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Dear Friends and well wishers:

On behalf of the Executive committee, I want to express our sincere thanks to all of you. The Sthapana events on May 21-23 and June 19-20 were a huge milestone in the life of this community and the temple. I am told by the priests that this kind of an event happens rarely in one's lifetime and we as a community should be very proud to be a part of it. The Sthapana Mahotsav brought the community together in a way that had not been seen here before and people from all walks of life graced and contributed for the event. I cannot put into words the appreciation for the time and effort of the many folks that spent countless hours to help with both events. The Jain Sthapana was equally successful and well attended.

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The temple is open for Bhajans and Aarti each evening from 7 PM – 7.30 PM. This is being accomplished by volunteer presence of several families. As we go forward, we are asking for additional volunteers that can 'adopt' a day of the week or even once every two weeks to be able to host the event. As you think through, please consider designating at least one hour of volunteer time per week for the temple. Your "Seva" can be utilized in many ways, to maintain and service the temple. We are also pursuing a "Fellowship night" – an opportunity to attend the temple Aarti followed by a meal at the temple (possibly on each Sunday). This is yet to be confirmed. We will make available a summary of income and expenses to date on Janmashtmi day. The effort to get a permanent priest remains under way with the application in process for a R1 Visa.

We are in the process of finalizing a draft document of "By Laws" – to be made available on Janmashtmi Day (August 28) for the general membership. This will need to be voted upon. We are in the process of constituting various committees for the day to day operation. It is our hope that you will come forth and volunteer your time and participate.

Please remember that the "**greatest joy comes in service of others**". Let us thus seize the opportunity to be of service to a fellow human being. Let us ask the question, "**Who am I? What is my place on earth? What is my relationship with God? Let us all strive to do better each day as compared to the previous day – not just for us as an individual but as a community.**"

I want to close by asking each one of you to consider giving some of your valuable time and some financial support to the temple each week or each month, in order for us to continue moving forward.

With warm regards and best wishes for a safe summer to you and your family,

Rakesh Gupta