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The mission of the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies (HTCC) is to provide a forum for religious worship and celebrations, and for cultural, religious, and spiritual development activities based on Hindu / Vedic / Sanatan - Dharma traditions.

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Hindu Temple

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Interim President's Page

Dear Friends:

Please accept warm greetings from the Board of Trustees of the Hindu Temple and myself.

It gives me tremendous pleasure to report that, despite these difficult economic conditions, the New Temple Fund is healthy and the Temple building project is making excellent progress! So many people have given generous monetary contributions, and several have volunteered thousands of hours of professional work in producing the plans and logistics for the project. Now the final step in approval of the plans by the City of Centennial will be completed with the City Council meeting on December 7.

I hope you have had a good year and now at the end of the year I wish to underscore the need for us as the Hindu community in Colorado to build a Temple that adequately meets our religious, spiritual, and social needs, as well. As you know, with the broad community support, we have been fortunate to have our current Temple operating smoothly and on a sound financial basis for several years. However, the space has become inadequate and as we look to the future it cannot fulfill our needs, not to mention our expectations. Hence, I am requesting you on behalf of the Temple Board to kindly step forward and to give as generously as you can for the New Temple Fund so that we can realize our dream of building a Temple for the present and the future.

May the Lord's blessings be on you and your family now and for 2010!

Reva Nayar,
Interim President HTCC

Please Help Us to Build a Great Temple In Colorado with Your Generous Donations!!!

- For 2009 donations, please send your contributions to Hindu Temple, 8375 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Littleton, CO 80128 by Dec 31, 2009 to receive year end tax deduction receipts.
- All devotees who donate more than \$250 to the Temple by Dec 31, 2009 will receive one free Archana in their names during the month of January, 2010. You need not be present at the Temple, just advise your Name, Gotra, and Nakshatra.
- If you like to sponsor a Sunday Puja, please contact our Temple Manager, Karam Chawla at mgrhtcc@comcast.com or call 303-948-9693.
- If you have changed your residence, telephone number or e-mail address, please send an e-mail to our Temple Manager, Karam Chawla at mgrhtcc@comcast.net.

New Temple News - Narender Kumar - Vice President

During the last three months our efforts have been concentrated on getting the approval of the Final Development Plan (FDP) from the City of Centennial and helping out in finalizing the Road Map.

On September 16, 2009 HTCCR Board members and prominent members of the community attended the public hearing on the Final Development Plan (FDP) at the City of Centennial facility. We were represented by Dr. Ved Nanda who answered questions and provided information about Hindu religion and culture. Input was also provided by all the Board members and community members. Questions about door to door solicitations and conversion of members of other religions into Hinduism were answered very effectively by our members. Andy Firestone, Senior Planner with the City was very impressed with our members and their presentations.

A week later, we met with the City's Planning and Zoning Commission. Unexpectedly, we were asked to speak to the P&Z. Reva Nayar and I spoke on behalf of the Temple outlining the vision and aspiration of the Hindu community in Colorado. We also spoke about our culture and the spirit of giving back to the community in form of free health clinics, yoga classes and lectures on human interest topics. P&Z unanimously approved the FDP and appeared excited at the prospect of this unique structure in their city. The final approval of the FDP by the City Council is set for December 7, 2009.

We continue to work with W.M. Brown to develop BIM program which can give us a virtual tour of the inside of the Temple. Meanwhile, we are assisting the Fund Raising Committee to finalize a road map for the New Temple. Our future activities will depend upon the funds available for final design and construction.

Please help us build this Temple for our heritage and culture to pass it along to our children and community.

Summary A. Design & Planning Phase

Task	Status	Result
Purchase Land	Completed 2007	7200 S. Potomac, Centennial
Hire Architects & Planners	Completed 2007	SlaterPaull, Archiform and V. Sthapati
Approval to Build Temple	Completed 2008	Approval of land by Text Change
Preliminary Design for FDP	Completed 2008	30% Design of Temple and Renderings
Select Contractor	Completed 2009	W.M Brown using Design-Build Delivery Method
Obtain Cost Estimate	Completed 2009	\$4.2 Million
Approval of FDP	Completed 2009	City Council Hearing December 2009

Celebrations at Temple – Madhur Mahajan

Janmashtami (August 5): Numerous devotees participated in celebrations; Bhagvat Geeta recital was followed by cultural program, which consisted of dances and bhajans. Many devotees stayed till after midnight and observed the Krishna Janma (birth) at 12 AM. The festivities concluded with Krishna archana and prasad.

Ganesha Chaturthi (August 23): Over 450 devotees participated in the celebrations. Kannada Koota group sponsored the event; Pundit Rajesh Kaul supported this group by inviting many other families who sponsored Ganesh Abhishek. The festivities included Ganesh Abhishekam along with recital of Shlokas and Stotras, bhajan, kirtan, children's dances, and Prasad. In addition, several devotees participated in free health screening. Thanks to Dr. Prabhakar Rao who has been organizing this event for almost 10 years and thanks to Kannada Koota members for providing authentic South Indian dishes as Prasad.

Diwali Celebration (October 17): Diwali was celebrated at the Hindu Temple in a grand style; special archanas were performed every half hour throughout the day and Maha Lakshmi Pooja was performed in the evening followed by Arti and Bhajan program; more than 700 people attended the festivities. Special thanks to Acharya ji and Pundit ji who continuously performed the poojas throughout the day and thanks to Pundit Rajesh Kaul who is always there helping Acharya ji and Pundit ji. Madhoo and Vipul Seth, the owners of renowned Gourmet Kitchen catering service, served delicious dinner Prasad to more than 500 people; Mr. Narendra Kumar provided plenty of Diwali sweets. We can not thank enough all the volunteers who worked diligently and made the event a great success. It was a great team work.

Treasurer's Report (Jan to Oct 2009) - Satish Kumar, Treasurer

Month	Income	Expense	Major Celebrations
Jan	14,300.39	12,881.02	New Year Ganesha Puja
Feb	15,461.92	14,036.72	
Mar	13,859.23	17,685.49	Maha Shivaratri
Apr	13,680.10	18,229.90	Sri Rama Navami
May	12,372.73	17,054.47	
Jun	10,828.69	5,937.79	Graduation Puja
Jul	6,883.96	13,033.43	
Aug	16,298.96	11,993.49	Krishna Janmastami & Ganesh Chaturthi
Sep	27,560.07	19,137.73	
Oct	16,082.65	15,874.03	Diwali
Total	\$147328.70	\$145,864.07	
Current Temple Fund		\$118,115.38	
New Temple Fund		\$454900.02	
Total	\$573,015.40		

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2010 Festivals Celebration Calendar (Jan to December)

<u>Festival</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
January			
New Year (Ganesh Pooja)	01	Friday	11 am
Navagrah Pooja	03	Sunday	11 am
Lohadi	13	Wednesday	
Makar Sankranti/Pongal	14	Thursday	11 am
Vasant Panchami/Saraswati Puja	20	Wednesday	
Poornima/Satyanarayana Pooja	30	Saturday	6:45 pm
February			
Maha Shivaratri	11	Thursday	8 pm
Holashtak Begins	22	Monday	
Holashtak Ends	28	Sunday	
Holi	28	Sunday	
Poornima/Satyanarayana Pooja	28	Sunday	6:45 pm
March			
Hindu New Year (Ugadi)	16	Tuesday	
Vikram Samvat 2067 Begins	16	Tuesday	
Vasant Navaratra Begins	16	Tuesday	
Durga Ashtami	23	Tuesday	
Shri Ram Navami	24	Wednesday	
Akhand Ram Charit Manasa Paath begins Saturday 27 March at 11 am and ends Sunday 28 March at 11 am			
Poornima/Satyanarayana Pooja	30	Tuesday	6:45 pm
Shri Hanuman Jayanthi	30	Tuesday	
April			
Poornima/Satyanarayana Pooja	28	Wednesday	6:45 pm
May			
Akshaya Tritheeya	16	Sunday	
Aadi Shankaracharya Jayanthi	20	Thursday	
Nrisimha Jayanthi	26	Wednesday	
Poornima/Satyanarayana Pooja	27	Thursday	6:45 pm
June			
Graduation Pooja	06	Sunday	11 am
Ganga Dashami	21	Monday	
Nirjala Ekadashi	22	Tuesday	
Poornima/Satyanarayana Katha	26	Saturday	6:45 pm

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2010 Festivals Celebration Calendar (August to December)

<u>Festival</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
July			
Devashayini Ekadashi	21	Wednesday	
Poornima/Satyanarayana Katha	26	Monday	6:45 pm
August			
Shravan Month begins	11	Wednesday	
Naaga Panchami	14	Saturday	
Vara-Lakshmi Vrat	20	Friday	
Upaa-karma	24	Tuesday	8:00 am
Poornima/Satyanarayana Katha	24	Tuesday	6:45 pm
Rakshaabandhana	24	Tuesday	
September			
Shri Krishna Janmashtami	01	Wednesday	6:00 pm
Hari Taalika Teej Vrat	10	Friday	
Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration	11	Saturday	9:30 am
Poornima/(Satyanarayana Katha)	23	Thursday	6:45 pm
Pitri Paksh (Shraddha) Begins	24	Friday	
October			
Pitri Paksh (Shraddha) Ends	07	Thursday	
Sharada Navaratri Begins	08	Friday	
Durga Ashtami	15	Friday	
Dashahara/Vijay Dashami	17	Sunday	
Sharad Poornima/ Satyanarayana Katha	23	Saturday	6:45 pm
Karavaa Chauth	TBD		
November			
Dipawali/Lakshami Pooja	05	Friday	6:00 pm
Govardhana Pooja	06	Saturday	
Bhaiya Dooj	07	Sunday	
Tulasi Vivaha	17	Wednesday	
Poornima / Satyanarayana Katha	21	Sunday	6:45 pm
Guru Nanaka Jayanti	21	Sunday	
December			
Gita Jayanthi/Mokshada Jayanthi	17	Friday	
Poornima /Satyanarayana Katha	21	Tuesday	6:45 pm

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