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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, help and support this has been a very successful year. We had several celebrations in this year including Brahmotsavam, Makara Sankranti, Shivratri, Ramnavami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Dasara and Diwali. We had a record number of devotees, including children, whose attendance has made these festivities a success.

In addition, to the regular functions of the temple, there are activities including Music classes, Bhajans, Dance, Yoga and the Balvikas classes. To conduct these activities without disturbing the worship area, the facility needs additional classrooms, a dining area and hall. For several years the Board has been discussing the need for a multipurpose hall with class rooms with our construction committee. I am pleased to inform you that we have finished the plans and obtained the permit to construct a multipurpose hall with six class rooms. This hall and class rooms will be constructed to the north of the existing temple and will include a tornado shelter. This hall will be used for weddings, private Poojas and gatherings and cultural activities. The hall will have a capacity of ~320 and include an industrial kitchen.

The cost of this project is \$2.7 million. First Citizens bank has approved a loan for \$1.46 million which will require us to deposit \$542,000 before the loan documents could be signed. I am very pleased to inform you that we already have pledges totaling more than half a million dollars. Our target is to collect 1.24 million to complete the project in its entirety. For a donation of \$500,000 the hall will be named after the donor with additional benefits. We have previously sent you donor information and opportunity to participate and different levels of contributions. If every member donates \$1000/ year for the next three years we can finish the construction successfully with very minimal loan from the bank. The pledged amount could be paid in three years and therefore consider donating generously for this worthy cause.

To recognize the land donors and top donors (donation of \$100k or more) since inception of the temple a permanent plaque has been installed in the temple recognizing their contributions. The list will be updated every year with new donor names as they meet the \$100k threshold.

It is only through your continued involvement and financial support that ICF and the Hindu Temple can continue to serve all your religious, spiritual, and cultural needs. We urge you to donate generously to the best of your ability, and gain God's blessings. Please also consider including ICF-HTO in your estate planning to leave a lasting legacy to the community. You can also consider donating appreciated stocks to the temple. Donations are fully tax deductible. Please contact the Chairman of the Board or the President of the EC with any questions that you may have. To credit your donations towards the 2016 tax year, please complete the attached donation and puja sponsorship form and mail them with your payment by December 31, 2016. You can also donate online at the temple's website: [www.hindutempleokc.org](http://www.hindutempleokc.org).

We wish you and your family a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

  
K.C. Sekar  
Chairman, Board of Directors

  
Bharathi Rao Madhavarapu  
President, Executive Committee