March 29, 2020

Dear Shri. <<Community Leader Name>>

Namaste.

We, from Sewa International, are reaching out to you to establish collaboration to address the challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic that has spread across the US with daily thousands testing positive and hundreds dying. To fight against this pandemic, it is important that we channel our resources collectively and stand with each other in solidarity.

Sewa International, a Hindu faith-based organization, believes in सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः । (May all be happy, may all be free from illness). Our values teach us to “*work for the wellness of all.*” These are times when we need to practice it, not just in close social circles, but also in our larger community.

During these uncertain times, our community members face various challenges – physical and emotional health afflictions, family medical emergencies, financial difficulties, children’s education, etc. Our communities need support in many ways, and we need to reach out to them.

Sewa International is reaching out to all Dharma & Sewa community organizations in the US to collectivize our efforts and build confidence in our communities. Specifically, Sewa International wishes to work with your organization in capacity building to effectively address current challenges through two main modes:

1. Setting up helpline for your community, collaborating, learning together and sharing resources.
2. Release of a signed ‘**Sewa** **Sankalp**’ a Pledge for service to serve this cause. With this, we not only show the world our unifying values but demonstrate ‘walking the walk.’ A PDF version of this is attached.

If your organizational leadership agrees, please sign up this ‘Sewa Sankalp’ by simply clicking on link [www.sewausa.org/sewasankalpa](http://www.sewausa.org/sewasankalpa) . Sewa will then set up a mutually convenient timetable to share our experiences and train your organization in various aspects of serving our community as appropriate.

Alternately we will be happy to have your organizational leadership discuss this important matter and answer any questions that you might have.

Do not hesitate to contact me. **Together We Serve Better.**

Sincerely,

<<Name>>, <<Designation>>

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