls Ridge Lane, Charlotte, NC 28269

kairalisatsang@gmail.com | <http://swathithirunalfestival.org/>

### **FOUNDING YEAR** 2016

### **VISION**

To develop a community whose members imbibe values of tolerance, compassion and core Kerala Hindu ideals by practicing and propagating vibrant Kerala Hindu traditions and religious practices

### **MISSION**

1. Organize religious, social, cultural, and educational activities and initiatives to support Kerala Hindu community's growth and well-being
2. Provide platforms and opportunities for Kerala Hindus to connect, interact, care and share in a supportive and cooperative framework
3. Organize events/observances with the perspective of providing first-hand experience of such practices to our younger generation for them to appreciate, admire and imbibe

4. Facilitate transitioning our rich Kerala Hindu traditions and culture to our younger generation
5. Help instill awareness among the youth about the life-molding messages contained in Kerala Hindu ancient scriptures by engaging in activities that help understand and assimilate such messages
6. Lay the foundation for practicing Kerala Hindu traditions for generations to come

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Working closely with Hindu Center of Charlotte for the betterment of the Hindu community.
2. Associated with Kerala Hindus of North America to foster cooperation and unity among Kerala Hindus throughout North America, and to educate our youth about Hindu customs, traditions and heritage for better appreciation of their cultural roots and identity.

# Karmê Chöling

369 Patneade Ln, Barnet, VT 05821

303-667-9060 | [nrilla@karmecholing.org](mailto:nrilla@karmecholing.org) | [karmecholing.org](http://karmecholing.org)

## FOUNDING YEAR

1970

## VOLUNTEER STRENGTH

25

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche

### VISION

Karmê Chöling is a residential meditation retreat center on 700 acres that has six meditation halls, a range of living quarters for full-time residential staff and program participants, along with eight rustic cabins. The first land center established by Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche, Karmê Chöling has served the international Shambhala community for over 45 years. The center offers programs for both new and experienced practitioners, with a community life rooted in meditation practice as a foundation for fostering an enlightened society.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Meditation, culture, inclusivity, community

### HIGHLIGHTS

Supported Buddhism take root in the West and continue to bring people quality meditation instruction.

### NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

We are a part of Shambhala International which has over 200 meditation centers internationally.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Continue to offer meditation programs. We are also preserving Dharmic teachings.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

It allows us to fulfill our vows that we've taken to benefit all beings.

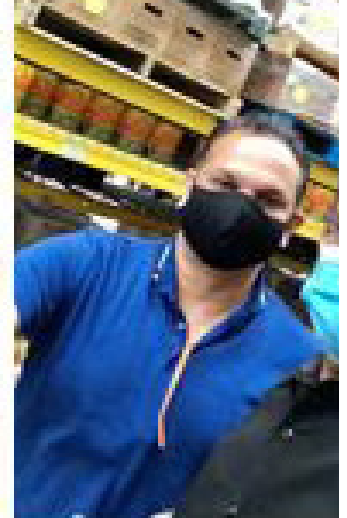
### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

We are continuing to house staff and volunteers providing them a refuge during these unprecedented times. We have also made masks and have collaborated with local non-profits to foster animals as well as donate food to the local community.

### INSPIRING STORY

Right before the pandemic, we had a program with a large group of college students that were so grateful to have a retreat and a safe place to process these groundless times.

# ORGANIZATIONS



## Kannada Sangha of Arizona

🏠 FOUNDING YEAR 1988    ✉️ [kannadasanghaofarizona@gmail.com](mailto:kannadasanghaofarizona@gmail.com)

**P.O. Box 24852 Tempe, AZ 85285-4852**

### VISION

To provide a non-sectarian and non-profit cultural and social organization with a view to bringing together all those residing in Arizona and surrounding areas who are interested in the cultural and linguistic heritage of Karnataka, India.

### MISSION

To organize cultural, literary, educational, and scientific programs of particular interest to Kannadigas.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- We hosted cultural nights to collect donations to support Karnataka's local musicians who were impacted by COVID-19.
- We had two calls with front-line doctors for COVID-19 awareness.
- We had a call with the Deputy General Consul of India, San Francisco to raise awareness of the Indian government's policy on visa, passport, and travel during COVID-19.
- We worked with Sewa International to raise funds for the Navajo community.



## Konkani Sabha of Tristate

 [www.konkanisabha.org](http://www.konkanisabha.org)

 **Founding Year :** 1978

 **Volunteer Strength** 10

### VISION

Outreach to connect all the Konkani speaking people of North East America and help preserve Konkani language and culture.

### MISSION

To bring together the Konkani speaking community of North East America and develop a Sewa platform to help Konkani people and the surrounding communities in need.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Connecting the community through regular programs and helping the community in need.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Many members joined Sewa International North Jersey and Central Jersey to volunteer their time on projects like the Helpline, Mission Mask, Plasma Line, Neighborhood Sewa, raised funds, and donated to Sewa

# ORGANIZATIONS



## Los Angeles Telugu Association (LATA)

	<b>WEBSITE</b>	latausa.org
	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	310-400-0370
	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	Post Box 4003, Cerritos, CA 90703
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	info@latausa.org
	<b>VOLUNTEER STRENGTH</b>	125

**VISION :** Telugu community service and preserve culture

**HIGHLIGHTS :** 3000 members and presence all over SOCAL with multiple year around service activities

**NUMBER OF CHAPTERS :** 1

**MAJOR PROJECTS :** Festivals, seminars, food drives, sports meets

**COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :** Together with SEWA international, we distributed PPE to 13 doctors and two hospitals. We participated in a food donation drive. Conducted seminar on COVID19 mitigation techniques and health tips. Offered immigration and medical help to stranded and needy. Involved in mask making.

## Maharashtra Mandal Bay Area

1765 Landess Avenue #108, Milpitas, CA 95035

mmba@mmbayarea.org | www.mmbayarea.org



 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 1980

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 200

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 1

### VISION

To bring the Marathi community together to promote Marathi culture, art, and language.

### MISSION

To promote cultural ties amongst people interested in Maharashtrian culture from various parts of the world.

### HIGHLIGHTS

We celebrate many Maharashtra festivals, and we have been running Marathi language schools for the last 15 years. We have successfully ran various fund raising events for giving back to community, along with creating a platform to promote music, art, dance.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Snehbandh for senior Marathis settled in USA.
- Bhetigathi for visiting Marathi parents.
- Spartan Pathak for students promoting Dhol-Tasha.
- Nationwide competitions to promote music, art, dance
- Bringing the community together for various Maharashtra festivals.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

To bring forth the right perspective of our culture in the United States and create strong bond within our community.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Providing financial support for NGOs working on Covid-19 efforts in Maharashtra.
- Executing a fundraiser campaign for COVID-19.
- Providing a help line for non-emergency medical help for visiting parents.
- Involved in BMM and supporting Sewa International for COVID-19 help.

# ORGANIZATIONS



## Mandir

1861 Reynolds Avenue Irvine, CA 92614  
 949-222-2283 | mandir@mandir.ws | www.mandir.ws

FOUNDING YEAR	VOLUNTEER STRENGTH	NUMBER OF CHAPTERS
2004	100	1

### VISION

A Hindu organization which contributes to society.

### MISSION

A Hindu institution which addresses the spiritual and physical needs of devotees.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The organization belongs to the devotees and is run by devotees.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Religious and spiritual well being.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

We must contribute to the wellbeing of society.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Held fundraises and cooked and served food to the needy.



## Marathi Kala Mandal of Greater Washington

21094 Mossy Glen Ter, Ashburn, VA 20147

833-656-0303 | <https://www.marathi.com> | [president@marathi.com](mailto:president@marathi.com)

### FOUNDING YEAR

1975

### VOLUNTEER STRENGTH

150

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Malini Joglekar

### VISION

Preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of Maharashtra, and uniting the people of Marathi origin

### MISSION

To promote literary, educational, and cultural activities that will be individually and collectively beneficial to the Marathi Kala Mandal members.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

To encourage acts of charity and benevolence, and to create an opportunity for inter-cultural exchange.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Marathi Kala Mandal (MKM) is the oldest organization in the DMV area promoting the cultural heritage of Maharashtra. MKM has

organized a convention of 6000+ attendees from all over the world, showcasing the talent and values of Maharashtra.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Promotion of Maharashtra's cultural values to next generation. Conducting food drives, clothes drives and charitable activities to help the needy in the area.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS




Marathi Kala Mandal (MKM) has helped the stranded students of hotel management by providing home made food for a month. MKM has also helped students from University of Maryland to pay their apartments rent and fill in their groceries during the COVID-19 difficult times.

### INSPIRING STORY

Marathi Kala Mandal (MKM) raised more than \$24,000 in less than four hours to transfer a body of a deceased young man (29 years of age) to his parents in India, when flights were grounded due to COVID-19.

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Munnuru Kapu Association of North America

	<b>FOUNDING YEAR</b>	2019
	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://www.mana-usa.org/index">https://www.mana-usa.org/index</a>
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	<a href="mailto:contact@mana-usa.org">contact@mana-usa.org</a>



**FOUNDING MEMBERS :** Sreekumar Velupula (NJ), Ramesh Maganti (NJ), Ganesh Thota (Atlanta)

**VISION :** MANA is a non profit organization to promote and foster friendship among Munnuru Kapu families, preserve and promote culture, and develop Telugu language and literature in North America.

**MISSION :** We raise, solicit, and collect funds and donations either directly or in cooperation with other not-for profit organizations for cultural, educational, and charitable purposes in North America and abroad for the purpose of serving both Telugu community and the Munnuru Kapu community at large.

**MAJOR PROJECTS :** We support poor and bright students with financial aid. We recognize talent in different fields such as literature, education, social services, sports and other allied fields by instituting Mana International awards. We support and encourage talented members/students for civil services in the US/India and other countries of residence.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :** 1. Organized online seminars for creating awareness about Covid-19 precautions 2. Provided assistance with immigration issues

## Maheshwari Mahasabha of North America

[webadmin@mmna.org](mailto:webadmin@mmna.org) | <https://www.mmna.org>

 **Founding Year** : 1983

 **Number of Chapters** : 10+

### VISION

MMNA was founded in 1983 by our visionary founders who had the passion to preserve our rich culture and heritage, while the community continued to grow in America. MMNA platform also helps the community to come together and make a difference in the local communities that our members live in, through philanthropic activities.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- To bring together all the Maheshwaris living in the North America (USA and Canada), to share, discuss and understand the values of the Maheshwari way of life, and to concern itself with the social welfare of the members of the Maheshwari community.
- To establish and reinforce contacts with Maheshwaris all over the world.
- To pass our heritage to our children in order to help them preserve their identity and the values we believe in.
- To involve youth in our community activities in order to carry on the mission of Maheshwari ideologies, faith and culture.
- To extend the financial and moral support to underprivileged & needy students and families.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The organization of religious festivals and

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cultural functions.

- The publication of Maheshwari Express Newsletters to express new ideas and to provide information beneficial to our community in meeting its objectives.
- The publication of directory listing the details of the Maheshwari families (including children) and singles.
- Raising funds for the scholarship program.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

The current circumstances have left millions in dire conditions, such as: homelessness, joblessness, and limited access to various necessary resources. With a stay at home shelter in place, essential workers have been working tirelessly in an effort to maintain a safe, and functional environment for those of us fortunate enough to stay and work from home. To help alleviate some of the stress brought forth by COVID-19 and give our thanks to members of the community, the MMNA National Committee coordinated a food drive for local shelters and front line responders.

The MMNA National Committee called upon its regional chapters and RAYS to put together a fundraiser to make this possible. From May 16 - 24, we collectively raised \$20,000, which was able to provide over 30,000 meals across the country!

# ORGANIZATIONS



## Monmouth Ocean County Association of Physicians of Indian Origin

MOCAAPI 25 Mule Road, B8 Toms River, NJ 08755

info@mocaapi.org | <https://mocaapi.org/presidents-message>

### VISION

Promote professional solidarity in the pursuit of excellence in patient care, teaching, and research. Bring to American medicine the distinctive contributions from India. Advance the American creed of one nation under God, indivisible and with liberty and justice for all.

### MISSION

MOCAAPI is a forum to facilitate and enable Indian American Physicians to excel in patient care, teaching and research, and to pursue their aspirations in professional and community affairs.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Unity of purpose, collegiality in action, commitment

to excellence and compassion towards fellow beings. Respect for human dignity. Commitment to collegiality and ethical conduct. Promote the professional advancement of colleagues. Pursuit of excellence. Commitment to community service.






### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

1. Provided hot meals to the staff at Community Medical Center in Toms River, Monmouth Medical Center-SC in Lakewood, Ocean Medical Center in Brick
2. Provided contribution for masks for essential workers to SewStrongProject
3. MOCAAPI distributed 1000 KN95 masks to the doctors in Monmouth and Ocean counties



## NATA

### North American Telugu Association

	FOUNDING MEMBERS	Prem Reddy
	FOUNDING YEAR	2010
	WEBSITE	<a href="https://www.nataus.org/">https://www.nataus.org/</a>
	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	5, Independence Way #300, Princeton, NJ 08540
	EMAIL ADDRESS	president@nataus.org

#### VISION

The core mission of NATA is to serve the growing needs of people of Telugu origin living in North America. Membership is open to people of Telugu origin living across the globe. NATA strives to serve them with cultural and social activities here in the US and back home in Andhra Pradesh, India.

#### MISSION

NATA has been involved in promoting community services, cultural and social activities, student assistance, and preservation and promotion of Telugu language and heritage in the United States, and across the globe. NATA has identified several key activities: exchange programs for students, scientists, artists and professionals; advancing Telugu heritage; sponsoring events that enrich and enlighten society; and extending support in India for educational, business and overall development.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Spent Rs. 8 crores (more than one million dollars) in India over the past 10 years
- Installed more than 40 water plants rural areas of India
- Conducted 18 health camps
- Conducted 5 pediatric eye camps
- Constructed 6 clean and green cremation grounds
- Provided scholarships to 250 students in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

#### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

NATA Is a Non-Profit Cultural Organization serving the Telugu community in the US and Canada.

## Narika

PO Box 1708, Fremont, CA 94538

510-444-6068 | narika@narika.org | www.narika.org/mission

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 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 1992

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Group of Immigrant Women

### VISION

To change the way we live by making it violence free

### MISSION

Narika's mission is to promote women's independence, economic empowerment, and well-being by helping domestic violence survivors with advocacy, support and education.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Domestic violence is a shadow pandemic that is often hidden and silenced in our communities. With the community's support, Narika is able to serve the many members that receive violence and abuse in

their families, and move towards a more nonviolent and safe world.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Our domestic violence survivors reaching out has tripled; we are able to continue offering free counseling, legal support, support groups, job programs and wellness programs for free; we are also able to offer financial aid for clients who have lost their jobs; we offer food and other essentials to those clients who need them.

### Inspiring Story

One of our clients, a survivor of domestic violence, had fled the violence and is now living alone. She had lost her job during the pandemic. She came to our office. She had not eaten in three to four days and we were able to offer her food, essentials, masks, and other items.



# Ohmkaram

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Prairie, MO 63368.

president@ohmkaram.org | www.ohmkaram.org

🏠 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 2006 📍 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 1

👤 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 50



## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Suresh Krishnan, Sudhir Prayaga, Rajagopalan Unni

## MISSION

To provide a platform to learn and practice Kerala Hindu culture and tradition for our members and their families, irrespective of race, religion or national origin

## HIGHLIGHTS

In the last few years, we have brought various artists to St. Louis who perform shows involving Hindu traditional arts and culture. We also organize and take part in cultural activities on those auspicious days. We volunteer for various charitable causes.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

Some of the cultural programs we brought to St. Louis are: Krishna by Shobana, St. Louis Express by Natya Geham, and Kerala Express

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

There is so much each organizations can do to achieve its vision. By joining hands with like minded organizations, we can achieve more.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Our organization collected donations from its members to contribute to Sewa of St. Louis for the Covid-19, as well as the kids in the organization did a bake sale to raise funds for the Sewa.

## Rajasthan Association of Georgia, Inc

465 Rams Way, Tucker, GA 30084

678-884-7252 | [www.RajasthanAtlanta.com](http://www.RajasthanAtlanta.com) | [RajasthanAtlanta@gmail.com](mailto:RajasthanAtlanta@gmail.com)

FOUNDING YEAR	VOLUNTEER STRENGTH	NUMBER OF CHAPTERS
2012	50	1

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Ashok Goyal, Dinesh Purohit

### VISION

Scholarship and promotion of Rajasthani culture and religion to the younger generation.

### MISSION

To organize events and activities of common Rajasthani interest.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

International Yoga Day; Mega Diwali Festival; Supporting our community during Covid-19 pandemic.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Free masks for volunteers, free food and shelter to all affected people without jobs at this Covid-19 time.

### INSPIRING STORY

Provided free food and accommodation to local community, international students, and others affected by COVID-19. During shortage of masks, our volunteers stitched masks and distributed to the general public. During shortage of toilet paper, educated the public on washing and installed bidets as needed.

### STATISTICS

Service area covered the states of Georgia and Minnesota.

### EXTRA INFORMATION

Free food and shelter available to any person affected by COVID-19. Please call 678-884-RAJA and ask for Ashok Goyal



# Rising Ambitions of Young Society (RAYS)

704-737-7511 | raysglobalfoundation.org | Info@raysglobalfoundation.org

🏠 **FOUNDING YEAR:** 2019 📍 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS:** 4



# ORGANIZATIONS

Rising Ambitions of Young Society (RAYS)



## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Deepika Dave

## VISION

To educate, advocate, engage and empower young generation on the global platform to build a sustainable society.

## MISSION

By focusing on the development of support system of financial literacy, drug awareness, and character building, we work towards harmony between women and men on gender equality focusing on strengthening socio-cultural richness of that population, and empowering them to have a voice regardless of race, creed, religion and social status.

Our members and volunteers provide the momentum that helps us affect change. Using data driven models, we provide workshops that make a long-lasting difference.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

- Financial Literacy
- Drug Awareness
- Women Empowerment

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

During this pandemic of covid 19 , RAYS foundation has taken an initiative of donating over 1600 medical and handmade masks in Delhi, India and North Carolina USA. These masks were prepared as per the CDC guidelines. These were donated to people in the neighborhood and to frontline workers such as CMS Nutrition Services Department employees, volunteers at Food Banks of churches, folks who work at shelters, and the cleaning crew.

RAYs would like to thank all our volunteers who are still continuing making mask and contributing in the safety of our societies, cities and countries.

RAYs organization is always committed to serving the community and humanity.

## Rajasthan Association of North America (RANA)



[www.rana.org](http://www.rana.org) | [president@rana.org](mailto:president@rana.org)

Calling all compassionate people to be a Corona Fighter

Join RANA's fight against Corona Pandemic

Donate generously towards RANA COVID-19 Relief Fund & help the most underprivileged population struggling during tough times in providing free Food distribution and other Quarantine Support services

 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 1995

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 1

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 20+

### VISION

Promote the cultural heritage of Rajasthan.

### MISSION

Promote the cultural heritage of Rajasthan.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Focus on cultural activities while continuing to remain a non-political, non-religious organization.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Over the years, RANA has organized RANA Holi in the Bay Area, starting with small gathering in early 2000's to now attracting large numbers of people bringing the unique Holi experience to people in the Bay Area.



# ORGANIZATIONS

Rajasthan Association of North America (RANA)



## MAJOR PROJECTS

RANA Holi, RANA Diwali, RANA Saheli

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

All community organizations should come together and work as one extended team in whatever capacity they can to help people around us.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Given COVID-19, RANA Holi was canceled this year. We have aligned our activities to serve the community amid the challenges we all face. Along with Sewa International, RANA and its volunteers have actively participated in food delivery, mask delivery to health workers, and people in need.

We raised and donated funds to the Rajasthan CM Relief fund towards COVID-19.

## INSPIRING STORY

It has been an interesting journey since early April 2020. It all started with a message from a close friend who was in desperate need for medical masks for her testing lab in Redwood City. Luckily, with the help of HSS and Sewa International, a total of 55 N95 masks were delivered within a few days. This timely help was highly appreciated by the Director of the Lab. This also led us to explore partnership with Sewa International and participate in some of the activities such as food drive, food delivery, and mask making.

This partnership provided a sense of direction, a set of new possibilities to help our community, and expand the activities RANA would otherwise perform.

## Rocky Mountain Gujarati Samaj (RGMS) of Colorado

P.O.Box 4992, Englewood, CO 80155

303-549-7376 | [membership@rmgsonline.org](mailto:membership@rmgsonline.org) | [www.rmgsonline.org](http://www.rmgsonline.org)



### RMGS

#### VISION

The goal of the organization is to make traditional Gujarati performing and cultural arts available to the community



#### MISSION


RMGS was formed to promote knowledge, appreciation, and understanding of the dance, music and cultural practices of the people of Gujarat province in India, to provide social interaction and cultural exchange between people whose families are descendants of Gujarati people of India who are now residing in the Rocky Mountain region of the United States.

#### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Gujarati Samaj of Colorado and Sewa International conducted a couple of webinars dealing with issues of visa, travel, and help for stranded international students.

## Sahaja Yoga Meditation

 **Founding Year** : 1970  [www.sahajayoga.org/vnd/](http://www.sahajayoga.org/vnd/)

 339-206-1180, 470-297-9554, 704-425-9595

 268 Overpeck Avenue, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660



### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi

### MISSION

To advance and propagate the understanding and practices of spiritual teachings as taught by Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi; to bring complete peace in the world through inner peace in each and every individual

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The meditation technique is based based on an experience called Self Realization (Kundalini awakening). Through this process an inner transformation takes place by which one becomes moral, united, integrated, and balanced.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- International Yoga Day – Self Realization in Raleigh HSS (2019)
- Meditation program SNY with HSS Charlotte (January 2020)
- Self Realization in Charlotte (International Yoga Day 2020)
- Interview with RJ Aravind Modini on Telugu NRI Radio

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Weekly free classes in Charlotte:
- Sundays 3 to 4 pm – Dance fever
- Online meditation classes on Saturdays 10 am to 11 am
- Advanced classes for interested individuals

# Sai Durga Vishnu Mandir

26100 Tina Lane, Katy, Texas 77494

832-278-8666 | sdsvmandir.org | priestgullapalli@gmail.com

FOUNDING YEAR	VOLUNTEER STRENGTH	NUMBER OF CHAPTERS
2013	45	1

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Sirisharani Gullapalli

## VISION

To build a temple and to serve the community with their Hindu religious needs and raise awareness of Hindu culture

## MISSION

To develop a place of spirituality and repository of Hindu dharma and culture for the generations to come

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

To be empathetic, to help humanity, be courteous, to help each other, to be honest and loyal always, to be good and do good.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

To develop a permanent structure to spread Hinduism.

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Dharmic organizations will have to bring people together and through them conduct voluntary services. We should do good to humanity irrespective of caste,

creed, and racial discrimination. The benefits are at a larger scale when you join as a group and spread out to serve people.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

1. Collaboration with other local organizations in services like packing and distribution of goods to the needy during Covid time 2. Raising awareness about Covid 19, its control and preventive measures 3. Transitioning to online telecasting of puja for people who cannot visit temple in person and in turn avoiding large social gatherings.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Built on a mobile structure in Katy community and developed a place for Hindus to pray and meditate
- Bringing together Hindus at one place and developed a culture of harmony
- Serving the religious needs of Hindu community in Katy
- Passing on Hindu culture to young generations
- Collaboration with other organizations to serve the community during difficult times

## SAI Outreach for Uplifting Society (SOULS)

3312 Heatherbrook Dr, Plano, TX 75074

469-677-8222 | [www.saioutreach.org](http://www.saioutreach.org) | [souls.exec@gmail.com](mailto:souls.exec@gmail.com)

 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 2016  **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 500

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Sarma Gunturi, and Srinivas Somisetty

### VISION

Establish a spiritual community center and promote human values.

### MISSION

To focus on community outreach, sociocare, healthcare, and values training to bring awareness of human values in society. SOULS is open to all individuals from all faiths and backgrounds and provides opportunity to serve society.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our Divine guidance is Lord Sathya Sai Baba's teachings and His 9-point code of conduct

### HIGHLIGHTS

Through Sathya Sai centers in Dallas, we are conducting activities for the past 30 years -- in educare (Sai spiritual education, education in human values), healthcare (free health clinics), sociocare (multiple community service projects), envirocare (community gardens, donations to food pantries), and spiritual care (mindful living).

### MAJOR PROJECTS

We have established a community center in the Dallas Metro area.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

It will help us Love All, Serve All, Help Ever, Hurt Never

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

We are donating to local pantries to fill the growing demand for food, delivering food to the elderly (high risk exposure), Gayathri chanting for spread of positive energy, and promoting of spiritual sadhana.



### INSPIRING STORY

Everything is inspiring. Spread of love and positive energy through individual meditations



## Sanskrita Bhārati Charlotte Sthānam

704-906-5665; 612-940-4183 | [www.sanskritabharatiusa.org](http://www.sanskritabharatiusa.org) |  
[murthy90232@gmail.com](mailto:murthy90232@gmail.com), [charlotte@sbusa.org](mailto:charlotte@sbusa.org)

 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 2008  **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS:** 1



# ORGANIZATIONS

Sanskrita Bhārati Charlotte Sthānam

## VISION

To restore Sanskrit to its rightful place in the cultural legacy of India; to protect and preserve this language of our Gods; to help people learn and speak Sanskrit

## MISSION

Promote Sanskritam as an everyday language and provide access to its rich and diverse repository of knowledge. Teach Sanskritam to one and all.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Promote Sanskritam in spoken and written forms among people of all ages in an interactive, fun, immersive and engaging environment.
- Improve Sanskritam teaching techniques and create instructional aids in multitude of media to make learning an easy and rewarding experience.
- Bring to light existing Sanskritam literature and publish books and create audiovisual and other media content to enhance the modern literary world of Sanskritam.
- Facilitate study and research in various knowledge systems available in Sanskritam.
- Inspire and build a committed base of volunteers and instructors to serve society by working to propagate Sanskritam.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Conducted sambhAshaNam shibirams (Feb 2020)
- Conducted free classes at two locations (South Charlotte and North Charlotte) every Saturday.
- Conducted free bAla varga for children 6-13 (50 children)
- Conducted free classes for parents (40 adults)





- Conducted free 6 online classes for adults
- Enrolled more high school students in SAFL
- Currently 250 people engaged in Sanskritam sambhAshaNam
- Conducting mAsika sambhAshaNam melams
- Sanskritagruhams 20 (2 or more persons)

## MAJOR PROJECTS

- “sambhAshaNAAt shAstra paryantam”
- 1000 adults learning samskritam online nationwide
- 750 children learning samskritam online nationwide
- 50 centers, 100s of volunteers to run the centers, teach, manage bookstore etc.
- Conducts 1-day, 2-day, 10-day prAthamika shibirams to teach spoken Sanskritam
- Volunteers teach higher level classes
- Conducts bAlva vargas in many cities
- Conducts residential family camps
- Distance Learning Programs for Adults
- sambhAshaNa sandeshah – monthly magazine
- “Punyakoti” – first animated feature film premiered

## Sanatan Dharma Temple and Cultural Center

	<b>FOUNDING YEAR</b>	2001
	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://www.SanatanDharma Temple.org">www.SanatanDharma Temple.org</a>
	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	425-413-8900
	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	25748 101st Ave SE, Kent, WA 98030
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	sdtccinfo@gmail.com
	<b>VOLUNTEER STRENGTH</b>	150
	<b>NUMBER OF CHAPTERS</b>	1



**FOUNDING MEMBERS :** Raj Soi, Ashok Sharma, Rashpal Phambota, Suresh Kayastha, and Jaswant Kayastha

**VISION :** To bring together people of Hindu faith traditions to promote the Hindu way of life and to preserve and protect the rich Hindu cultural heritage.

**HIGHLIGHTS :** Renovation of the property in Kent; moorthy sthapana (installation of) Bhagwaan moorthies: Ganesh, Durga Maa, Radha Krishna, Ram Parivar, Shiv-Parvati, Hanuman, Balaji, Shiv lingam, Baba Balak Nath, SaiNath, and Nav Grah.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY :

Serving humanity is serving God.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS :

Joined other volunteer organizations in serving food to the hungry, providing groceries to the ones who can not afford it, and helped in making reusable cloth face masks during the time of critical shortage nationwide; provided our premises to cook meals and store various grocery items.

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Sanatan Shiv Shakti Mandir of Houston

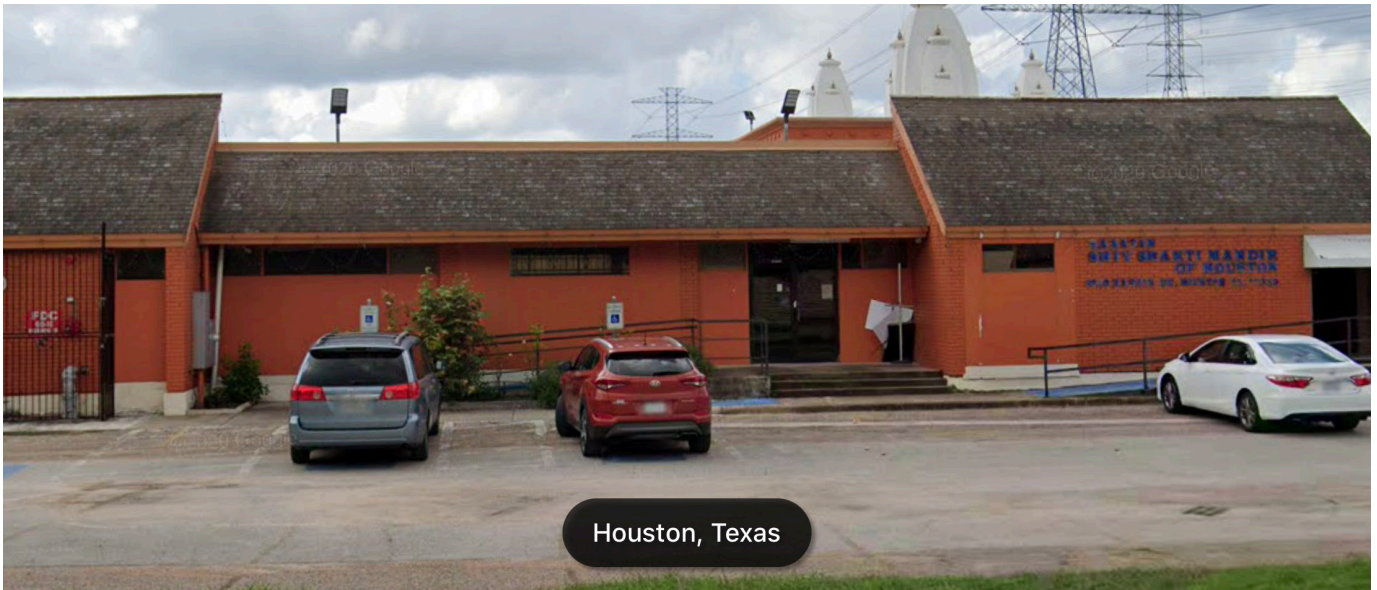
6640 Harwin Drive, Houston, TX 77036

713-278-9099; 908-400-4398 | [www.shivshaktimandir.org](http://www.shivshaktimandir.org) |

[shivshaktimandir45@yahoo.com](mailto:shivshaktimandir45@yahoo.com)

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**FOUNDING YEAR** : 2003 | **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 137 countries, five continents

**VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 50  
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# ORGANIZATIONS

Sanatan Shiv Shakti Mandir of Houston



## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Sanatan Shiv Shakti Mandir of Houston

## VISION

To follow the basic religion of Sanatan Dharma and Adi Dev Mahadev and Adya Shakti Maa Parvati

## MISSION

- The mission of SSSM is to provide the best central facility for worship by devotees and a resource center to perform various Hindu religious rites and ceremonies including the 16 sacraments.
- We also aim to sustain and expand the roots of Hindu heritage and Hindu culture along with the understanding of Indian History and Hindu Philosophy.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

- Establish Sanskrit language pathshala to promote learning of Sanskrit
- Mathematics and regional language classes (e.g. Hindi, Gujarati)
- Senior citizen activities and their participation in goals 1 and 2
- Youth activities to mobilize their energy in religious direction and promote education and volunteerism among them
- Indian History and Hindu Philosophy classes

## INSPIRING STORY

Several organizations partnered with us to conduct a successful food drive in order to give back to the community during this difficult time.

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Sanatan Mandir, Cultural and Community Center, Brighton, Colorado.



**218 N 6th Ave Brighton, CO 80601**

303-659-2547 | [sanatanmandir.brighton@gmail.com](mailto:sanatanmandir.brighton@gmail.com)

### VISION

We work to preserve and promote Hindu culture.

### MISSION

We believe that the temple is for everyone. We provide a forum for religious worship and celebrations, and for cultural, religious and spiritual development activities based on Hindu/Vedic/Sanatana Dharma traditions.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Increase awareness about the COVID19 pandemic; distribution of masks, PPE kits, etc.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

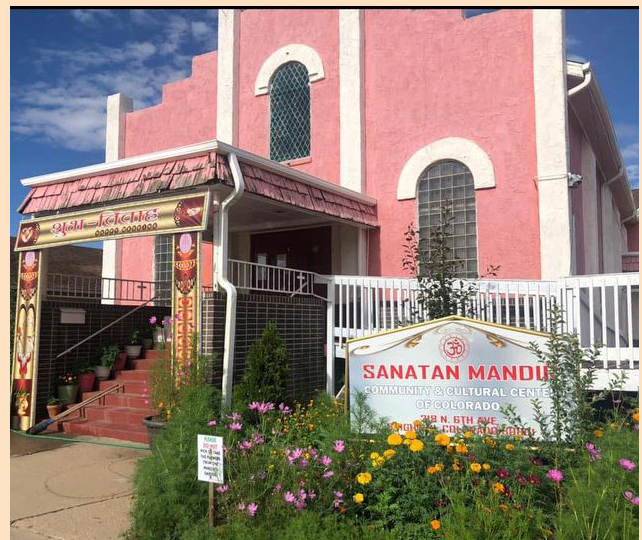
Tree Planting Project

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Increase awareness about the COVID19 pandemic as well as distribution of masks, PPE kits etc.

 **FOUNDING YEAR : 2007**

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS : 1**



## Shakthi Corporation

980-228-9373 | [www.womenshakthi.org](http://www.womenshakthi.org) | [admin@womenshakthi.org](mailto:admin@womenshakthi.org)



**FOUNDING YEAR** : 2018

### **FOUNDING MEMBERS**

NIDIA GASPAR

### **VISION**

To empower, help, mentor, support, forge new opportunities, better quality of life for South Asian women living in Greater Charlotte.

### **MISSION**

Our primary focus is to empower women from the South Asian community living in Greater Charlotte, North Carolina. We provide moral support by connecting women with various sources, help understand their basic rights including civic duties. We are passionate about community awareness events, fund raisers for a good cause, and collaborations with local women organizations.

### **MAJOR PROJECTS**

1. Raised \$1,100 for the Community Shelter of Union County to help families affected by the Covid-19 pandemic
2. Supporting more than 150 pregnant womens across the world. Shakthi has created a WhatsApp and social media group to help these women share ideas and also recieve support through a community of women.
3. Created a volunteer team who make and deliver home-cooked meals to families one week before and two weeks after the birth of a child to help ease the burden.

## Shanti Niketan Senior Center of Carolinas

7701 Wallace Street, Charlotte, NC 28212

704-491-1186; 408-469-8482

**VISION** To help senior citizens live their life to the fullest and meet their day to day needs with available resources and assistance from the Hindu Center

**MISSION** To meet ever-increasing senior population needs--emotional, health and psychological

**HIGHLIGHTS** We have recently been approved by local authorities to start a meal program.





## Shiv Durga Temple of Bay Area



1070 Kern Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

408-480-5477 | [www.shivdurgatemple.org](http://www.shivdurgatemple.org) | [krishnakump@gmail.com](mailto:krishnakump@gmail.com)

🏠 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 2013 👤 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 100 📍 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 1

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Acharya Krishna Kumar Pandey

### VISION

To make the community strong, spiritually and religiously.

### MISSION

Spread the teachings of Hinduism among the younger generation.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah (May all be happy).

### HIGHLIGHTS

We conduct religious ceremonies and teach about Sanatan Dharma.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

We celebrate Holi, perform Ganapati Visarjan, and conduct Hindi classes.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Dharma teaches the importance humanity's wellbeing. (Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah)

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

We have been conducting regular services, hawans, ceremonies, and hosting speeches by Dharma Gurus.

### INSPIRING STORY

Everything is inspiring. Spread of love and positive energy through individual meditations

## Shiv Mandir of Atlanta

890 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Sugar Hill, GA 30518

770-680-2356 | [www.shivmandirofatlanta.org](http://www.shivmandirofatlanta.org) |  
[info@shivmandiratlanta.org](mailto:info@shivmandiratlanta.org)

### VISION

The primary objective is to build a Shiv Mandir in Northeast Greater Atlanta. This mandir will have Lord Shiv as the main deity, and will have other Hindu deities independently located on the same floor with puja/parikarma areas for individual worship. The Mandir complex will have other facilities to serve the community.

### MISSION

To build a grand Shiv Mandir of unique architectural design and physical layout for the purpose of providing a place of worship for all devotees of Sanatan Hindu Dharm, and to support community activities for young adults, women, and senior citizens.

  
**VOLUNTEER  
STRENGTH**  
**50**

## Shree Radha Krishna Mandir

12634 Pioneer Blvd, Norwalk, CA-90650

562-965-3286 | Radhakrisna.org



**FOUNDING  
YEAR**

1983



**VOLUNTEER  
STRENGTH**

100

**FOUNDING MEMBERS**

Pravin Patel

**VISION**

Spread spirituality

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Shree Shakti Mandir of Atlanta (AMBAJI USA)

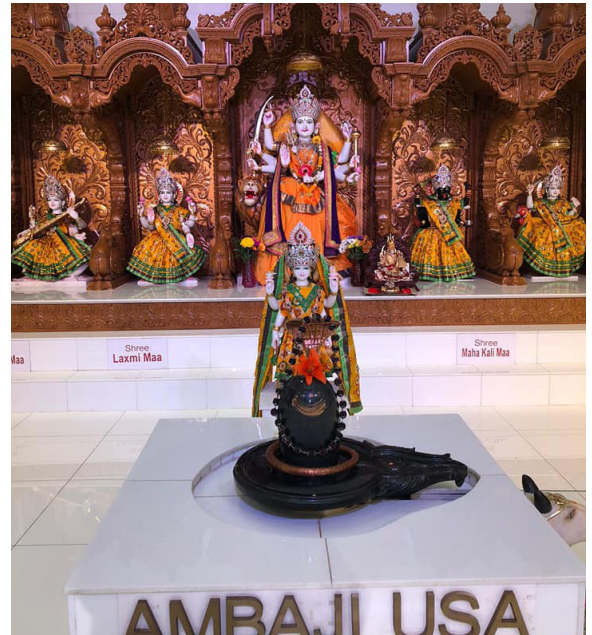
1450 Huie Rd., Lake City, GA 30260

770-968-3490 | Ambajiusa.org

 **FOUNDING YEAR**: 1991

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH**: 100

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS**: 1



### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Sumantbhai G. Patel

### MISSION

To educate, promote, preserve and foster Hindu religion and Hindu heritage in the state of Georgia. The organization nurtures and encourages the religious, cultural, intellectual, spiritual and religious education advancement in the Hindu community in addition to coordinating resources for charitable and social causes pertaining to Hindu heritage

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Each individual upon leaving the temple, must leave at the higher level of God Consciousness than the level he/she arrived with.
2. Temple will do its best to help those who request its help in all their religious and humanitarian needs and to achieve mental peace.
3. To celebrate all the Hindu festivals on the correct days according to the panchangs
4. Will hold at least 4-5 day religious events or discourses
5. Educate the youth in sanatana dharma way of living their life



6. Will organize at least two events per year where temple members will cook delicious vegetarian meals and feed the hungry and homeless of the city of Atlanta.
7. Will hold free medical camp twice a year whereby people will be given advice and health matters by the area doctors free of charge.
8. Will hold one week long youth camp each year
9. Every Saturday Balvihar teaches children about social and religious values.
10. Will organize Saturday prayer and Geeta discourses.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

A major renovation of the entire Mandir was completed 18 months ago.

## Sri Radha Gopinath Temple

📍 7 Kilmer Ct., Edison, NJ 08817

☎ 848-252-9499

🌐 [www.localprayers.com](http://www.localprayers.com)



### VISION

India Heritage Foundation-NJ/NY has undertaken projects for promoting Indian culture and sharing with the world the remarkable treasure of Vedic knowledge of India. We will present, preserve and promote the cultural heritage of India as described in the ancient Indian classics, to contemporary society in an interesting and captivating presentation.

### MISSION

India Heritage Foundation (IHF) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting spiritual and cultural growth for self-transformation and happiness. IHF strongly believes that in order to live a peaceful and prosperous life, one has to unlock physical, emotional, and spiritual layers through the process of Yoga.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

To systematically propagate spiritual knowledge to society at large and to educate all people in the techniques of spiritual life in order to check the imbalance of values in life and to achieve real unity and peace in the world. To propagate a consciousness of Krishna (God), as it is revealed in the great scriptures of India, Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

The temple conducted online classes to have mental and emotional balance to handle the pandemic situation with a positive attitude. We conducted webinars on the Bhagwat Geeta, the message it gives in situation like this, and how to handle them. This has benefited over 100 families.



## Sri Ram Mandir, Metuchen, NJ

Shree Ram Mandir Inc., 10 Carlton Road, Metuchen, NJ 08840  
848-260-0707 | <https://www.shreerammandir.org/>





### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS


The temple conducted online classes to have mental and emotional balance to handle the pandemic situation with a positive attitude. We conducted webinars on the Bhagwat Geeta, the message it gives in situation like this, and how to handle them. This has benefited over 100 families.


## Siddhivinayak Temple of USA




 **Founding Year** : 2016

 [ssvtusa1916@gmail.com](mailto:ssvtusa1916@gmail.com)

 732-463-4357

 [www.siddhivinayaktempleusa.org/](http://www.siddhivinayaktempleusa.org/)

 1916 Lakewood Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755

### VISION

To organize Hindu poojas and festivals for the Hindu community. To promote ideals, values, and principles of Hindu dharma (religion) and engage in charitable, educational, and spiritual activities. To encourage youth participation in temple activities

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

To establish, construct, and operate a Hindu temple to provide a place of worship for people who believe or are interested in the Hindu religion, worship, culture, and philosophy. To promote religious, spiritual, cultural, civic, educational, and social activities amongst people who believe








or are interested in Hindu religion, culture and philosophy. To support humanitarian causes.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

1. Streamed online darshan and religious events for the devotees
2. Provided online Yoga, meditation, and prayer services for the community members
3. Provided online Gurukul classes for children
4. Distributed masks for volunteers
5. Provided telemedicine to members and volunteers and brought medicine to the doorsteps of those who were unable to leave their homes
6. Online bhajans (devotional singing) for devotees.

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Siddhi Vinayak Mandir Atlanta

-  **Founding Year** : 2015
-  770-912-0332
-  5675 Jimmy Carter Blvd, Suite 710,  
Norcross, GA 30071
-  Siddhivinayakmandiratlanta@gmail.com
-  Siddhivinayakmandiratlanta.org
-  **Volunteer Strength** : 100
-  **Number of Chapters** : 1



### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Gyan Prakash Upadhyay, Prema Upadhyay,  
Vivek Upadhyay

### VISION

Our purpose is to serve the religious needs of all devotees practicing Sanathan Hindu Dharma and also give back to society through community service.

### MISSION

Lord Ganesha is revered as the remover of obstacles, patron of Indian arts and sciences, and a giver of intellect and wisdom. Pt. Gyan Prakash Upadhyay, the founder of this temple, organizes and supports community activities like promoting Indian languages, art, music, and dance for young children, adults and senior citizens.

### HIGHLIGHTS

The Siddhi Vinayak Mandir Atlanta is a non-profit religious institution incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia. We fulfill religious needs of devotees by performing sacred rituals and offering services such as Sanskars, Katha, Vastu, and Jyotish.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Sewa Paramo Dharma!

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Major Projects include the offering of various rituals/pooja for the devotees and community service by promoting Indian languages and arts.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Human service is the ultimate religion. We all have to fight together against natural disasters. Only then will we be able to protect humanity.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

We have been conducting online classes on various subjects such as vedic knowledge, worship, yagna, and rites and rituals related to Sanatan Hinduism.

### INSPIRING STORY



Distributed food to thousands of people on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for three consecutive weeks. We participated in mask distribution along with Sewa International.



## Sikh Society of North East Florida

6019 Morrow St E, Jacksonville, FL 32217

JaxGurudwara.org | secretary@Jaxgurudwara.org

 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 2006     **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 80

### VISION

Seeking Oneness with the One Human Race

### MISSION

- To practice, promote, and propagate the religious teachings of Sikh faith.
- To conduct cultural, educational, and other noteworthy humanitarian work.
- To support charitable causes in the spirit of Sikh teachings and beliefs.
- To try to preserve Sikh culture and heritage.
- To establish and maintain Gurdwara Sahib in Jacksonville, Florida.
- To propagate the message of Gurbani and its philosophy to foster the understanding of humanitarian values.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Propagate the message of humanity in the community

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

During COVID-19 -- we are providing over 200 meals to the homeless and other vulnerable populations on regular basis.

### INSPIRING STORY

Keep helping each other as we are all children of One God

# ORGANIZATIONS



## SkillUS

**9335 Harris Corners Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28269**

704-807-5454; 980-318-6939 | [www.skillus.org](http://www.skillus.org) | [info@skillsus.org](mailto:info@skillsus.org)



**FOUNDING  
YEAR:**  
2018

**FOUNDING  
MEMBERS**  
Uday Vedre

### MISSION

The mission of SkillUS is to utilize the South Asian community skills and creativity to bridge the skillgap and build the future workforce of America.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The idea behind SkillUS is to activate our South Asian American community to assist skill up our larger American family.

### HIGHLIGHTS

1. Assisted Goodwill build their skill development program and career fair
2. Signed an MOU with CUC100 to build its skill development program
3. Signed an MOU with The Park to build its skill development program
4. Working with University of Kansas to get the certification program
5. Changing perceptions of the larger community from job seekers to workforce developers

## Sneha Hastham

6200 Savoy Dr, Ste 414, Houston, TX 77036

281-782-9513 | snehahastham.org | info@snehahastham.org



### FOUNDING MEMBERS

VARALAKSHMI DEVI SIRIGIRI

### VISION

No one should be alone in this world.

### MISSION

Together we can make a difference.

### HIGHLIGHTS

We serve victims of domestic violence, senior citizens, troubled families, and the homeless population by providing counselling, food and clothing, and legal services in a timely manner.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Providing healthy meals to individuals/families who have tested COVID-19 positive.
- Providing medicine and pro-bono medical help to patients in need.
- Getting groceries and providing meals to seniors.
- Conducting virtual seminars on topics such as COVID-19 education, US Immigration, and SAT/ACT prep.

# ORGANIZATIONS

VSNA STC  
Veerashaiva Samaja of North America  
South Texas Chapter, Houston



"Kayaka"  
Work is Worship

"Dasoha"  
Charity is Worship

## South Texas Chapter - VSNA

29 Stalynn Ln, Houston, TX 77027

832-607-3843 | [www.facebook.com/vsnastc20171021](http://www.facebook.com/vsnastc20171021) | [harishhiremath@gmail.com](mailto:harishhiremath@gmail.com)

🏠 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 1975 👤 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 80 📍 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 1



### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Veerashaiva & Lingayath members

### VISION

To preserve, promote, and propagate the inclusive Veerashaiva way of life and philosophy and to incorporate and inculcate the Veerashaiva values of life and living in the day-to-day life of its members developing a strong bond as an extended family.

### MISSION

To preserve, protect and propagate now and for posterity, and instill, imbibe and impart the Veerashaiva (Lingayath) heritage, legacy, way of living, universal values as exemplified in Shiva Sharana Vachanas;

to popularize and to practice the exalted principles of Dasoha and Kayaka through service to humanity at large.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- \* Houston Food Bank Charity Works
- \* Donations to Sewa International
- \* Events to preserve Veerashaiva culture and heritage

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS


Our organization volunteers helped SEWA activities. Our group members donated generously (\$2,500) to support COVID-19 project in helping Houston community. Our president assists in coordinating the SEWA program as a core committee member.


## Sparsh of Greater Charlotte

 2008 Streamview Ct, Waxhaw, NC 28173

 **Founding Year** : 2015

 **Volunteer Strength** : 100

 [www.sparshcommunity.com](http://www.sparshcommunity.com)

 [Sparshofcharlotte@gmail.com](mailto:Sparshofcharlotte@gmail.com)

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Twenty founding families

### VISION

To connect to our roots (from Bihar and Jharkhand), feel for each other, lend a helping hand, and unite in togetherness.

### MISSION

We aim to create an environment to preserve the culture of Bihar and Jharkhand and the sense of belongingness for the families where we can celebrate our way of living, help each other, and instill core values to the generations to come.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. Social: Active contributor to the social issues of Bihar and Jharkhand. Collected funds locally during last flood disaster(s) in Bihar and Kerala.
- 2. Education: Scholarships for college education. Support provided to middle and high school children in robotics and other educational activities.
- 3. COVID-19: Contribution made towards PM Relief Fund and local Charlotte Food Drive. Supported Sewa USA as well.

- 4. Festivities: Chaath and Holi celebrations
- 5. Festival of India: Participated the last four years showcasing artwork (Mithila painting) and food (Bihari delicacies).
- 6. Yoga Camps: Conducted yoga camps at the Hindu Center for the past 2 years.
- 7. Participated in marathons such as BB&T Corporate and Ballantyne 5k and half-marathon, Art of Living retreat

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Working towards common goals for social outreach in Charlotte and India
- Participate in community activities related to Indian Culture, Food Drive, Education, Fitness, Sports in the Charlotte region
- A joint partnership platform to create single voice for Indian diaspora in the Charlotte area

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Contribution made towards PM Relief Funds and local Charlotte Food Drive. Supported SEWA USA as well.

## Sri Ayappa Swami Temple

13250 S. Route 59, Unit #102, Plainfield, IL 60585

331- 213-2232 | [www.swamiayyappa.org/index.php](http://www.swamiayyappa.org/index.php) |

Team@SwamiAyyappa.org

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

A small group of Ayyappa devotees

### VISION

To establish and maintain a Sri Dharmasastha (Lord Ayyappa Swami) Hindu Temple in the Chicagoland area, and offer regular services in the tradition of Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Swamy Temple in Kerala, India.

### MISSION

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### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

To bring together groups of Ayyappa devotees spread across Illinois, Northern Indiana, Southern Wisconsin, and Eastern Iowa.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Essential poojas like Nirmalyam, Abhishekham have been conducted. Sri Bhagavathy Sewa is conducted every Saturday to remove the ill effects of malefic planets. Sponsored a Mojo Unplugged concert in Chicago.



### HIGHLIGHTS

The temple was shut for two months, open only on weekends with no devotees and priests. Essential poojas like Nirmalyam, Abhishekham. Sri Bhagavathy sewa is conducted every Saturday to remove the ill effects of planets.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Collaboration is important and possible. This is the part of our working ecosystem. Collaboration will help us in social and political campaigning. This will not only help in creating awareness but also in the branding of our institutions as well.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Our volunteers delivered hot food to the Arora Shelter. We performed poojas and did naivedyam in the Kerala tradition. We provided morning meals including rice which is called as Malarnaivedyam, afternoon lunches which is called as Uchcha Poojas, and dinner which is called Vattar Poojas. We also have our COVID 19 SAST Health Advisory which helps keep visitors safe, and we follow all the latest COVID relief practices.

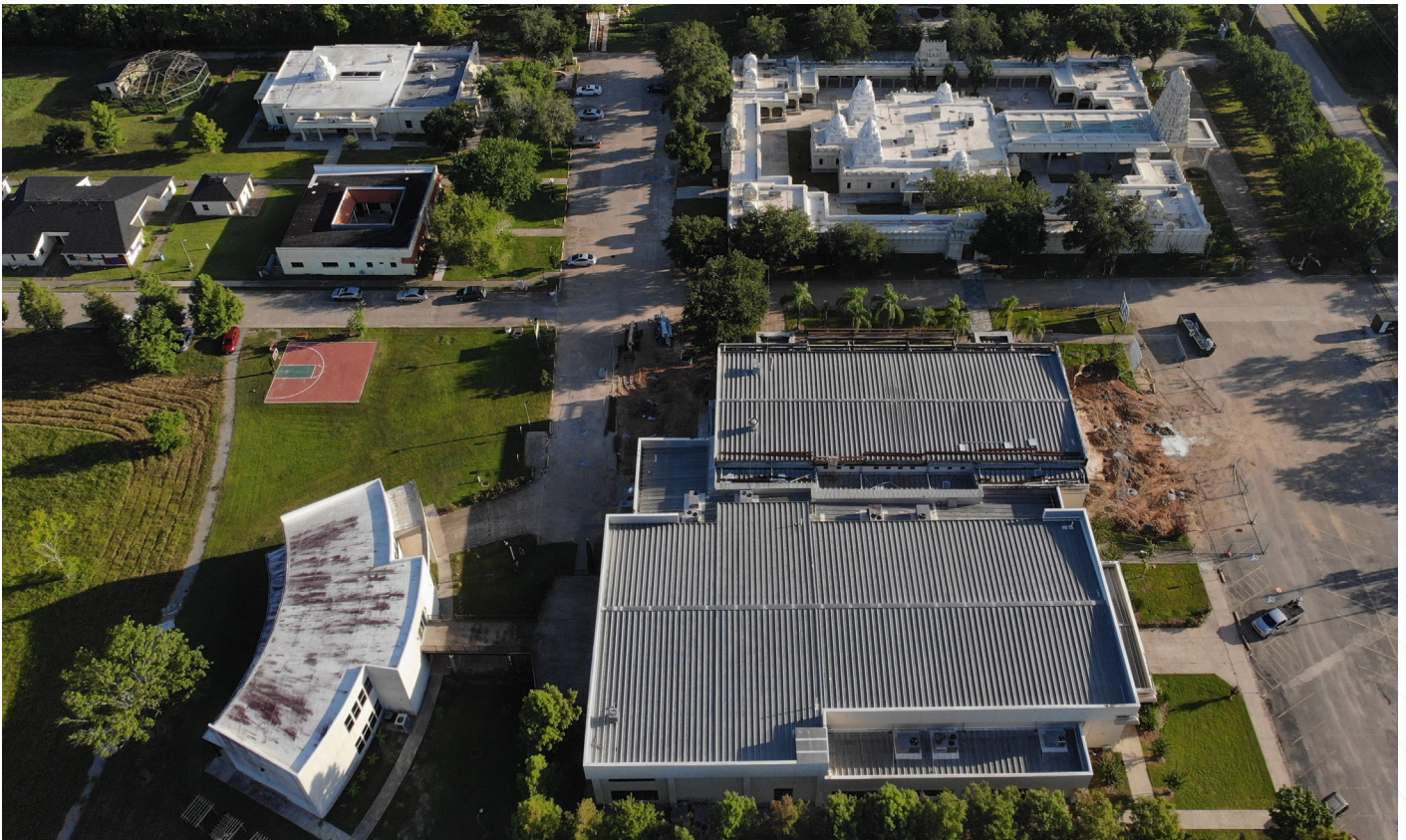
## Sri Meenakshi Temple Society

📍 17130 McLean Road, Pearland, TX 77584

☎ 281-489-0358 🌐 [www.emeenakshi.org](http://www.emeenakshi.org) ✉ [temple@meenakshi.org](mailto:temple@meenakshi.org)

👤 Volunteer Strength : 85 📍 Number of Chapters : 1

🏠 **Founding Year** : Organization founded in October 1977; Ganesh temple was inaugurated in August 1979; Sri Meenakshi Temple was inaugurated in June 1982



### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Sockalingam Sam Kannappan, K.R Thiagarajan

### VISION

The purpose of MTS is to build and maintain a temple complex in Houston, Texas with Goddess Sri Meenakshi as the main deity

# ORGANIZATIONS

Sri Meenakshi Temple Society

## MISSION

The primary objectives of MTS are to be involved in religious, cultural, educational, social, and charitable activities of the community; help promote understanding of Hindu religion, practices, and way of life; perform various religious activities in line with the Meenakshi Temple, Madurai, India and other similar temples in India for each of the deities consecrated in the Temple; meet the religious needs of the community; and promote the feeling of oneness of GOD.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Projects carried out by MTS are focused on catering to the growing demands of the devotee base. The temple facility has been expanded through the Ganesh Temple renovation project, the Main Temple renovation project, the Corner Temples renovation project, the Kalyana Mandapam renovation project, and the new parking lot extensions.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

Major Projects include the offering of various rituals/pooja for the devotees and community service by promoting Indian languages and arts.

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

MTS believes that Dharmic organizations are for the well-being of humanity. Hindu philosophy is based on the principle of vasudaiva kutumbhakam -- the whole universe is one family.

## HIGHLIGHTS

MTS was the third Hindu Temple built in the USA. Started in a small trailer home in 1977 it has since grown into a 30.5 acre facility housing the main temple, a youth center, an auditorium and marriage hall, a visitor center, and a peacock shelter with more than a dozen peacocks. MTS is run by devotees elected for a two year term.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

MTS followed recommendations of local authorities to shut the temple during the pandemic. MTS commenced live-streaming rituals. As the number of cases increased worldwide, MTS commenced Loka Kshemam (public welfare) Homams every day which were live-streamed. Conducted Dhanvantri and Maha Mritunjaya mantras that help in safeguarding health of the community. MTS carried out Atma Shanthi puja -- a prayer for rendering peace to the departed souls. MTS partnered with Sewa USA and conducted a food donation drive -- 250 families were provided groceries and dairy products that could support a family of four for 3 to 4 weeks.

During the pandemic funeral related services to the Hindu community was a felt need. MTS with due precautions was able to provide the requested services to its devotees who lost their kin.



## Sri Shiva Durga Temple

2611 Bethelview Dr Cumming, GA 30040

910-853-1800 | [www.shivadurgatemple.org](http://www.shivadurgatemple.org) | [ssdtempleofatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:ssdtempleofatlanta@gmail.com)

 **FOUNDING YEAR:** 2016

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH :** 73

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Karthick Dixit

### VISION

Preserving Sanathana Dharma, knowledge and values and passing them on to the next generation.

### MISSION

The objectives of Sri Shiva Durga Temple of Atlanta is to establish and build a Hindu temple in Atlanta for worshipping and conducting religious activities to pursue Hindu traditions and culture.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Provide humanitarian and compassionate services to the entire community in the region through cross-cultural activities
2. Provide facilities to members of the Hindu community for celebration of festivals and other religious ceremonies as per sastras
3. Promote the benefits of yoga and meditation for the development of mind, body and soul
4. Promote Indian music, art, dance, and Hindu culture
5. Promote Sanathan Dharma and its distinct philosophy.

### SRI SHIVA DURGA TEMPLE

2611, BETHELVIEW DRIVE  
CUMMING, GA 30040, USA

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 [sri shivadurga temple of atlanta](https://www.facebook.com/srishivadurga.templeofatlanta)



### HIGHLIGHTS

1. Assisted Goodwill build their skill development program and career fair
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# ORGANIZATIONS



## SVYASA-USA, Houston Center

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**FOUNDING  
YEAR:**  
2002

  
**NUMBER  
OF  
CHAPTERS**  
:4

  
**VOLUNTEER  
STRENGTH**  
120

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

RAMESH BHUTADA, PRAKASH  
MOROLIA, SUDHA RAJAN

### VISION

To bring the benefits of Yoga to everyone  
in society

### MISSION

To make Yoga a socially relevant science  
by using modern tools of scientific research

### HIGHLIGHTS

SVYASA Houston is providing free yoga classes for the community. So far, SVYASA Houston has trained more than 150 yoga teachers who teach yoga free in temples, libraries, schools, hospitals, community centers, etc. SVYASA has yoga research projects with MD Anderson Cancer Center since 2003. We conduct free yoga therapy for diabetes (SDM -- Stop Diabetes Movement). SVYASA also conducts classes in spoken Sanskrit and Vedic chanting, and offers yoga for children, yoga retreats, and yoga workshops.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Stop Diabetes Movement - Yoga For Diabetes
- Yoga for Cancer -- with MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Yoga Teacher Training Program
- Yoga Therapy Teacher Course

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

SVYASA believes in the idea of Vasudhaiva  
Kutumbakam (The world is one family)

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

SVYASA conducts free yoga classes and webinars on how to improve the immune system. SVYASA has also joined with Sewa International to support COVID-19 relief activities.



## *Sri Siddheshwari Seva, Inc.*

8725 Colonial Place, Duluth, GA 30097

678-643-8133 | [info@siddeswariseva.org](mailto:info@siddeswariseva.org) | <http://www.srisiddheswariseva.org>

FOUNDING YEAR	VOLUNTEER STRENGTH	NUMBER OF CHAPTERS
2012	~1000	25+

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Sashibhushan Mocherla, Anantha Krishnan

of His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Siddheswarananda Bharati, the Pontiff of the Sri Siddheswari Peetham, Courtallam, Tamil Nadu, India in the year 2011.

### VISION

“Sri Siddheswari Seva Inc, a 501(c)(3) registered organization, was formed with the divine blessings

Sri Siddheswari Seva Inc, is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization, to create an inclusive

# ORGANIZATIONS

Sri Siddheshwari Seva, Inc.

culture towards preserving Sanatana Dharma and Dharma Rakshana for global harmony and world peace.”

## MISSION

To promote Sanatana Dharma, Hinduism, and provide for the poor and the homeless.

## MISSION

We are guided by the principles of Santana Dharma.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Every year we have been conducting more than 10 Dharma Rakshana Yagnas all over the USA.
- Conducted 5+ food drives as part of our Feed the Hunger program in 2020.
- Held 8 fundraisers for helping homeless in United States.
- We also have multiple projects to protect cows in India, build old age homes, and conduct daily Anna Danamas across various cities in India.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

Some of our major projects include building old age homes in Tirupati, Varanasi, and Courtallam. We are also building shelters for cows across India.

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Growing up we all learned the lesson

from the Panchatantra stories that “United we win, divided we lose.”

It is extremely important for all dharmic organizations to unite and work as one unit for the well-being of humanity. While individually we may be small in our scope, we can accomplish great things when we work together.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Our organization volunteers have been working on various projects during this pandemic. Volunteers were involved in providing masks to healthcare workers and those in need. They have also been cooking daily and supplying food to patients and healthcare workers in hospitals all across the United States. Additionally, our volunteers have been helping the elderly with their groceries and other essentials, and supplying them on a timely basis in various cities across the United States.

## INSPIRING STORY

One of our volunteers has been working hard to help patients and healthcare workers with PPE equipment and food. Due to this selfless service, our volunteer contracted COVID-19. However, with gods grace, our volunteer recovered within two weeks and went back to volunteering and helping others.

## Telugu Association of Greater Charlotte Area (TAGCA)

Po Box 77928, Charlotte, NC 28271

704-906-1836; 408-750-7780 | [www.tagca.org](http://www.tagca.org) | [president@tagca.org](mailto:president@tagca.org),  
[secretary@tagca.org](mailto:secretary@tagca.org)



### VISION

To preserve and promote Telugu cultural heritage and traditions among Telugu speaking people residing in Greater Charlotte area

### MISSION

Organize social and cultural events that reflect the Indian Telugu culture

### HIGHLIGHTS

1. Conducted various community service events over the past 14 years like Adopt-a-City Street, Blood Drives and Food Drives.
2. We conducted a series of informational webinars to provide community awareness. We covered Will and Trust Planning and held four medical webinars covering the Covid-19 pandemic with a focus on infectious disease, internal medicine, anesthesia and dentistry.

3. In April 2020, TAGCA launched a new initiative -- TAGCA SEVA -- to serve selflessly and provide aid in the local community.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

1. On Father's Day TAGCA participated in a Food Drive in Uptown Charlotte. TAGCA donated food and beverages to fifty homeless people.
2. Conducted virtual Mother's Day and Father's Day events to engage members to be creative during these tough times.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

1. In May 2020, TAGCA donated thousands of Masks and Gloves to Pineville Police Department, Concord City, Wesley Chapel Fire Department, Waxhaw Police Department, Pineville Police Department and Pineville Fire Department.
2. In June 2020 TAGCA, as part of it's TAGCA SEVA Initiative, partnered with a local Clinical Lab to offer free Covid-19 testing for those who find it hard to get healthcare during the Pandemic. TAGCA donated Masks, Gloves and Groceries to over a hundred people who received the testing.

# ORGANIZATIONS



## Telugu Association of Southern California

📍 P.O Box: 52244 15642, Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine, CA 92619

☎ 714-406-3660 🌐 mana-tasc.org ✉ ec@mana-tasc.org

🏠 Founding Year : 1971 👤 Volunteer Strength : 100 📍 Number of Chapters : 1

### VISION

To serve the local Telugu community members culturally and socially by educating the younger generation about our rich cultural heritage. Also, to provide a platform for the Telugu community members to showcase their talents.

### MISSION

TASC provides a platform to showcase talents of the younger generation and strives to promote the diverse language, culture, traditions, art and heritage of India thereby strengthening the bonds of the Indian community in LA by friendship and unity. We also organize blood drives and fundraisers. TASC is the leading Telugu community organization in LA and its suburbs.

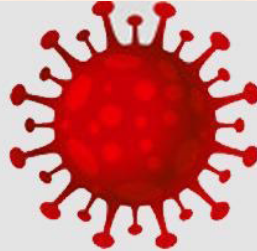
### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Organizing women's throwball & men's volleyball tournaments
- Celebrating Telugu New Year -- Ugadi -- with a cultural event
- Conducting health & life awareness seminars
- Conducting IT training
- Organizing local food drives, Motherland Food donation, mask donation to frontline workers
- Organizing Star-Night entertainment event
- Organized Carnatic Music workshop
- Summer 2020 Tutoring Program
- Celebrating Diwali cultural event  
Offered Covid 19 Helpline support

# ORGANIZATIONS

Telugu Association of Southern California

## **CORONAVIRUS COVID-19**



**TASC** in partnership with **SEWA International** has set up a **SINGLE POINT of CONTACT** helpline for our community members to register their critical and emergency needs, hardships and get the right help from the right people. Service will be rendered in the order of requests received.

We request all to make use of this **FREE** service for your critical and pressing needs.



### **TASC COVID-19 HELPLINE**

**(714)-406-3660**

**email: [ec@mana-tasc.org](mailto:ec@mana-tasc.org)**

For all life threatening emergencies, please call **911** first.



**"TASC is for YOU and With YOU always"**

### **COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1 Provided Sewa helpline support to refill parent visitors' medical prescriptions.
- 2 Offered shelter and food for international students who have lost jobs
- 3 Worked with Sewa International to send parents and students back to India
- 4 Raised \$ 5,000 and donated to the local Harvest Food Bank
- 5 Twenty volunteers distributed food items as part of Motherland Food Donation program
- 6 Worked together with Sewa and donated N-95 surgical masks to local hospitals
- 7 Hand stitched cloth masks with the help of volunteers and donated masks to the local community

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Unite & Inspire

3130, Grants Lake Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77496

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🏠 **Founding Year** : 2018 👤 **Volunteer Strength** : 178 📍 **Number of Chapters** : 2



### U&I's Covid-19 Relief Campaign

*Supply Drive lead by U&I Volunteers*

Starts April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### Food\*

Non-perishable food items:  
Food cans, Cereals, etc.



#### Laptops\*

Gently used, in working  
condition with charger.



#### School Supplies\*

Composition notebooks,  
pencils, crayons,  
erasers, etc



Our community needs our support in these challenging times.  
Join us to help the affected families and ***make an Impact now!***

#### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Rajani Priya Ayilavarapu, Suchitra Tangirala, Deborah Banerjee

#### VISION

To nurture the spirit of volunteerism and compassion in the hearts of the present generation so they become the source of empowerment for the future ones.

#### MISSION

To unite and inspire children, youth and adults to volunteer and give back to the communities in need by sharing resources to cultivate their growth as civic-minded responsible global citizens.

#### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Non-discrimination, accountability, transparency at all levels, systematic documentation, methodical approach, explicit design and development of projects, inclusive and constructive role for youth, equal opportunities to all ethnicities to serve the communities of all ethnicities.

#### STATISTICS

Donated and distributed around \$12,000+ worth supplies, 1000+ volunteering hours, remotely assisted for over 10 partnering organizations, virtually conducted classes for wider communities, donated and distributed supplies for local communities.



# ORGANIZATIONS

Unite & Inspire



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Guidestar Silver Seal of Transparency
- Presidential Volunteer Service Award Certifying Organization (18 PVSA Medalists for 2019)
- Recognized by Fort Bend County with Commendation Certificate for volunteering services
- Serving special needs children, seniors, and other underserved population locally and internationally
- Eighteen partner organizations locally and internationally
- More than 10,000 hours of volunteering
- Teaching the underserved population through Special Teams (Train to Trainers Program)
- Therapy for special needs children, meals for underserved, and clothing for trafficking victims.
- Internships in the fields of special needs, community service, and health care
- Grew from five volunteers to 178 volunteers in less than two years

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

1. Distribution of N-95 masks to the ICU and Covid-19 floors of Memorial Hermann and Methodist Hospitals
2. Covid-19 Relief Campaigns: Raised & distributed \$4000 worth food supplies, \$3200 school supplies for Title 1 Schools, \$3600.39 worth device supplies (laptops & i-pads) for underserved kids affected by Covid-19 in Fort Bend County. \$1500 worth hygiene supplies for the communities affected by Covid-19
3. Partnered with 35 mainstream non-profits of Greater Houston for analysis, assessment, and evaluation of affects and needs of Covid-19 affected areas of the county
4. With gratitude served lunches to the doctors, nurses, staff working the ICU and Covid-19 floors of Memorial Hermann Medical Center
5. Offered counselling towards the families affected by remote/domestic affects of Covid
6. Webinars for the communities through partners.

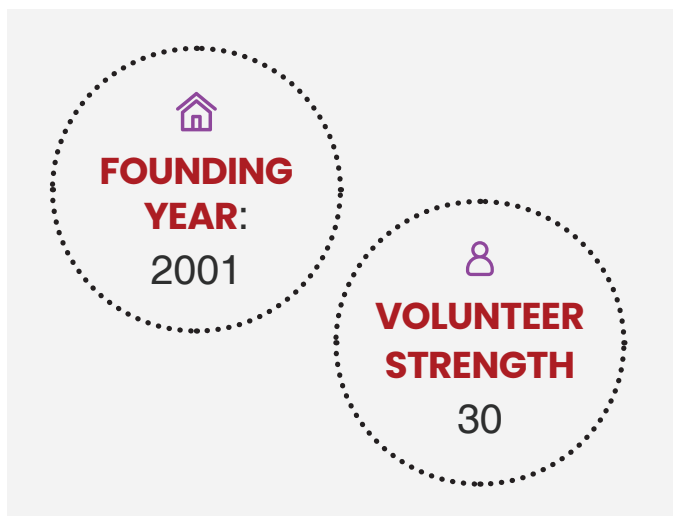
## INSPIRING STORY

During the testing times of Covid-19, with all the social distancing and remote work, our children volunteers worked to raise \$1000. Our high-schoolers raised money for laptop devices that went to 12 students who are now able to attend online schooling for the next academic year. A middle-school volunteer inspired his mother to register as donor while volunteering at our collaborator's booth, as he cannot donate due to his age. Additionally, a couple of volunteers raised funds to help their fellow volunteers' efforts toward special needs children's project.

## United States Hindu Alliance

5430 Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Suite 234, Norcross, GA 30093

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### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Dr. Ved Prakash Nanda, Dr. Mahesh Mehta, Dr. Sujatha Reddy, Chandrakant I Patel, Dr. Deen Chandora, Dr. Basant Tariyal, Bhikhu Patel, Kanchan Banerjee, Mukesh Patel, Gokul Kunnath

### VISION

To be the effective voice of Hindus in America and all those who believe in Dharma worldwide

### MISSION

To protect the rights and interests of Hindus worldwide

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Dharma, Freedom and Justice

### HIGHLIGHTS

- \* First Hindu advocacy group to start a nationwide Hindu voter registration drive
- \* Successfully fought the appointment of Preeta Bansal to the NY Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state of New York
- \* Successfully stopped the National Book Critics Circle giving its coveted Award to Dr. Wendy Doniger
- \* First Hindu advocacy group to start a nationwide Hindu Chaplaincy Program

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Human rights, voter registration, educational initiatives, inter religious dialogue, empowerment, Kashmir awareness, media, academic and youth outreach programs, etc.

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Dharmic organizations naturally serve the diverse needs of the vast Dharmic community worldwide. Since Dharma seeks to ensure harmony, the coming together of Dharmic organisations is a natural process.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Support and promote social service organizations such as India Development and Relief Fund, AIM for Seva, and Sewa USA in mobilizing resources to fight the pandemic.

## Universal Institute for Successful Aging of Carolinas (UISAC)

7701 Wallace lane, Charlotte, NC 28212

704-491-1186 | [www.uisac.org](http://www.uisac.org) | [Nbcharlotte@uisac.org](mailto:Nbcharlotte@uisac.org)

 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 2006

### VISION

To maintain productive, healthy, and peaceful lives from childhood to late adulthood and beyond, while honoring complex and diverse cultural heritages. To recognize that maintaining and sharing our colorful cultural backgrounds contributes to our society and enriches us all.

### MISSION

We are committed to empowering individuals to move successfully through varying stages of life. Essential to that mission is providing access to supplemental education, housing, employment and financial resources, avenues for civic engagement, support for social and cultural richness and resettlement assistance for under-served populations.

### HIGHLIGHTS

1. International Festival at Carolina international School, 2017. This exhibition allowed children to participate in different activities and discovered their inner capabilities
2. Dance Academy

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Dance Academy

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

You can read more about UISAC's response to Covid-19 here: <http://www.uisac.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/COVID-RESPONSE-UISAC-TEAM-2020.pdf>.

Major activities and accomplishments with the help of partner organizations across the USA and volunteers include:

1. Helping in arranging safe funeral services during the Covid-19 crisis
2. Supported in the distribution of meals to students, seniors, single mothers, and other vulnerable populations
3. Assist in arranging flights and necessary VISA requirements to help individuals return home safely
4. Working with business owners in the local community to start production of over 10,000 face masks
5. Door-to-door delivery of prescription medications to seniors and vulnerable populations

# ORGANIZATIONS



## UPMA - Uttar Pradesh Mandal of America

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408-242-0194 | upmaglobal@gmail.com | <http://upmaglobal.org/>

 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 2006     **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 50+     **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 1

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Nilu Gupta

### VISION

UPMA currently provides elementary and secondary school education to 300 children aged 7-12 years at Saidham in Bundelkhand, India, and has set up ten daycare centers for 350 children aged 3-6 years in tribal villages around Chitrakoot, India. The team expects to double these numbers in 2021.

### MISSION

Our goal is to support education for poor and underprivileged children in India; offer the opportunity to every child who is left behind due to social-economic reasons; we want to ensure that children from these families to live/enjoy their childhood along with a better education, which can help them to grow in their careers. Our aim is to give these children the basic education and a happy childhood.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Today 600+ children's education is already funded by UPMA in Niswara, Bundelkhand. Five day care centers are funded by UPMA in Chitrakoot. Ten Ekal Vidyalaya Schools in UP are funded by UPMA, and UPMA has also helped Sankara Eye Foundation build a 200-bed eye hospital in Kanpur, UP.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

UPMA has been rendering all-round support to poor and underprivileged children by providing the gift of education in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh (UP). We have shifted our primary focus from education to food distribution in this hour of crisis..

### INSPIRING STORY

To raise funds for UPMA's cause, last year UPMA organized Falguni Pathak's Dandia Night in the Bay Area, which was attended by nearly 4,000 people.

### STATISTICS

"UPMA has undertaken projects to feed hundreds of families in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh (UP), who have either lost their jobs and/or homes or continue to struggle to survive.

UPMA supporting those families by providing grocery and hygiene items worth around \$25 to one family of 4 including: Wheat (10kg), Rice (5kg), Daal (3kg), Soap (2 bars) and masala packs ."

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Funding the education and livelihood of more than 600 children in Uttar Pradesh, India.

## Vadtal Dham Shree Swaminarayan Hindu Temple (SSAUSM)



**Shree Swaminarayan Vadtal Gadi**  
The Original Website of Shree Laxminarayan Dev (Vadtal gadi)



**9303 Claystone Lane, Richmond, TX 77407**

**832-875-2163 | [www.svg.org](http://www.svg.org) | [mhpatel108@gmail.com](mailto:mhpatel108@gmail.com)**

**🏠 FOUNDING YEAR : 1995**   **📍 NUMBER OF CHAPTERS : 10**

**👤 VOLUNTEER STRENGTH : 250+**

### VISION

Bring the divine teachings of Hinduism and Lord Shree Swaminarayan to followers all over the world; bring communities together; bring joy to people's lives

### MISSION

The organization's mission is to uplift humanity, educate humanity to bring goodwill between each other, and to help bring all communities together regardless of race, caste, and religion.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our main guiding principles are as follows: Nonviolence; Bringing peace to society; Serving communities; Educate people on the importance of being good humanbeings.

### HIGHLIGHTS

SVG Charity distributed aid, such as medicine, food-kits, hand-sanitizers, masks, etc, to those who are adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as part of our duty as responsible citizens of society.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Building temples and offering services across the US, and around the world

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Regardless of what dharma or religion people belong to, there is one principle common to all: serve humanity and do your duty for your local communities. This brings not only different dharmic organisations together but it also brings together people from all walks of life together.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

SVG Charity, under the headship of His Holy Highness Acharya Shree Ajendraprasadji Maharaj - Vadtal, has decided to distribute aid, such as medicine, food-kits, hand-sanitizers, masks, etc, to those who are adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as part of our duty as responsible citizens of society.

## Vaishnav Milan Helping Hands

3716 Lowrey Way, Plano, TX 75025

469-355-4501 | vaishnav\_milan@yahoo.com

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Malvika Shah

### VISION

Vaishnav seeks to spread Dharmic knowledge to the young; teach them to serve the community; and encourage them to help people in need.

### MISSION

Our mission is to serve; Jan Seva is Prabhu Seva

### HIGHLIGHTS

We organize religious lectures; conduct 35-40 religious events a year with more than 200 people attending; serve prasad to 1000-1500 people a year; have a Dharmic library onsite; conduct yoga classes every Sunday; teach yoga in senior centers; and volunteer in health fairs and blood drives.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

Classes on the scriptures and principles of Vedanta, special pujas, Sunday School for youth, charitable activities, interreligious dialog.

  
**FOUNDING  
YEAR:**  
1983

  
**VOLUNTEER  
STRENGTH**  
30-35

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

More hands can do a better job, so all organizations should be under one umbrella, to serve our community better.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

We have conducted eight virtual satsang/meetings during last 10 weeks to connect with people and conduct prayers during this difficult time.

## Vasavi Seva Foundation

4244 Christian Drive, San Jose, CA 95135

510-386-4857 | Vsfbayarea.org | Info@vsfbayarea.org

FOUNDING YEAR	VOLUNTEER STRENGTH	NUMBER OF CHAPTERS
2007	1000+	1

### VISION

VSF is a non-profit organization in San Francisco Bay Area comprised of people with a shared heritage that have come together for the purpose of serving the needy and underprivileged in their local communities.

### MISSION

Unite-Serve-Celebrate

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We follow the teaching of Vasavi Maatha: Dharmam-Seelam-Ahimsa  
(Dharma-Integrity-Non Violence)

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

Dharmic organizations with strong foundations/roots and lasting identity give the individuals, generations after generation, who make up the organization, a platform to fulfill their Dharmic duty of doing the best for the welfare of all. An organization can be more effective and impactful than an individual. Furthermore, many Dharmic organizations coming together for the welfare of the community can boundlessly amplify the positive results more than an individual organization or individual can make happen.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

During the pandemic, VSF stepped up to take on the role of volunteers when no one was willing to show up at 2nd Harvest Bank in sorting food for distribution. VSF has been volunteering at 2nd Harvest Food Bank






every month as the number of people needing food had more than tripled over the last four months. VSF has also raised and donated money to Community Sewa, West Valley Community Services, and 2nd Harvest Food Bank during the pandemic

VSF combined the donations from community members to donate 6000 nitrile gloves, 90 isolation gowns, 140 goggles, 1000 surgical masks and 1000+ KN95 masks to medical facilities in Bay Area (Valley Medical Foundation) and Sacramento area. Along with that, individuals ordered masks and shipped them out to hospitals in LA as well as in the east coast to help their friends and families in the medical profession.

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Vedanta Society of Greater Houston



 **Founding Year** : 2003     281-988-7211     14809 Lindita Dr, Houston, TX 77083

 [info@houstonvedanta.org](mailto:info@houstonvedanta.org)

 [www.houstonvedanta.org](http://www.houstonvedanta.org)

 **Volunteer Strength** : 50

 **Number of Chapters** : 1

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Arundhati Kale, Ashit Bhowmick, Jagadish Babu, Kanta Seth, Kewal Chawla, Shobha Kulkarni, Simanti Das, Subhash Kale, Sudhir Kulkarni, Swapna Chaudhuri

### VISION

To establish a center of spiritual power, dedicated to the universal principles of Vedanta as illuminated by the lives of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda, for the social and spiritual welfare of all, irrespective of class, gender, ethnicity, or religion.

### MISSION

To teach the universal principles of Vedanta and their application in everyday life, as taught by Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda; to teach spiritual practices for the realization of those principles; to work for the welfare of society, starting locally in Houston; and to carry on the worship of the living presence of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi, and Swami Vivekananda.



# ORGANIZATIONS

Vedanta Society of Greater Houston

## HIGHLIGHTS

1. Getting the Ramakrishna Math & Mission Headquarters in Belur, India, to affiliate VSGH as an official branch within five years (a record) and thereby getting a resident Swami to guide the congregation;
2. Teaching classes on the Hindu scriptures and Vedanta principles to a wide audience through livestreaming;
3. Arranging musical and cultural programs;
4. Serving the local community through food drives and other charitable activities.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

Classes on the scriptures and principles of Vedanta, special pujas, Sunday School for youth, charitable activities, interreligious dialog.

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

To join hands with other Dharma-based organizations in working for the welfare of all is first of all the right (dharmic) thing to do; secondly, an individual organization's efforts are amplified when joined with the efforts of others; finally, society at large judges a community by its contributions.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

VSGH is an official branch of the Ramakrishna Mission of India, and we are guided by the principles of the Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, India.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

VSGH provided volunteer collaboration with Sewa International for distribution of food & masks during their food drives, donated food items, and collected money for the relief effort. Our resident Swami was invited to participate in several national and international programs aimed specifically at guiding people through these difficult times. All programs of VSGH were continued by livestreaming, thus expanding our audience. Counselling was offered to those suffering from the effects of the pandemic and the quarantine.

# ORGANIZATIONS



## Vedic Dharma Samaj – Fremont Hindu Temple

3676, Delaware Drive, Fremont, CA 94538

510-659-0655

[www.fremonttemple.org](http://www.fremonttemple.org)

[admin@fremonttemple.org](mailto:admin@fremonttemple.org)

 **FOUNDING YEAR** : 1984

 **NUMBER OF CHAPTERS** : 1

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH** : 50



### FOUNDING MEMBERS

DR. ROMESH JAPRA

### VISION

To organize a central place for Hindu community worship

### MISSION

Dedicated to serve the religious and cultural needs of the Hindu community

### HIGHLIGHTS

As a community, the Hindu Temple has enjoyed a great deal of interaction with other religious traditions in the community. We are also involved in many different community service projects. We continue to focus on our mission to provide a place of worship and meditation for the Hindu community in the Bay Area.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

The temple is open to public darshan at limited time and practicing the Covid-19 rules. We adhere to all county restrictions and all our programs happens in open public. The temple also provided Hindu meals to families in need in April, May and June.

### INSPIRING STORY


Temple provided Hindu meals to families in need in April, May and June. The meal helped families in need in Alameda County. Sewa International provided fruits, vegetables and supplies to priests working in the temple. Sewa provided us with face masks which were used by priests, volunteers and temple administrators.



### MAJOR PROJECTS

Health clinics, legal clinics, library services, educational classes to promote Hinduism.

## Vedic Friends Association

 964 Fellsridge Ct, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

 404-820-5308  [www.vedicfriendsassociation.org](http://www.vedicfriendsassociation.org)  [btillman108@yahoo.com](mailto:btillman108@yahoo.com)

 **Founding Year** : 2002  **Volunteer Strength** : 20  **Number of Chapters** : 3

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Benny Tillman -- President; Dr David Frawley -- Chairman; Stephan Knapp -- Co-Chairman

### VISION

- To experience all human beings living in harmony (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam)
- We are the children of the same God (Bhagavan)
- It is our duty to take proper care of Mother through true service (Sewa)
- This can be achieved if one accepts and follows Universal Dharma.
- We are souls (atman), having a human experience
- Unity of all souls is beyond age, gender, class, culture, caste, religion, race, color or country

### MISSION

Our Mission is to Present, Preserve, Protect and Promote the Principles and Practices of the Universal Dharma.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We are a group of people working to spread a greater understanding of Vedic culture and philosophy. We invite everyone to join us to act in ways to preserve, protect and share the universal Dharma with all others.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Prasadam (food bags)
- Wellness through Yoga (Bhagawat Gita)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- VFA at Sewa International Holi 2019 @ Atlanta, USA
- VFA at Decatur Book Festival 2019 @ Atlanta, USA
- VFA at World Hindu Congress 2018 @ Chicago, USA
- VFA Annual conference 2017 @ Atlanta, USA
- VFA Speakers tour 2009 @ Mumbai, India
- VFA Mexico conference 2007 @ Coahuila, Mexico
- VFA at Dharma Summit 2005 @ New Jersey, USA
- VFA at Global Hinduism in New Millennium 2004 @ Hyderabad, India
- VFA Annual conference 2004 @ Pennsylvania, USA
- VFA at Global Dharma Conference 2003 @ New Jersey, USA
- VFA at Tribal Conference 2002 @ Assam, India

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

The well-being of humanity is one of the goals of Vedic Dharma.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Informed all members to follow social distancing and other precautions during COVID-19. Held audio and video calls with various people who need wellness help.

## Vidyaranya Kannada Kuta

847-997-3429 | [www.vidyarakannadakuta.org/index.php/about-vkk](http://www.vidyarakannadakuta.org/index.php/about-vkk) |  
vicepresident@vidyarakannadakuta.org

 **FOUNDING YEAR:** 1973

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH:** 50

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Shriraman Aparanji, Tribhuvana Murthy, Venkatesh Jakka

### VISION

Combine meaningful volunteer work and real life experiences to address a real community need.

### MISSION

To improve the lives and protect the dignity of the less fortunate in our community. Our humanitarian endeavors are aimed at promoting and strengthening our community and our basic humanitarian principles innate to each of us.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Vidyaranya Kannada Kuta is a not-for-profit organization catering to the needs of Kannadigas of Illinois. We seek to organize meetings, promote cultural activities for adults as well as youth born and growing up in the US, and support various humanitarian causes.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Sankranthi celebrations at the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago
- Annual Winter Olympiad March 2020
- Yugadi Habba Celebration
- Ganesh Habba Celebration
- Charitable Programs
- Deepavali and Kannada Rajyotsava Celebration
- Offer/conduct free medical checkup, blood

donations camp, charity for poor

- Organize drama performances, Kannada movie screening, devotional music concerts

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Sankranthi celebrations at the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago
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### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

It is important for an organisation like ours to offer help and be involved in outreach activities in this COVID situation.




### COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Due to lack of physical infrastructure, we currently organize virtual programs like music concerts, Kannada Sahitya programs, folk music and standup comedy forums.



## Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America



 <b>FOUNDING MEMBERS</b>	Dr. Mahesh Mehta, Pranjivan Patel, Subhash Mehta, Arvind Sant, M P Srinivasan
 <b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	732-744-0851
 <b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America Inc. P. O. Box 2009, Natick, MA 01760

 <b>FOUNDING YEAR</b>	1964
 <b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://www.vhp-america.org">www.vhp-america.org</a>
 <b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	<a href="mailto:office@vhp-america.org">office@vhp-america.org</a>

### VISION

To create a dynamic, vibrant Hindu Society inspired by the eternal values of Dharma, and the lofty ideal of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam -- the entire creation is one family. To create a dynamic society that moves with the times. To create a society that is the master of all sciences, technologies and arts. To build a society that is fearless, strong, courageous and mighty. To build a healthy, prosperous society, adorned by the twin jewels of arts and music. To build a society that is forever alert and vigilant.

### MISSION

Prachar – Raise Awareness Promote Unity amongst Hindus through a network of Parishad chapters and

like-minded organizations. Represent Hindu Interest through various forums. Raise Hindu Awareness through seminars, conferences, publications,

media, audio-visual aids. Provide community service to people in distress or need without consideration of race, religion or nationality. Cultivate Hindu values. Cultivate a spirit of self respect for our way of life, our environment, our Dharma Gurus and institutions and respect for the people of all colors, creeds, races and religions. Establish worldwide contact with Hindus institutions, temples, and people through projects and programs focusing on Hindu interests. Bridge communities and people of all faith.

# ORGANIZATIONS

Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America



## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

‘Truth is One, Sages call It by different names’- The unity or oneness of the destination (or goal) of human existence with diversity of means not only easily accepted but considered necessary.

“This whole world that has moving things, and which itself is moving, is pervaded by one and the same Lord”- The unity of one Spirit in the diversity of nature is captured in this verse.

“For the kind-hearted people of character, the entire creation is one interconnected family.” This captures the essence of universal brotherhood and harmony among people and with the environment.

“Let all be happy, let all be healthy, let all experience goodness, let sorrows be no one’s lot” – A Hindu does not ask God only for his own, his family’s, his community’s or his nation’s happiness, but he prays for the happiness of the entire creation.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

1. Working with Food Share Connecticut to supply food to Food Bank, county police, local community.
2. Supplied PPE kits and masks to nursing homes, local community, women’s shelters and distributed 140,000 gloves, 1,200 masks, thermometers to EMS.
3. Supported international students.
4. Supported students of Northeastern US, and helped local temples and priests.
5. One month of groceries to 100+ University of Maryland students and served Hispanic and Nepalese communities.
6. Distributed care & hygiene packages to Detroit communities and served 65 vulnerable seniors.
7. Distributed 140,000 gloves, 1,200 masks, thermometers to EMS.
8. Masks supplies to nursing homes, laptops to school students, and contributed money for PPE equipment sent to Trinidad.

## Vivekananda House

	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://www.vivekanandahouseus.org">https://www.vivekanandahouseus.org</a>
	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	(317) 556-0866
	<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>	6114 Columbia Falls Ln Katy, TX 77540-5612 United States
	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	VivekanandaHouseUS@gmail.com
	<b>NUMBER OF CHAPTERS</b>	2

**VISION :** Our aim is to provide a physical space and conducive environment on campus for young adults interested in practicing and exploring Hinduism. Since 2018, Vivekananda House at Iowa State University (ISU) and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) have hosted dozens of student-centric programs, including a weekly Bhagavad Gita class, student discussion forum, guest speakers, weekly yoga workshops, and festival celebrations.

**HIGHLIGHTS :**

- Engage in Sewa on Campuses and Beyond
- To connect with the larger issues affecting Hindus globally
- Create a library of Hindu Books at each of the Vivekananda House
- To provide opportunities to Hindu students to practice Hindu culture”

**HIGHLIGHTS :** In these unprecedented times of COVID-19, the Vivekananda House teams at ISU and UIUC have been actively engaged with the student community to provide support and are constantly adapting to conduct innovative and exciting events.

During the initial phases of the COVID-19 Pandemic in March, Vivekananda House partnered with Bharatiyam, Hindu YUVA, and Sewa International to create a COVID-19 Student Support Helpline for students who were facing housing, financial, and immigration problems due to the widespread effects of COVID-19. Vivekananda House also hosted immigration and sapiritual webinars with experts to help students navigate immigration problems as well as mental and physical health during these tough times.

In addition to helping students across the country through webinars and helpline, the Vivekananda Houses at ISU and UIUC also assisted in their own communities by helping buy groceries for students who were unable to leave their houses or did not have a method of transportation. Additionally, Vivekananda House residents who had financial troubles during the COVID-19 Pandemic had their rent payments deferred to ensure they were able to continue their studies in a safe and supportive environment.

Both the Vivekananda Houses are also participating in Sewa Diwali by raising funds and food from campus community for local charities and food pantries.”

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Voice of Planet

504 Rosario PI NE, Renton, WA 98059

310-986-4280 | [www.thevoiceofplanet.com](http://www.thevoiceofplanet.com) | [info@thevoiceofplanet.com](mailto:info@thevoiceofplanet.com)

 **FOUNDING YEAR:** 2020

 **VOLUNTEER STRENGTH:** 4

*winners!*

VOICE OF PLANET  
CENSUS 2020 STUDENT  
ART COMPETITION



1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE  
Sergienko  
Margarita



2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE  
Analisa Ruiz



3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE  
Ananya  
Koimuttum

Thank you for helping bring awareness to the importance of the national census at a local level!



### FOUNDING MEMBERS

VASUDHA SHARMA

### VISION

Our organization facilitates the process of empowering communities in the US based on the concept of social, cultural and gender equality.

### MISSION

Our mission is to provide a funnel for youth, children, and senior citizens to voice concerns and join as a collective force. Unity can make a positive difference for our families and has an impact across generations. We provide a connection between all communities around the US to exchange information on matters of common interest

that promote and advance the interests, welfare, and status of youth, children, and senior citizens.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Food and mask donations to the under privileged; Census 2020 partnership

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Live the Golden Rule (treat others with courtesy and respect)
- Participate and contribute for equity, diversity, and inclusion
- Pursue excellence
- Work as a team
- Share knowledge
- Keep it simple (make it easy for communities to participate with us and to work together)



# ORGANIZATIONS

Voice of Planet

## MAJOR PROJECTS

Census 2020 outreach, equity advocacy, monthly community outreach

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

To encompass everyone's beliefs and values, and guide an organization throughout its life in all circumstances – irrespective of its goals, strategies, or type of work. They can create a culture where everyone understands what is important.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Community outreach to the front line to donate needed PPE, and outreach to the underprivileged to donate masks.

## INSPIRING STORY

Voice of Planet believes in empowering communities for important causes that affect them. One such project was the Census Art project in the city of Renton. The census is crucial to highlight the diversity of a population. Voice of Planet took an important step amidst COVID-19 to help Renton achieve an accurate count of its residents. The city's response rate rose to 70% by June. The effort was recognized and felicitated by the mayor and city council.



# ORGANIZATIONS

## Voice of Specially Abled People, Inc.



🏠 Founding Year : 2017 📞 818-620-4616 📍 22734 Stagg St, West Hills, CA 91304

✉️ pranav.desai@voiceofsap.com

🌐 www.voiceofsap.org

👤 Volunteer Strength : 8500

📍 Number of Chapters : 19

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Pranav and Usha Desai

### VISION

To operate as the “Transformation Catalyst” for the world to become an “accessible” and “inclusive” place where specially abled people enjoy equality as human beings, have the opportunity to excel and contribute based on their abilities, and live with dignity and independence.

### MISSION

To create a mass movement of “change makers” and combine their thought leadership, actions and advocacy for the empowerment of 70 million specially abled people (SAP) in India through accessibility, education and employment that helps build an inclusive 21st century society. We also aim to take the “Template of Empowerment” from India to other developing countries with VOSAP’s Global Technology Platform and also work with the UN system to accelerate the inclusion of 1+ billion SAP’s across the world.

# ORGANIZATIONS

Voice of Specially Abled People, Inc.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

VSGH is an official branch of the Ramakrishna Mission of India, and we are guided by the principles of the Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, India.

## HIGHLIGHTS

1. Working with the Indian Government to enact new laws ensuring rights of PwD; Accessible India Campaign; Policy for Divyangjan
2. Developed tech platform and mobile app to empower volunteers to create demand for accessibility, globally
3. Inspired 8,500+ compassionate individuals to take VOSAP pledge and lead by example in community
4. Enabled close to 700 people with Assistive Devices and 3,500+ during COVID19 relief efforts

## MAJOR PROJECTS

1. Map every community for accessibility in VOSAP app to help Divyangjan
2. Help Divyangjan with grocery, PPE -- \$7 per person per month
3. VOSAP Art from Heart -- international competition till July 31

## IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC NETWORK FOR HUMANITY

More than 1 billion people are Divyangjan in world. We believe Sewa International and other Dharmic organizations can partner with us to carve out specific goals to serve and do sewa for the Divyangjan in a structured and measured manner.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

We focus on helping Divyangjan. We have distributed their special kits with grocery and PPE etc. in MP, Karnataka and Gujarat - 3,500+ and ongoing program.

Learn more about our efforts through this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWrjbq0Lt2Y> and on our website: <https://www.voiceofsap.org/covid19relief/>.

## INSPIRING STORY

When \$100 can make our beneficiary earn \$100 every month, selling garlic on a tricycle, it gives enormous satisfaction. We have hundreds of such highly emotionally inspiring stories.

## VT Seva -- Volunteering Together for Service

PO Box 406, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

704-244-1516 | [www.vtsworld.org](http://www.vtsworld.org) | [Charlotte.Director@VTWorld.org](mailto:Charlotte.Director@VTWorld.org)

**FOUNDING YEAR:** 2008

**FOUNDING MEMBERS**

HIS HOLINESS SRI CHINNA JEEYAR SWAMIJI

**VISION**

To see that all children and adults of impoverished communities in India and other countries have access and opportunities to quality education and health care; to empower and enable them to live with dignity and pride

**MISSION**

To promote understanding and tolerance in society by empowering our youth with value of volunteering and philanthropy. To plan, develop, and implement projects for protection of animals and environment, promote free health programs, provide quality education and life skills to underprivileged families, help organize disaster relief programs in time of need, and build bridges between different communities.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

1. US Food Relief: 100,000+ meals to children of low income families via donations to US food banks
2. US Medical Relief: 17,000+ N95 masks to US medical staff (doctors, nurses) at various hospitals
3. India Food Relief: 30,000+ meals provided to daily wage workers stranded due to Covid-19 lockdown in India
4. Second Harvest Food Bank, India -- COVID-19 Relief Aid in other highly affected areas

**MAJOR PROJECTS**

VT Seva is stepping up efforts to aid organizations that are working to ensure food, aid and medical supplies delivery to those who need it. Our donors have so far contributed more than \$100,000 to relief operations. VT Sewa matched this amount with a \$25,000 contribution.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS**

More details at <https://www.vtsworld.org/corona>

## Yoga Bharati (VYASA NorCal)

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✉ ashwini.surpur@yogabharati.org 🌐 yogabharati.org

🏠 Founding Year : 2001 👤 Volunteer Strength : 150



### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Anil Surpur, Ashwini Surpur, Savita Joshi

### VISION

May we nourish all with health and happiness through Holistic Yoga.

### NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

Together VYASA and Yoga Bharati have 7 chapters in America -- Bay Area, two chapters in Los Angeles, New Mexico, Houston, Dallas, and Detroit

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Yoga Bharati

### MISSION

To serve the community by: offering affordable classes and workshops to support a healthy lifestyle; offering training courses backed by evidence based yoga techniques to enable transformation of the self and the society ; and promoting yoga and its benefits through community engagement.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Since inception, the Bay Area chapter of Yoga Bharati has offered over 50,000 hours of free classes to the community
- We have offered 10,000 hours of yoga as therapy on cost basis to patients with chronic ailments
- 5,000 hours of yoga for children have been offered
- We have served over 50,000 people in the Bay Area over the last two decades
- We have trained over 600 yoga teachers
- Over 100 people have taken advanced teacher training and diploma in Yoga Therapy classes
- We offer prenatal yoga, corporate yoga, yoga for the blind, yoga for seniors, yoga for drug rehabilitation, and yoga for various chronic ailments

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Education should be a character building endeavor. Yoga can do so. Swami Vivekananda hoped that religion and spirituality would be the death-knell of all fanaticism and of all uncharitable feelings between persons wending their way to the same goal. Yoga alone can take us closer to this dream. These are our principles that guide our work.

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Education - Yoga Teacher Training, and Diploma in Yoga Therapy courses
- Service: Yoga classes, Yoga therapy, Yoga Yagna, celebrating International Day of Yoga, and participating in Sevathon -- a yoga marathon program





# Sewa International

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FOUNDING YEAR	VOLUNTEER STRENGTH	NUMBER OF CHAPTERS
2003	3,000 + (involved in COVID-19 relief efforts)	43

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

Sewa International

## VISION

We aspire to be the pre-eminent, Hindu faith based, humanitarian organization that serves selflessly, and with compassion to create a positive impact. We envision and strive for a world in which all people live in harmony, free from suffering.

## MISSION

Sewa International’s mission is to serve humanity in distress, aid local communities, run developmental projects for the underserved, and assist people in transformational change through the power of innovation by mobilizing partners, donors, and volunteers.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in the Dharmic principles of “Serving Humanity is Serving Divinity” and “Unity in Diversity.”
2. We believe in service above self.

3. We practice teamwork and self-reliance.
4. We are proactive and responsive to the needs of society while promoting ‘Self Reliance’ among those who are served.
5. We are pluralistic, trustworthy, and transparent.
6. We create a positive impact through operational excellence and customer satisfaction.
7. We respect and safeguard our environment.
8. We value our volunteers, donors, and partners.
9. We respect the dignity of every human being, consider humanity as one family (vasudhaiva kutumbakam) while serving them regardless of race, color, religion, nationality, gender, and sexual orientation.
10. We accept and celebrate diversity in people and community, we are sensitive to the cultural backgrounds of people we serve.

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Sewa International

### MAJOR PROJECTS

- Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation: about 20 major disaster relief operations
- Family Services
  - Health and Wellness Program
  - Educational and Awareness Program
  - Sewa Family Case Management Services
- Volunteer Development
  - Sewa Day
  - International Yoga Day
  - Days of Volunteering
  - Sewa Internships
  - Yuva for Sewa
  - Doctors for Sewa
- Development
  - Bhutanese Empowerment
  - International Development Projects
  - National Institute of Media Communication and Research (NIMCaR)
- Sponsor a Child
- Public Hygiene, Empowerment

### IMPORTANCE OF DHARMIC WORK FOR HUMANITY:

In these times of the coronavirus pandemic, Sewa International started the Sewa Sankalpa initiative knowing that community organizations would be at the forefront of serving in this unprecedented situation where the whole world has been affected. We believe that our response to the pandemic and to the times ahead would be best served by following these principles:

- **Sanyam or Self-restraint:** To contain and defeat this menace individually and collectively, we have to be in disciplined isolation, observe the

rules, and, to keep ourselves in good physical and emotional health. This requires a great deal of self-restraint ('sanyam').

- **Sahakar or Cooperation:** In these challenging times, it is the duty of all community organizations to encourage its members to confront these challenges by pooling resources and creating an internal support network. Organizations can do this by actively fostering cooperation ('sahakar') amongst its members and committing them to solidarity.
- **Sahayog or Collaboration:** All of us are feeling the impact of this ubiquitous pandemic. A number of organizations are working tirelessly to face these challenges. By creating a framework of collaboration ('sahayog') organizations can scale up effectiveness by sharing best practices and learning from each other. Ultimately, this will result in a more robust support system increasing the reach and quality of service to our community.



# SEWA'S WORK TILL DATE



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Together we serve better...



## Sewa International, USA RESPONSE TO COVID-19

**4750+**  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
 ENGAGED  
 IN COVID-19 RELIEF

**\$1,225,000**  
**RAISED**  
 FOR COVID-19  
 RELIEF EFFORTS

**686,500+**  
**N95, KN95,**  
**SURGICAL MASKS**  
 DISTRIBUTED

**103,000+**  
**HOME MADE**  
**MASKS PREPARED**  
 & DISTRIBUTED

**100,000+**  
**HOT MEALS**  
 & FOOD KITS  
 DISTRIBUTED

**1600+**  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
 MAKING HOMEMADE  
 PROTECTIVE MASKS

**10**  
**NON MEDICAL**  
 HELP LINE  
 CENTERS

**102**  
**WEBINARS**  
 CONDUCTED ON HEALTH  
 & VISA ISSUES

**200+**  
**PHYSICIANS**  
 & ATTORNEYS  
 ENGAGED

**1081+**  
**SENIOR CITIZENS**  
 REACHED  
 & SUPPORTED

**110K+**  
**VIEWERS**  
 REACHED THROUGH  
 SOCIAL MEDIA

**45**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD SEWA**  
 INITIATED IN USA FOR  
 ENGAGING VOLUNTEERS

**300+**  
**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**  
 OFFERED ACCOMMODATION,  
 FOOD/GROCERY, TRAVEL  
 SUPPORT, ETC

**43**  
**CHAPTERS**  
 ENGAGED IN COVID 19 RELIEF  
 WORK ACROSS UNITED STATES

**280,500+**  
**IBS**  
 OF GROCERIES  
 DISTRIBUTED



# ..... Sankalpa Patra .....

*(Pledge for Service)*

सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।

*May all be happy, may all be free from illness.*

With the intent of ensuring wellness for all humanity, we as a community organization pledge to serve in all possible manners to overcome the challenges and great danger to humanity posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

During these uncertain times, our community members might face various challenges – physical and emotional afflictions, family medical emergencies, financial difficulties, children's education, etc. The nature of challenges may vary in coming times.

To fight this threat, it is important to channel our resources collectively and stand with each other in solidarity. As a responsible community organization we take a pledge (sankalpa) of:

**Sanyam**  
**(Restraint)**

We will urge our community members to follow safety measures, take all precautions, and observe utmost restraint in personal lives to protect the health of our family and community.

**Sahakar**  
**(Cooperation)**

Our community organization will encourage and foster co-operation amongst members to create a support system for the wellbeing of all.

**Sahyog**  
**(Collaboration)**

Our community organization will collaborate with other organizations in this fight against COVID-19.

We thereby wish happiness for all:

सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु मा कश्चित् दुःखभाग् भवेत् ॥

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

May all see what is auspicious| May no one suffer|

Om Peace, Peace, Peace.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of the Organization



United in Sewa Dharma

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signatory

# SANKALPA PATRA SIGNATORIES

## Sankalpa Patra Signatories

Besides those organizations covered in this report, the following Dharma and Community Organizations have signed the 'Sankalpa Patra' – 'Pledge of Service'. We are grateful to all for their contributions and for their commitment to society in these trying times.

Organization Name	Org City	Org State
Adiyogi Mahadev LLC	Cumming	GA
AIM for Seva	Alpharetta	GA
Amma Satsang	Winston-salem	NC
Ananthaadi Rayara Matha, Atlanta (RAMA)	Lawrenceville	GA
Arsha Vignana Parishath USA Inc.	Englishtown	NJ
Art of living	Bloomington	IL
Arya Pratinidhi Sabha America	Troy	MI
ATA	Lemont	IL
Aum School	Helotes	TX
Basava Koota of San Antonio	San Antonio	TX
Bharat Sevashram Sangha of North America	Kendall Park	NJ
Bharati Foundation	Frisco	TX
Bharati Tamil Sangam	Fremont	CA
Bihar Parivar	Raleigh	NC
Bhojpuriya Association of North America (BANA)	Plano	TX
Bhutanese Community of Arizona	Glendale	AZ
Brahmakumaris World Spiritual Orgnization	San Francisco	CA
Bruhan Maharashtra Mandal of North America	Naperville	IL
Charlotte Marathi Mandal	Charlotte	NC
Charlotte Telangana Association	Charlotte	NC
Chetna	Richmond	TX

# SANKALPA PATRA SIGNATORIES

Chinmaya Mission, Atlanta	Norcross	GA
Chinmaya Mission, Chicago	Willowbrook	IL
Coalfire	Westminster	CO
Colorado Springs Tamil Sangam	Colorado Springs	CO
Creative Systems and Consulting	McLean	VA
Dallas Fort Worth Maharashtra Mandal	PLANO	TX
Dashavatara Yoga Center	Fremont	CA
Datta Yoga Center Raleigh Chapter	Cary	NC
DFW Indian Cultural Society	Flower Mound	TX
DFW Konkani Samaj	Plano	TX
Dharma Civilization Foundation	Porter Ranch	CA
Digital Destination	Harrisburg	NC
Dr. Parnerkar Life Management Foundation	Roswell	GA
Ekal Vidyalaya - Dallas Chapter	Coppell	TX
Sanskrita Bharati Indianapolis	Carmel	IN
Sanskrita Bharati	Santa Clara	CA
Sanskrita Bharati	Orlando	FL
Sanskritabharati RTP	Cary	NC
San Antonio Maharashtra Mandal	San Antonio	TX
Sanaatana KD	Plano	TX
Sanatan Dharma Temple and Cultural Center	Kent	WA
Sanathan Dharma Temple	Norwalk	CA
Sant Nirankari Mission	Raleigh	NC
Sardar Patel Foundation of North America	Lawrenceville	GA
Seattle SKY Society	Bellevue	WA
Shirdi Sai Center of Texas	Irving	TX
Shirdi Sai Temple Of Charlotte	Indian Trail	NC
Shiv Mandir of Atlanta	Norcross	GA
Shiva Durga Temple	Cumming	GA
Shree Sai Gurudev Datta Mandir	Hunterville	NC
Shree Shakti Mandir of Atlanta	Lake City	GA
Shri Krishna Vrundavana NJ	Edison	NJ

# SANKALPA PATRA SIGNATORIES

Shubham Foundation	Frisco	TX
Siddhivinaayak Temple	Glen Burnie	MD
Silicon Andhra	Milpitas	CA
SKY Meditation Center	Morrisville	NC
SMAP Foundation, Inc	Cerritos	CA
Sri Aurobindo Yoga Foundation of North America	Morganville	NJ
Sri Krishna Balaram Mandir, India Heritage Foundation	Sunnyvale	CA
Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple of San Antonio	San Antonio	TX
Surya Teja Arts	Redmond	WA
Swaminarayan Satsang Mandal of Austin	Pflugerville	TX
Tax Relief Central	Mesa	AZ
Telangana American Telugu Association	Redmond	WA
Telangana Association Of Greater Houston	Katy	TX
Telugu Association of North Texas	Irvng	TX
The American India Public Affairs Committee	New York	NY
Tri-Valley Kannada Sangha	San Ramon	CA
Triangle area Hindu Temples	Cary	NC
Triangle Jains	Cary	NC
Triangle United Telugu Association (TUTA)	Morrisville	NC
Triangle Telangana Association (TTGA)	Morrisville	NC
Umiya Mataji Mandir, Macon Ga	Macon	GA
US IMPACT	Frisco	TX
Vedanta Society of Southern California	Los Ageles	CA
Vedas World, Inc	McDonough	GA
Vedic Friends Association	Stone Mountain	GA
Vidyaranya Kannada Kuta (VKK)	Palatine	IL
Vishnu Vidya Foundation	Flower Mound	TX
Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana	Norwalk	CA
Voice of Planet	Renton	WA
Washington Telangana Association	Redmond	WA
Wisconsin Shirdi Sai	Pewaukee	WI

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- All India Movement (AIM) for Seva
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- Arizona Community Foundation
- Arya Pratinidhi Sabha America
- Bala Vijayam, Inc.
- Bhutada Family Foundation
- Chinmaya Mission, St Augustine, Inc
- Consulate of India, New York City
- CORD USA, Inc
- Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Foundation
- Datta Yoga Center
- Destination Homes
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# THE WAY AHEAD

## The Way Ahead

### UNITY IN DIVERSITY:

The Dharmic and sewa organizations in the US showcase real Indian diversity – representing a variety of dharmas and sampradayas, languages, cultures, arts, and service goals. They are spread all over the country, in every region, wherever there is even a small sprinkling of them. Many of these organizations started small, and with limited resources, just like Sewa did, beginning in 2003. As the Indian Diaspora grows and the Indian-American presence expands we will begin to see the advantages in scale in matters not only such as responding to crises, disasters, and calamities but in our day-to-day response to the mundane challenges of social inequity. Sewa, or selfless service, has enabled us to build and operate an organization that relies on the work and energies of volunteers who seek to offer society something in return for the sustenance they have received from it. Dharma organizations are not based on monopolistic or supremacist ideas nor do they seek to change others' beliefs. Enabling these organizations to pool resources to do good work in this “karma bhoomi” (land of action) will ensure that they strengthen this society that has offered them sustenance.

### A SUSTAINABLE WORLD:

The vast and speedy changes in the twentieth century, leading from the industrial revolution the previous two hundred years, have led to both good and ill effects. The good that we see include better health, longer lifespan, availability of food and water to larger and larger numbers of human beings, faster and quicker travel, and so on. However, the ill effects are now so large that we fear for not only

the sustainability of this “modern” world but in fact its very being. The degradation of the environment, unhealthy lifestyles, overconsumption and overproduction, hyper-competition, the arms race, etc., make us wonder if the goals that the modern world has embraced are not only sustainable but also whether they are correct. We believe that the following principles will help us transform the world so that life becomes sustainable for all, including all other living beings:

- Sarvebhavantu sukinaha: May all live happily
- Vasudhaiva kutumbakam: The world is one family
- Nara Sewa, Narayana Sewa: Serving humanity is serving Divinity

### SEWA:

Everyone wants to do something good, but, unfortunately, we also expect something in return – a personal reward, power, influence, or control. We do need to be aware of and cater to our needs so that we can indeed perform well and sustain ourselves. But the overweening focus on the self, on personal/individual rights, and a first-past-the-post, winner-take-all attitude is not only unsustainable, but we end up with a Hobbesian world that is “nasty and brutish”. Sewa, or selfless service, is not just an antidote to bringing a semblance of equality in this world but is indeed a way of transcending our individual limitations and finding a level of inner quietude and peace that reduces our craving for consumption and for recognition. Sewa, performed in the true spirit, and in the company and with the support of like-minded organizations, will indeed transform the world. Together we serve better!