

**Hindu Bhavan**  
**PO Box 87255**  
**Fayetteville, NC 28304**

November 25, 2011

Dear Friends:

I want to wish each one of you a very happy holiday season. This is a truly special time for all of us. We have just completed the celebration of Deepavali and Annakoot and a New Year begins in full earnest. Jai Sri Krishna and a Happy New Year to all of you.

I want to take a little time to reflect on the past year at the Hindu Bhavan. We have had a very successful year and we celebrated Sankranti, Lohri, Holi festival, Brahmotsav (first year anniversary), Jain annual ceremony, Ram Navmi, Ganeshotsav, Nav Ratri Raas, Deepavali, Annakoot and cultural events such as Mangal Sargam, Trendtz (music show). There were many stage performances by guests and children from our own community. We have had several invited guest speakers who have provided discourses on “spiritual living” and “Vedanta”. Our Sunday school program for the children remains very busy and well subscribed. Our “youth group” meets every two weeks and they have added a significant and an important facet to our activity at the temple.

We are fortunate to have with us and welcome our resident priest – Swami Karthick Dixit Ji who has made such a remarkable difference for the better. He arrived in April of this year. He is performing daily Pooja and rituals and helping fulfill the needs of the congregation from a religious standpoint. A monthly Satyanarayan katha is conducted, numerous havans and abhisheks, house warming ceremonies, poojas at home for our members and even a wedding was conducted at the temple. The temple is open daily from 10-12 noon and 5-7 PM with Aarti daily.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit, please do so. If you have visited and have not yet sought **membership** – please do so at **\$151/- per family per year**. If you have not had the opportunity to **pledge** – please do so at **\$1500/- per year per family** (only about \$4/- per day per family). If you have pledged but did not have the opportunity to send us a check for this year please do so before the end of the year. You know, that all of you can spare this amount for the benefit of our entire community. This is so very vital for our sustenance and operational expenses. We have to spend about \$175,000/- for our annual expenses to include a mortgage payment of \$8000/- per month. Please download the membership form (or a pledge form) and send it to the above address.

**In closing, I want to specially thank all of our contributors, donors, volunteers and all the families that make us exist and make it happen. Without you none of it would be possible.**

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors and Trustees and the food committee

Jai Sri Krishna

Rakesh Gupta, Raju Shah, Seema Slehria, Kamal Bakri, Sumedha Dalvi, Koki Patel, Prakash Naik, Anup Contractor, Sharad Surati, Sanjay B Shah, Manish Mehta, Juhi Shah, Priya Dwivedi, Divyang Patel, Dinesh Chandra, Jyoti Ben Naik, Harkisan Dhandha, Sharmila Ganesan.

**Next Event (s): Sankranti/Pongal/Lohri January 14, 2012  
and a monthly fellowship night is in the planning.  
Anand Mela in the Spring.**

**While at the temple please attempt to keep the premises clean. Pay special attention to the  
the Main altar, the kitchen and bathrooms.**

**Please sign up for volunteer services. Please help keep the temple clean.**

**Please turn your cell phones to “vibrate mode” when in the main hall and around the altar.**

**Please speak softly and only if absolutely needed, during the Poojas and rituals.**

**Please stand in line and allow senior citizens and children to be served first at all times.**

**Help them acquire their meal first and let them be seated before asking to be served.**

**No food will be served prior to completion of the Pooja.**

**No shoes are allowed in the main temple area or classrooms.**

**Do not discard sanitary napkins or paper towels in the urinals or toilets to prevent  
clogging.**

**If you want to volunteer for the food committee or you want to serve at an event – please do  
not crowd in the kitchen area – you will need to sign up ahead of the event – for serving,  
cleaning or closing up.**