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Dear Devotees,

The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of ICF - Hindu Temple of Greater Oklahoma City thank you for your generous donations and continued support of the Temple. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who have contributed their time and services to the Temple. Due to your generosity, this has been a very successful year. We were able to obtain Garuda Vahana which was used during the Brahmotsavam celebrations. We had several other special celebrations, including Makara Sankranti, Shivratri, Ramnavami, Karwa Chauth, and Dasara. Preparations are under way for Diwali and we are planning to have spectacular fireworks similar to last year. We had a record number of devotees, including children, whose attendance has made these festivities a success. In addition, the Balvikas class continues to expand its enrollment with over 100 students currently participating. We had conducted free workshop on Pathanjali yoga in the month of August and got a good response and free yoga classes are being conducted on every Saturday morning at the temple.

With our growing community, the need for services and facilities is also increasing. The safety and security of the temple and devotees are one of the main objectives of the present board and executive committee. We have installed security cameras in and around the temple as well as two panic buttons in case of emergency. A police officer will be on site every Sunday and for all major festivals. We are also in the process of having security drills for the volunteers.

In addition to the regular functions of the Temple, there are additional activities including Bhajans, Dance, Yoga and Balvikas classes, which are conducted in the open areas of the Main Hall. To conduct these activities without disturbing the worship area, the facility needs additional classrooms and a dining area. The ICF Board & EC are working to meet these challenges. You will soon be receiving the plans of the proposed expansion and we will need your feedback. In order to help raise funds, we have initiated a raffle ticket program with very attractive prizes and hope that you will participate. We also recently had a dance program to raise funds. Thanks to the efforts of Sowmya Sridhar and Sikha Gupta. We were able to raise ~\$10,000.

The total cost of the previous temple expansion was approximately \$1,200,000. We have already paid \$760,000 within the last 5 years, and the Temple board plans to pay off the rest of the loan in approximately 4 more years with your generous contributions. It is only through your continued involvement and financial support that ICF and Hindu Temple can continue to serve all your religious, spiritual, and cultural needs. You may choose to donate to the temple or by including ICF-HTO in your will to leave a lasting legacy to the community. Please contact the Chairman of the Board or the President of the EC with any questions that you may have.

Donations are fully tax deductible. To credit your donations towards the 2012 tax year, please complete the attached donation and puja sponsorship form and mail them with your payment in the enclosed self-addressed envelope by December 31, 2012. You can also donate online at the temple's website: [www.hindutempleokc.org](http://www.hindutempleokc.org).

Wishing you and your family a happy Diwali and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Sanku S. Rao  
Chairman, Board of Directors

Rama Rao Goparaju  
President, Executive Committee