



# INDIA HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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## Greetings for a prosperous, healthy and a peaceful Holiday season!

People of Indian origin from all walks of life and the community at large enjoy the cultural interaction and worship at the Hindu temple of Hampton Roads and its cultural center. This institution faces significant challenge in generating enough income to support the daily operation. To meet this challenge, the Indian community of Hampton Roads has established a restricted endowment fund of Bharat Inc, India Heritage Foundation, IHF.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

With your generous support our current balance is \$220,000. Our recent fund drive was a huge success; we have pledges of \$400,000. We have more than 40 donors who have enrolled in monthly automatic deduction. (Please visit [www.ihfva.org](http://www.ihfva.org) for further details for automatic deduction plans)

We welcome Dr. Soham Sheth to the IHF Board effective January 2016!

## EVENTS

**November 15, 2015**  
**Diwali dinner and Bollywood night by singer**  
**Garima Khiste, India**  
**TOWNE BANK matching pledge drive**

An evening of Bollywood music and dinner was hosted at the cultural hall, Hindu Temple. This ticketed event that was well-attended raised funds for the IHF.

Gujarati Samaj sponsored the musical night by Garima and her fellow artists from Vadodara, India. Saffron Bistro graciously sponsored the dinner for the Diwali night.

Towne bank pledged matching contributions by donating \$250,000 to the India Heritage Foundation. The members of the community accepted the challenge and raised \$251,000!

## Development Committee:

*Apurva Patel, MD   Gopi Shah   Raji Kaloji, MD   Vandana Patel, MD   Shailesh Vyas   Vandana Dhawan, MD*

Ms. Betsy Totten, Vice President, Harbourview Financial center, Towne bank presenting the check to IHF. visit [www.ihfva.org/gallery](http://www.ihfva.org/gallery) for more pictures



June 6, 2015  
Open Community Meeting

Members of the community, the Board and the Executive Committee of the Hindu temple met in an open forum with Mr. Ted Batson from Renaissance Charitable Foundation and Mr. Gerald Horwitz, our Investment Advisor from Horwitz and associates Inc., to learn about the goals and the mission of India heritage Foundation. Attendees were able to learn the financials and the handling of their contributions to IHF. They were able to express and exchange their ideas for the growth of the endowment fund. We have about 90 minutes of video recording from the question and answer session available.

(From left to right Dr. Apurva Patel, Mr. Ted Batson of Renaissance Charitable Foundation <http://www.rcgf.org/> and Mr. Gerald Horwitz of Horwitz and Assoc. [www.horwitzadvisors.com](http://www.horwitzadvisors.com) )



March 14, 2015  
Basant Bahar - Dinner and Dance fund raiser

Our first fundraiser, a dinner and dance event, was held at the cultural hall of the Hindu Temple on March 14, 2015. The event was a huge success attended by more than 200 guests. Guests enjoyed the delicious appetizers and dinner catered by Sukhadia Foods, NJ. Later the attendees enjoyed performing *garba* and *dandiya raas*.

\$25,000 was raised at the event!



## MISSION OF IHF

Preserve and promote Indian heritage in Hampton Roads by supporting and promoting the growth of the Hindu temple, Hampton Roads and the cultural hall. Provide maintenance of temple and cultural hall, provide staffing for daily functioning of the temple and the cultural center.

## HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE

Your contributions, at any level you can support, will be tax-deductible and held as a secure fund under the control of Renaissance Charitable Foundation, Inc. With the expertise of professional fund managers the assets are managed and grown to the target of \$2.5 million. The interest generated annually by these assets will provide an income that is substantial in supporting the day-to-day operations of the Temple and the cultural center. Our goal is 100% community participation.

Visit [www.ihfva.org/donate](http://www.ihfva.org/donate)

## WHY SHOULD YOU CONTRIBUTE

### TO EMPOWER & EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN, SUSTAIN YOUR CULTURE

1. Preserve the Cultural Center and the Hindu Temple of Hampton Roads and its facilities for the future generations by providing a stable source of income from the growth of the fund.
2. Provide income to promote and sustain the rich cultural diversity and the Indian Heritage in the Hampton Roads. This would include activities like Balakendra, Jeevan Sandhya Mandal, Yoga, Sports Day celebration and the various festivals organized under the auspices of the Temple.
3. The Hindu Temple and cultural center is the only place in Hampton Roads where all people of Indian origin can come freely to worship, interact culturally, and enjoy the fellowship. The facility is equipped with a kitchen, a dining hall and a multi-purpose hall that is used for various cultural activities. Our Cultural center faces challenges with generating enough income to support its day-to-day operations