

# Brahmotsav 2011

## Program Details:

May6th

6.00 p.m.: Vishvaksema Puja, Dwajaroanam, Gaja Vahana,  
108 Ritvik Parayana, Pushparchana, Mangala Aarathi



May7th

8.00 a.m.: Suprabhatam, Garuda Vahana seva, Vasantha utsav  
6.30 p.m.: RATH YATRA in Four Prakarams, Music, Dance,  
Dandya, Garba dance



May8th

9.00 a.m.: Suryaprabha Vahana, Maha Narayaniya Sudarsana  
Homam  
5.00 p.m.: Chandraprabha Seva, Dwajavarohanam,  
Sangeetha Seva



Devotees interested in attending the event  
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## Vision of HTCC

To promote Hinduism's spiritual and cultural legacy of inspiration and optimism for the larger Kansas City community.

## Mission of HTCC

- Create an environment of worship that enables people to say "yes" to the love of God.
- Cultivate a community that nurtures spiritual growth.
- Commission every devotee to serve the creation through their unique talents and gifts.
- Coach our youth with the spiritual and cultural richness and the diversity they are endowed with
- Communicate Hinduism – A way of life to everyone we can and promote inter-faith activities with equal veneration

## SHANTI MANTRA (PEACE INVOCATION)

**Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinaha Sarve Santu Niraamayah  
Sarve Bhadrani Pashyantu Ma Kaschit Duhkha Bhag Bhavet**

## Sanskrit to English Word Meaning:

sarve- all; bhavantu- may be; sukhinah- happy; niramayah- free from disease; badrani- prosperity; pashyant- may enjoy; ma- not; kaschit- anybody; dukkhabhag- one who suffers; bhavet- may be

## Translation:

May all be happy. May all enjoy health and freedom from disease. May all enjoy prosperity. May none suffer.

## Brief explanation:

This is usually chanted after finishing a meeting or conference call. These are prayers for the prosperity and welfare of humanity. To achieve anything in life, one has to make an effort and await the results. In addition, many unknown factors and laws influence the outcome of that effort. By praying to the Lord, one acknowledges these laws as the natural order inseparable from the Lord, and one acknowledges the Lord as the giver of all results of action.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear HTCC Devotees,

**Blessed:** It was a sight to watch! The night of Shivaratri celebrations was exactly how we had envisioned! From numerous, tireless Linga abhishekams by our respected Priests, to resounding rudram chanting by all Vedic Scholars, perfect execution from Sevaks confirming every minute was intoxicating for the scores of Devotees who thronged the Prayer hall to catch a quick glimpse of the Lord. The night was capped with soul stirring chanting of Maha Mrityunjaya mantras and Lingodbhavam.

**Humbled:** By your comradeship during Holi Mela. **THANK YOU to ALL** the regional organizations who hosted stalls, scores of sevaks, Priests/spouses, etc., who helped in various facets of the event ... basically all cylinders had to fire for perfect execution to make our 2nd HTCC Holi Mela get the status "*Predictable and Guaranteed-fun*" !!! The event attracted over a thousand people, played Holi colors in its true, original spirits, all of which was succinctly captured in KC Star the following day. Part of the proceeds was donated towards Japan Tsunami and Earthquake Relief.

**Bowled Over:** By your relentless pursuit of perfection in all Religious, Cultural, Humanitarian efforts. Yes, you guessed it ... we have an extremely busy April and May ahead of us!

We invite you as we start the month of April with Ugadhi/Gudi Padwa (Happy New Year!) followed by the glorious Lord Mahavir Jayanthi celebrations. This year Sunderkand group will mark its 8th Annual Akhand Ramayan Paath as part of Ramnavami celebrations. The newly formed HTCC Carnatic music group will host an all day Tyagaraja festival, a musical treatise. HTCC is also the venue for the Annual Community Health Fair in collaboration with IAKC.

Early May will witness two historic events. The Temple and the entire Hindu community is gearing up to celebrate **Bramotsavam** - another First for HTCC on May 6th, 7th and 8th to coincide with Temple Anniversary and hopefully we can continue this practice for years to come. Panditjis are starting classes to teach stotrams - every FRIDAY evening. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please participate ([bramotsavam@htccofkc.org](mailto:bramotsavam@htccofkc.org)) and pass the message to Friends and Family. Look forward to your active participation for this grand celebration of Lord Balaji!

The second grand event in May is the **Tagore150!** HTCC in collaboration with Sangam, IAKC and all regional organizations will be celebrating 150 years of one of India's greatest Gem. Incidentally this year also marks 100 years of *Jana Gana Mana*. Please mark your calendars to relive this unique opportunity as experts discuss the literary genius of Tagore and his contributions. If you have something to share on Tagore or the National Anthem including performances, please send a mail to [Tagore150@htccofkc.org](mailto:Tagore150@htccofkc.org).

I would be in remiss if I didn't recognize the outstanding show our Youth Group put together for their Annual Talent Show. The entire show.. start-finish planning/execution was done by our future leaders! The kids who participated were unbelievable. Great job guys and Good luck in your future endeavors! Go YGKC!!!

Srini Bhagavan  
HTCC Sevak

## Hindi Class Now Enrolling for 2011-2012

Since last five years Hindi class is being conducted every Sunday from 11:00 AM till noon in the temple. Hindi class has started with the intention of helping children of Indian community to preserve their Native language. Ignoring the importance of native language, or neglecting their cultural values is, in a way, to deprive your children of their cultural identity.

In Hindi class we also try to keep them connected with their main festivals and other cultural issues. By bringing your child children to the Hindi class you are planting cultural seed in them. You might not realize the significance of it now, but it is benefiting your child in a long run.

The enrollment for the Hindi Class (August 2011 to May 2012) is now open until end of July. There is a \$10 donation to the temple for each child each month.

Online enrollment: <http://www.htccofkc.org/hindienrolment.asp?Hding=Hindi>

Contact person:

Swapnam Kumar

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## HOLI 2011 AT HINDU TEMPLE

Hindu temple and Cultural Center of Kansas City celebrated Holi Mela on Saturday March 19, 2011.

We would like to thank all the regional organizations and individual parties for setting up stalls with their own authentic preparations. We had 20 food stalls from different regions with no replication of food items. We had swarm of people walk in from 11am to 3pm.

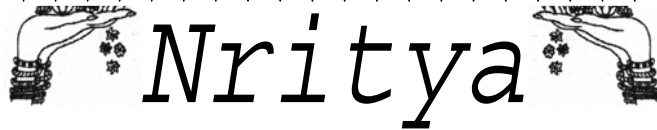
Highlights of the afternoon include melodies by Amit Desai, couple of dances by Archit Pramanik and drums by Paradeep Singh. The momentum of dancing was set up so high; people were hardly sitting in their chairs.

We had a lot of other visitors from outside our community. One of them said "had never been to the Temple before, it is SO beautiful. I am so happy my art could help you raise money for it :) I am also very happy parts of the proceeds are helping Japan".

There was bonfire in the parking lot followed by playing of colors. Gulaal powder mixed with rain was dripping on people in spite of the rain we had a crowd of more than 1500 people. Truly the event was one of the great successes in the history of the temple.

**Usha Saha**

Holi Mela Program Chair



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## HTCC List of Events for April 2011 - May 2011

EVENT	SPECIFICS
PRANAYAM YOGA	6:00pm -7:30pm Contact Ajay and Sadhana Bisarya @ 913-764-3521
PRANAYAM YOGA	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM every Sat Contact Ajay Bisarya @913-764-3521
SHRI SHIRDI SAI BABA BHAJANS	At 7:30pm every Thrusday
HTCC SUNDAY EVENTS SPECIFICS	
BAL VIHAR	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Contact Ganesh Thiagarajan @ 913-685-0344
YOGA	9:30am-10:30am Contact Dr. Vijay Kumar@913-894-6454
SUNDAY LUNCH	10:30am-1:30pm
HINDI CLASS	11:00am -12:00pm Contact Swapnam Kumar @ 816-554-2454
CELEBRATIONS SPECIFICS	
AKHAND RAMAYAN PATH	16 <sup>TH</sup> and 17 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011
MAHAVIR JAYANTI	16 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011
BRAHMOTSAVAM	6 <sup>TH</sup> , 7 <sup>TH</sup> and 8 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011
TAGORE CELEBRATONS	7 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011
MOON PHASES SPECIFICS	
AMAVASYA	3 <sup>RD</sup> APR, 3 <sup>RD</sup> MAY
PURNIMA	18 <sup>TH</sup> APR, 17 <sup>TH</sup> MAY

Please refer our temple website [www.htccofkc.org](http://www.htccofkc.org) for more information about our Feb/Mar events and celebrations.

### Contact manager or visit [www.htccofkc.org](http://www.htccofkc.org) for updates

Please contact Manager during temple hours for scheduling any puja at Temple or at Home. You can even email your information for scheduling puja at [managers@htccofkc.org](mailto:managers@htccofkc.org). We request the devotees to cooperate with the managers who will make their best efforts in scheduling puja with the priest that you have requested.

### SOUP KITCHEN

Every month on last Monday to feed the less fortunate soup kitchen is organised by Suma Hegde. Everyone is encouraged to participate. To contribute please contact Suma Hegde at (913) 491-1969.



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BalVihar - March 2011

Singing the National Song of India *Vande Mataram*, was the highlight of the Republic day function held at HTCC on Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. BalVihar students practiced this song ardently weeks ahead of this event. Apart from singing this song, they also sang *Dayakar Dhaan, Hey Ram Hey Ram* and *Sarva Dharma Prayer*.



Major achievements last month was to learn *Lingastakam, Bala Mukundashtakam* and *Shree Raja Rajeshwari*

*Astakam*. Intermediate and advanced students continued to learn *Navagraha stothram* and *Venkatesha Suprabatham*.

BalVihar students participated in Vasantha Panchami pooja on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. Vasantha Panchami is celebrated by propitiating Goddess Saraswathi. Priest performed *Aksharabhyasam* and yagna. At the end of the pooja, priest blessed kids and offered Prasad.

BalVihar

Bal Vihar students participated in Holi celebration sponsored by HTCC. Parents volunteered to cook Pongal, Sambar, Chutney and Masala Vada.

A total of \$215 was collected and donated to the temple. Apart from setting up the stall, students created Bal Vihar banner that was prominently displayed near the stall. Students had a great time at the mela and participated in various activities.



Academic achievement during the last two months was to learn *Lingastakam, Bala Mukundashtakam, Devi Bhajans, Deepa Slokam, Navagraha Stotram, Shree Raja Rajeshwari Astakam* and *Sri Venkateshwara Prapatti*. During story time, stories from Panchatantra and Dasaavatharam were told.

Bal Vihar annual day is scheduled on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> evening. Various programs are in the works. All are welcome to attend.

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**Sunday Lunch Guidelines:**

1. Prepare 4 items for 100 People.
2. At least 4 of your family and friends would be needed in the Kitchen to help for Sunday Lunch Program. Temple will provide one helper to assist you.
3. Kitchen is available to use as early as 9 am. Sunday lunch times are 10.30am - 1.30pm.
4. Try to cook most of the items in the Temple Kitchen. But you can prepare some items at home and bring it to temple also.
5. If you want to cancel your Sunday lunch, arrange with some one in your family and friends or tell us at least 2 week in advance.



**For Sign up call manager or send email to Prasad@htccofkc.org.**

**Current Charges For Puja and Priest Services**

	At temple	At home
Abhishekam	\$ 75	—
Abhishekam with kalasa puja	\$ 101	—
Aksharabhyasam (beginning of writing)	\$ 75	
Anna Prasana (first feeding)	\$ 51	\$ 101
Any other Puja (< 2 hours duration)	\$ 65	\$ 151
Archna (fruits provided by Temple)	\$ 11	-
Atma Shanti/Tarpanam	\$ 31	\$ 101
Baby shower.	\$ 151	\$ 201
Barsi/Annual Ceremony	\$ 251	\$ 301
Cremation services	—	Your Devotion
Grihapravesham & Sri Sathyanarayana Puja/Katha	—	\$ 301
Grihapravesham (house warming) only	—	\$ 151
Havan	\$ 101	\$ 151
Hiranyasradham	\$ 75	\$ 101
Kalyanutsavam (Kanyadan) – Individual	\$ 151	—
Mundan (Hair offering)*	\$ 75	\$ 151
Namakaranam (naming of baby)	\$ 51	\$ 101
Navagraha Archna- One Graha only	\$ 21	—
Navagraha puja.	\$ 101	\$ 201
Sahasranama Archna (1000 names of God)	\$ 51	—
Sri Sathynarayana Puja/Katha	\$ 75	\$ 151
Samohika Satyanaryana Puja/Katha	\$ 31	-
Sashti poorthi shanti (60 <sup>th</sup> birthday)	\$ 201	\$ 251
Satyanarayana Puja & <b>Basement Rental</b>	\$ 175 (4 hours)	
Sponsor Puja	—	— **
check with priest/manager.		
Upnayana Sanskara (Sacred thread ceremony)	\$ 251	\$ 351
Vahan puja	\$ 31	-
Vivah (Wedding)#	\$ 701	\$ 501

\* HTCC will not be responsible in arranging the hair stylist.

**# Basement Hall inclusive.**

Note. Minimum charges for any puja performed outside Hindu Temple. \$ 101  
Any Puja performed outside KC Metropolitan area \$ 251  
Above suggested charges do not include Dakshina (donation) to the priest and it should not be less than 25% of suggested service charges.  
All pujas booked in Advance should be paid in advance. One cancellation or postponement permitted. For more than one cancellation/postponement 50% of the service charge will be deducted before any refund is made.

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## ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

Youth Group just completed the annual talent show on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. It was a spectacular event - planned, organized and orchestrated solely by the executive committee of the youth group, of course with the help of a lot of parents and volunteers from the community. We had close to 500 people in attendance. The quality of all the performances was outstanding and they were very well received by the audience.

On behalf of the three parent coordinators (PCs) – Mr. Ravi Mehra, Mrs. Anuradha Arnipalli and myself, I would like to thank the parents of the YGKC EC and all community volunteers for their help and support during the event, without which, this event would not have been made possible.

It has been a privilege and learning experience working with these very talented YG Executive Committee team this year. These kids are our future and they are also a key in keeping the Indian spirit and culture thriving and vibrant in this great country. These kids symbolize the amalgamation of the best values and culture of two of the greatest countries in the world, i.e. the United States and India.

When I started with the Youth Group, I thought working with kids is not going to be an easy task. I believed they would need constant reassurance, coaching and mentoring. While it is somewhat true, I have also come to realize that working with adults, pose an equally formidable challenge to these kids and that there are many things we adults should learn and take away from these kids as well. Their level of energy, readiness to take on new challenges and ability to not just survive but also excel under extreme pressures on all fronts – academic, cultural, sports, music and you name it - are traits that are hard to find in some of us adults.

This year, we the three PCs decided to take a back seat ourselves and let the team run pretty much all of the events through out the year on their own. This was an experiment and we are proud to say that the team exceeded all of our expectations and did a splendid job, successfully conducting many events through out the year. They soon developed into a strong and cohesive team. They learnt how to win and lose together as a team. When challenges arose, they improvised and learnt from their mistakes.

I have seen some of these kids from their freshmen through the senior year and the development I see in them as individuals is incredible. The exposure this organization provides to the youth is unparalleled and is its unique selling proposition.

Finally, I want to recognize the leadership of our two co-presidents Slesha Patel and Nimish Mittal. They did an outstanding job leading this team. Leading from the front, they proved to be the role models to the younger members. Senior year in High School is extremely demanding and they spent countless hours and did very well on academic front while giving their full commitment to this organization. On behalf of the three PCs, I thank them for their dedication and leadership. It has been a great year and we will miss them on the team. We wish them the very best as they begin their next phase of life.

- Amit Desai

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### Hindu Rituals and Routines

#### Why do we light a Deepa or a lamp?

In most homes in India a lamp is lit either in front of the house or in front of God daily. In a few places it is lit continuously, known as *AkhandaDeepa*. Light represents knowledge and removes darkness or ignorance. The Lord represents the one who shines the light of knowledge on all of us. Hence, lighting the lamp represents worship to the Lord himself.

#### Why do we do Namaste?

With our heads bowed and the two palms placed in front of the chest, Indians often greet each other with the word *Namaste*. The word 'namaste' in Sanskrit can be broken down as 'namah' (to bow) and 'te' (to you). *Namah* also means *Na ma* (not mine) – which symbolically represents dropping our ego in front of the other person. Hence, this great gesture represents the removal of a critical barrier of communication – which is our ego.

#### Why do we wear tilak, pottu on the forehead?

The tilak or pottu is a recognized Hindu religious mark. Both men and women wear some form of tilak at the center of our forehead – in between the eyes. This region houses one of the energy centers known as *Aagnyaa Chakra*, representing the 'third eye' or the 'inner eye to knowledge and wisdom'. The tilak of sandalwood paste and kumkum cools the forehead and protects this energy center.

#### Why is it considered disrespectful to touch another person with the feet?

Man is regarded as the most beautiful, living breathing temple of the Lord! Therefore touching another with the feet is akin to disrespecting the divinity within him or her. This calls for an immediate apology, which is offered with reverence and humility.

#### Compiled by....

HTCC Balvihar Teacher Group  
Ganesh Siruvalure and Ganesh Thiagarajan

## Maha Shivaratri 2011

HTCC temple celebrated the 2011 Maha Shivaratri event with puja beginning at from 5:30 PM on March 2nd and lasted until 3:00 AM on March 3rd.

This year, specially made idol about 4 feet tall Maha Shivalingam constructed by HTCC sevaks Sri. Nagesh Pathivada, was installed for Maha Shivaratri. This is the first time ever in HTCC history making of such a huge idol. Two new idols of Shiva and Parvathi are specially brought from India for this event. On Shivaratri day, HTCC Temple was thronged by devotees, who come to perform the traditional Shivalinga puja and seek blessings from the god.



The Shivaratri program started off with the Shiv Rudra Abhishekam twice (5:30 PM and 6:15 PM) to give all devotees the opportunity to participate due to their schedules.

All devotees had the opportunity to participate in various special pujas of their choice including Shiv Pooja Abhishekam, vishesha alankaram, Sankalp Archana, Siva Pallaki Seva, MahaLingarchana, Sri Maha Rudram Chanting and Samuhika Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra Japam. All Pujas conducted most graciously by priests and ritviks.

Priests continued to worship Lord Shiva through the midnight. All devotees offered special Prasad made from fruits vegetables and coconuts to Lord Shiva. Devotees were Singing of bhajans and verses in the praise of Lord Shiva, besides the chanting of 'Om Namah Shivaya'. The devotees, who have observed the Maha Shivaratri vrat, provided Prasad to break the fasting.

Amongst great excitement due to the overwhelming response to the event, this 2011 year Shivaratri event was held successfully with a good mix of cultural and religious activities. It was really great team work, support and cooperation from the members made this possible.

**Ram Guduputi**  
Shivaratri Program chair

## Holi Celebration in Hindi Class

By Dr. Shveta Grover

**Holi**, festival of colors welcoming season of Spring, was celebrated on March 6<sup>th</sup> by Hindi class in the Fellowship Hall of HTCC. Mrs. Swapnam Kumar, Hindi class coordinator, discussed with the kids on the historical significance of the festival and how it is celebrated in India. She put a "Tilak" of "Gulaal" on everybody's forehead to mark this occasion that was attended in full strength by all the teacher volunteers including Mrs. Chandra Gupta, Mrs. Neelam Kumar, Ms. Jayashree, Ms. Priyamvada, class students and their parents. *Rangoli* patterns made by parents were deftly colored by students that evolved into an art worth collecting. These posters are proudly displayed in the temple corridors for everyone to cherish.

Delicious *Pavbhaji*, lemon rice, *samosas*, *gulabjamun* brought by parents and teacher volunteers were served for lunch. As usual, special commendation goes to parents that are the real strength behind any Hindi class activity. Without their support, kids will be deprived of rare opportunities like these to bridge back to a great nation where their roots belong.

*Annual Enrollment for Hindi class Academic year (2011-12) starting in Aug 2011 is now on. If you wish your child to become a part of this voluntary organization, please go to the temple's website at <http://htccofkc.org/> and follow links under Activities → Social → Hindi Class for more information.*



**HINDU TEMPLE & CULTURAL CENTER OF KANSAS CITY**

**We are extremely pleased to announce that HTCC will be celebrating Ram Navmi beginning with 8th Annual Akhand Ramayan Paath: A continuous, two-days recitation of Ram CharitManas. The Paath will start at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday April 16th, 2011 continuing overnight. The paath will conclude on Sunday, April 17th, 2011 with the Hanuman Chalisa, Ram Astotram and Bhajans.**

**"POORAN PATH RAMAYANI, PURAV PAAWAN ROOP, POORE PREM SE JO PARE, SO HO PUNYA SWAROOP".**

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**Saturday April 16th, 2011**  
 Invocation and Akhand Jyoti: 10:30 am  
 Akhand Path Aarambh (Start): 11:00 am

**Sunday April 17th, 2011 around 11:00**  
 Akhand Path Bhog (Non-stop Recital End):  
 Rama Bhajans, Aarti (including Ramayan Aarti), Archana 11:30 - 12:30 pm

**Mahaprasad/Lunch Seva by**  
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जैन धर्मोस्तु मंगलम् ॥

### MAHAVIR JAYANTI

Saturday, 16th April, 2011

Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Venue: Temple Puja hall.

For information please contact

Dr.Swarn Jain & Kusum Jain # 913-727-1220

### 2011 Regional Contests

#### NSF Kansas Chapter

Date: April 09, 2011

Venue: Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of KC  
6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS

Spelling: JSB (Grades 1-3) and SSB (Grades 4-8)  
Vocabulary: JVB (Grades 1-3) and IVB (Grades 4-8)  
Math: MB1 (Grades 1-2) MB2 (Grades 3-5) and MB3 (Grades 6-8)  
Geography: JGB (Grades 1-3) and SGB (Grades 4-8)

Registering early will be an advantage to the kids; published lists and sample questions for the contest are available as soon as you register. Also, please spread the word to your friends and neighbors about the NSF contests and online registration.

For more details, registration and registration deadline, please visit [www.northsouth.org](http://www.northsouth.org) or contact

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## HINDU TEMPLE AND CULTURAL CENTRE OF KANSAS CITY

Presents

### THYAGARAJA ARADHANA

# ON

SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2011

At HTCC of Kansas City, Lackman Rd, Shawnee Mission, Kansas

A homage to St. Thyagaraja through rendering his compositions



### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

9.30 AM – Presentation on Aradhana  
10.00AM - 11.30AM – Group rendition of Pancharathna Krithis by Adults  
11.35AM - 12.35PM – Kids Singing (Age Groups 5-8)  
1.00PM - 2.00 PM – Lunch Break  
2.15PM - 5.30PM – Kids Singing ( Age 5-8 , Age 9 and above followed by Instrumental Performance and Mangalam by Adults ) With a short break at 4pm.

Contact for Participation & Details : Email: [carnaticec@htccofkc.org](mailto:carnaticec@htccofkc.org)

A donation of \$5 per participant is requested to support the event. Please forward this flyer to anyone who might be interested to attend this event.

### Participation Requirements:

1. Participants must be above 5 years of age.
2. For Age Groups 5-8yrs - Must sing Any Carnatic Based COMPOSITIONS.
3. For Age Groups 9 and Above – Must Sing ONLY THYARAJAR COMPOSITIONS.
4. Individual participation should not exceed 5 minutes.
5. Group Participation should not exceed 7 minutes.
6. If participant do not show up at the time of their performance , they will be allowed to sing only at the last available slot.

### Inviting Visual /Written Presentation from the Participants

1. A Student can present a Visual portrait of Saint. Thyaragaja , based on a thyagaraja Kriti or anything related to Thyagaraja Aradhana for Display at the Concert Hall.
2. A Student can present a written article on Thyagaraja or his compositions not exceeding One page for Display at the Concert Hall.



# Community Health Fair



Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

9.00 AM - 2.00 PM

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Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Kansas City  
6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS



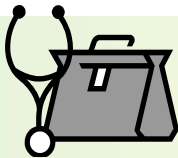
- ✦ Blood sugar **\*\* (Fasting is required)**
- ✦ Cholesterol/Lipid profile **\*\* (Fasting is required)**
- ✦ Bone density
- ✦ Blood pressure
- ✦ Dental Care
- ✦ Vision
- ✦ Glaucoma
- ✦ Mental Wellness
- ✦ Hearing
- ✦ Yoga
- ✦ Meditation
- ✦ Asthma/Allergy
- ✦ Sleep Disorder
- ✦ Pediatrics
- ✦ Women Health
- ✦ "Ask a Doctor" Physicians booth **and more.....**

### Sponsorship Available

*If you are interested to support this noble event, please contact any of the following organization or email your request to [info@iakc.org](mailto:info@iakc.org).*

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- ☐ Telugu Association
- ☐ Chandana Kannada Sangha
- ☐ Sangam-Midwest (Bengali Association)
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- ☐ Kerala Association of Kansas City



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Individual caregivers provide services as a free public service to the community. The sponsoring associations are not affiliated with any caregiver and are not responsible for any medical advice or service provided. Participants are advised that any services received during this program is not a substitute for individualized professional medical care by the participant's personal physician."

# Food Drive

Come and join hands with THE INDIAN COMMUNITY and make this "Food Drive" successful.

Harvesters' is a Community food bank, helps families around



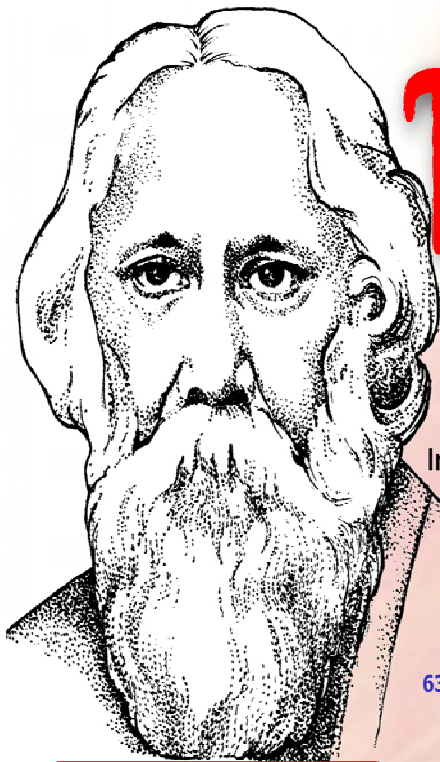
**Feeding the Community**

Kansas City area to end Childhood hunger



- ❖ On **April 30<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 AM onwards, At the Hindu temple, 6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS 66217
- ❖ Join Free Health Fair to renew your health for those who do not have insurances
- ❖ Bring any one of the Following Most needed items to Donate
  - **Food:** Canned Vegetables, Canned Soup
  - Canned Fruit, Peanut butter, No glass please
  - Boxed meals: Pasta Roni, Cereal- Hot and Cold
  - **Household Products:** Soap, Shampoo, Deodorants
  - **Please Drop food cans in the Harvester's Barrels at the temple entrance until Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Contact: Purnima @ 913-814-0130 or Nandini @ 913-402-1891**



# Tagore 150

Celebrations of  
Rabindranath Tagore's 150<sup>th</sup>  
Birth Anniversary  
and  
Indian National Anthem Centennial

Organized by Sangam (Bengali Association)  
in collaboration with HTCC and IAKC

**Saturday, May 7, 2011**

**1:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

Hindu Temple & Cultural Center  
6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS 66217

Tagore won Nobel Prize in literature in 1913. He was the First Asian Noble Laureate. Tagore composed 'Jana Gana Mana' song in 1911 and the song was adopted as National Anthem in 1950.

Movies on Tagore's life by Satyajit Ray, Exhibition about Tagore's literary works, Recitation and Cultural Programs on Tagore's poetry, songs and dances etc

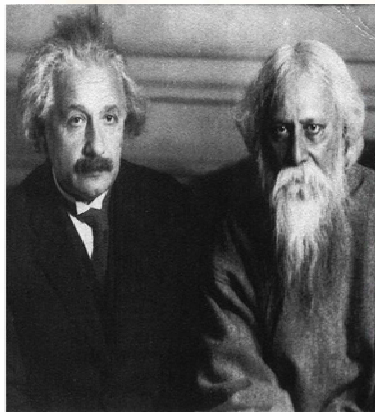
The event is free to the public  
Sponsorship for the event is appreciated.

Sponsorship: \$11; \$21 and \$51  
Please write a check to HTCC

Box dinner (\$3) will be sold after the program

For more information and active participation, contact

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## Brahmotsav 2011

The name 'Brahmotsavam' comes from the belief that Lord Brahma conducts the festival to honor the presiding deity of the temple. At HTCC the Utsav will be celebrated for 3 days by offering Puja to all deities of the temple to pray for the peace of mankind.

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM :Dwajaroanam, Gajavahan,  
Pushparchana

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon :Suprabhatam, Garuda  
Vahan, Sada Kalasa Abishekam  
Evening 6:30 to 8:30 PM:Rath Yatra

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon:Suryaprabha Vahan,  
Narayaniya Sudarshan Yagna,  
6:30 PM - 8:30  
PM:Chandraprabha Vahan, Dwajavarohanam,  
Sangeetha Seva

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