

5703 Kiawah Rd, Columbia SC 29212-2610

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The Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of South Carolina has been a powerful force in promoting the spiritual, moral & social development of the community. We have a task of bringing the spiritual wealth of our scriptures through education to the new generation of Hindu youth growing up here. A temple is the most natural peace making ground where people from all walks of life can smile together, through the love and services of God. If the chief purpose of a temple is to keep societies charged with moral, cultural and spiritual zeal, then we have a tremendous task ahead of us to fulfill that mission.

For the welfare and social development of the community, the Hindu Temple and cultural center organizes several programs and functions, in addition to all the all the major Hindu festivals regularly. Some of these programs are:

<u>Balagokulam:</u> Held every Sunday from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. This program is open to all the kids 5 year and older, at no charge. Some 40-50 kids of various ages attend BalaGokulam every Sunday. Please visit temple web site for more details.

Temple School: Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. This program is open to all the kids 5 year and older, at no charge. Please visit temple web site for more details.

<u>India Day:</u> Organized once every year, normally during fall. This is a half day event which is celebrated with Indian classical dances, music, food etc.... Please watch temple web site for details.

<u>UTSAV</u>: UTSAV is an event recently started to celebrate the spirit of India in a fair like environment, organized at the temple premises. This event has a different theme every year like festivals of India. The event also includes great food from various part of India. Please watch temple web site for details.

<u>Festivals of India:</u> All the festivals of India are celebrated at the temple premises with huge participation from the local community. Please watch temple web site for upcoming events.

Organizing these programs requires a lot of work and of course a lot of resources. Hindu Temple and cultural center, needs your support in running these programs and continuing this tradition to help the community. You can help in several ways:

<u>Volunteer for help:</u> We need help in organizing all of the above listed programs and events. If you would like to help, please contact **temple executive committee** (http://www.hindutemplesc.org/committee.php) for more details.

<u>Volunteer for raising funds:</u> We need help in raising funds for day to day temple needs and for all the special programs listed above. If you would like to help, please contact temple executive committee (http://www.hindutemplesc.org/committee.php) for more details.

Become a Member: This is a great way of supporting your temple. Membership is open to anyone who is minimum 18 years of age. The fee for annual family membership is \$51. All members in good standing for at least one year or more are eligible to be nominated to Executive Committee. All members in good standing for at least two year or more are eligible to be nominated to Board of Trustees. To become a member please fill up the membership form at temple's website and mail it or you can register online and mail your payment.

Financial Support

Hindu Temple and cultural center needs your support for following:

- Day to Day functioning, utility bills and maintenance of premises. You can either make a one time donation or you can use our dollar-a-day contribution program, which is a very convenient way of providing your support.
- Support for Balagokulam & Temple School. We are planning on having a educational building for Balagokulam and Temple School, so that these programs are not interrupted due to weather or other temple functions at the premises. We are at the very early stage of planning for the education building. The proposals include 2/3 portable class-rooms or a permanent building. The initial estimates of the cost are more than \$50,000.00. You can help by providing whatever support you can offer and we will greatly appreciate your help.
- Help pay Mortgage installments. Temple currently has loan, which was used for the expansion of the building. The monthly mortgage payment is about \$5,000.00. You can help by paying one or more mortgage payments.
- Support future building plans. Temple has phase 2 plans to expand the main temple hall so that the larger crowds can be accommodated during main functions.

You can offer your support by making a contribution towards these needs. If you would like to support, please fill up the attached form and mail it.



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SPONSORSHIP & PLEDGE FORM NAME: OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY: GOTHRAM: _____ ADDRESS: TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: ____ Yes, I would like to support HTCCSC and donate \$_____ monthly/quarterly/yearly/one-time starting (date) ___/___ for ____ years/ months to support following need (please check one or more): ☐ Day to Day needs ☐ Balagokulam or Temple School ☐ Educational Building ☐ Mortgage Payment ☐ Future Building Expansion ☐ Annual Membership (\$51.00) The family names of all the donors will be included in the regular poojas for their wealth, prosperity, peace and well being. Your donations are tax deductible. Select the preferred method of donating the pledged amount: ☐ Direct debit (Auto pay by bank, please fill the attached ACH authorization form) ☐ Check by Mail ☐ PLEASE DO NOT include my name in the published donor's list. Signature: Date: _____

(Please fill in and mail the form to the address at the top.)



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ACH AUTHORIZATION FORM

| NAME: |
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| I hereby authorize: Hindu Temple and Cultural center of South Carolina |
| To initiate: [] debits / drafts [] credit / payments To/from my: [] checking account [] savings account |
| I understand that, if necessary, an adjusting debit or credit entry may be made to correct an error. |
| I also authorize the financial institution named below to credit and/or debit my account for the correcting entries. I duly certify that I am an authorized signer of said account and have the right to enter into this agreement: |
| ACCOUNT INFORMATION |
| NAME OF BANK: |
| CITY & STATE: |
| BANK ROUTING NUMBER: |
| ACCOUNT NAME: |
| ACCOUNT NUMBER: |
| This authority will remain in full force and effected until such time as Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of South Carolina has received written notification from me that the draft authorization has been revoked. It is further provided that written notification of termination, by either party, shall be provided in such time and manner as to afford either party reasonable opportunity to as on it. |
| Signature of account owner Date |

*** Please attach a voided check ***