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A CHALLENGE FROM IHF BOARD & TEMPLE TO OUR COMMUNITY

India Heritage Foundation, an endowment fund of Bharat, Inc was established with your support in April 2015 to responsibly manage the donations for the upkeep and maintenance of the Cultural center and the Temple. Our goal is to collect \$2,500,000 in this fund. At this level annual income from the balance will help maintenance and staffing of the facilities.

Our current balance is \$600,000, up from \$460,000 in October 2016!

Of 95 total donors, 63 are sustainers who donate monthly on an automatic basis. This adds \$25,000 annually. With 200 more sustaining donors, we can add over 100,000 a year to the fund. At the current pace, we can reach our goal with in 5 years. This form of donation is not onerous but requires community wide participation.

Of course, you are encouraged to look at other methods of support such as direct donation, real estate, collectible or personal properties, shares of small business, stocks, etc.. In addition, you can contribute through your will. For all the options, please visit the website at <http://www.ihfva.org/donate/>

Please do not wait! Join hands and let us reach the goal of 150 new donors by the end of April. Please look for IHF booth at the Taste of India on April 22, 2017 at the Ted Constant Center, ODU in Norfolk.

Development Committe:

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Towne Bank has pledged \$ 250,000 towards a matching contribution in October 2015 and have paid \$100,000 to the fund already.

Background:

The Hindu Temple of Hampton Roads is an institution that brings together people from all walks of life. It is where the devotees worship, the children learn the rich culture/ heritage of Hindu religion in the Balkendra, and our senior citizens enjoy social activities in Jeevan Sandhya Mandal.

Various festivals are celebrated at the Temple throughout the year with cultural programs organized by the volunteers and parents.

The Temple organizes the Annual Sports day, bringing the children and adults together for a fun filled day of activities encouraging importance of fitness and healthy life style. Every week free Yoga sessions are held at the Temple premises. Annual health camp at the Hindu temple provides free consultation from primary care and specialist physicians for adults and children.

All events are open for the community. The Temple needs funds not only to sustain the facility and the activities, but to support the increasing size of the Indian community in Hampton Roads. In this unusual sociopolitical climate, the Temple provides an ever more important focal point for the people of Indian heritage to get together.

So let us join hands and strengthen our community! We ask you to contribute and support in whatever capacity you can.

More information is available at www.ihfva.org or <http://www.hindutemplehr.org/>