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GALA CELEBRATIONS-2019



*Share Your Heart
Texas Way*

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Giving towards Philanthropy, Health, Education & General Welfare

Chief Guest: **Bal Sareen**
President, Brask Inc.

Keynote Speaker: Honorable **K P George**,
Fort Bend County Judge

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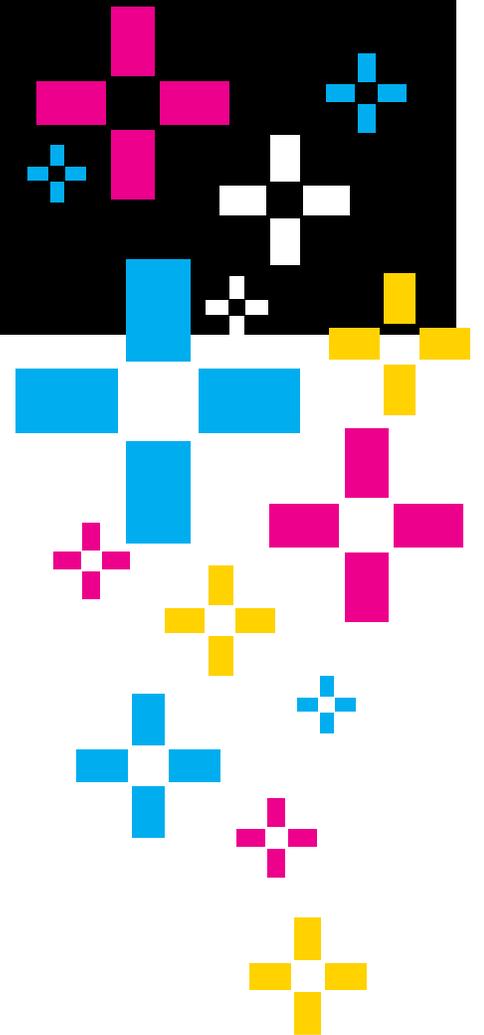
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GALA PROGRAMME



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Program: 7pm – 9m
Kick off: Lamp Lighting

Welcome Dance
Dance of Celebration by
Anjali Center for Performing Arts

IACF President's Address
Friends of Charity Awards

Keynote Speaker:
Honorable **K P GEORGE**
Fort Bend County Judge

Gala Chair Address
MR. BAL SAREEN

Performance:
Kuchipudi Classical Dance
Pledge Drive
Angels of Charity
Ramp Walk
Indo-Texas Fashion Show
By Munaari Designs
Vote of Thanks
Dinner and Live Music...



**BEST
COMPLIMENTS
FROM**

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Fort Bend County Judge



*Congratulations to IACF for completing
Thirty One years in Charity*



About IACF

Indo-American Charity Foundation was founded in 1988 by a group of Houstonians of Indian origin (Indo- American) compelled by an altruistic desire to give back to their local community. Their mission to help the underprivileged originated with the effort to fight hunger, and has now developed into a multi-faceted philanthropic endeavor to help those in need of health, education and human services in the Greater Houston Area.

For the past 31 years under its stalwart leaders, IACF has appealed to the philanthropic spirit of the Indo American community in Houston to address needs in the areas of Education, Family, General Welfare and Healthcare in the metro Houston area.

Our MOTTO

IACF's motto, "We live here, we give here", is an embodiment of the initiatives and activities that the organization fosters. The organization aids and assists other charities that are involved in providing such services to the local communities so that their basic needs are met and everyone can lead enriched lives. IACF has been providing scholarships to high potential college bound students with financial needs, supporting local charities engaged in improving the STEM education for students in inner city schools, assisting abused women and children, care for the elderly, feeding the homeless and needy, and providing free medical clinics and vaccinations. The organization is run fully by dedicated volunteers with all of the funds supporting charitable activities.

Our MISSION

Indo-American Charity Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization that helps the underprivileged and needy with monetary and volunteer work contributions through established and emerging organizations [501(c)3] in the Greater Houston Area.

Our VISION

Foster a local community whose basic needs are met and where everyone could lead enriched lives through better health, education and growth opportunities.



Our 2019 & beyond Goal

The initiatives of the current board are guided by the goal statement of Expand/Energize/Empower

Expand – Expand the core volunteer base

Energize – Energize past and new donor base

Empower – Empower IACF brand with effective positioning and branding

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Indo American Charity Foundation (IACF) Board of Directors and our fraternity I welcome you all to our 2019 Gala.

It is indeed our privilege that we have the honor of playing host to of all you tonight. We are all gathered here and I am proud to state that there is a single thread that binds us all together. Over thirty plus years we have been working in unison and determination to achieve a single goal, "Enhance the Quality of Life" in the community we are today and where our future generations will make their marks. Today is all about how futuristic can we all be in a platform that will serve as a launchpad for our future generations. Last few days I have been thinking on what role is IACF playing in Houston. We have over the last few years been focusing on EFGH (Education, Family, General and Health care) and have been promoting this as our mission at every platform we have been on. But when I sit down and think an overarching goal which perhaps defines our vision is improve the Quality of Life around us.

Continuing on the legacy of the past presidents I have been focusing on making deeper inroads and reaching out to our brethren and trying to drive the point home that IACF is the only Indo American organization that ploughs back 100 % of its proceeds to enrich the community we live in. We have continued in our path of identifying and supporting fledgling organizations and support them till they are able to sustain and grow independently. There is a constant endeavor from the Board to work in the local communities, bridge the gap with other communities, and strive to derive synergy wherever possible. This year's GALA "Share Your Heart Texas Way" is all about how we all collectively go the extra mile, stretch every sinew and expand our horizons while we stick to our mission "We Live here , we give here".

It has been one of the greatest honors bestowed upon me and indeed a privilege to serve as the president of this great organization that was founded and lead by thought leaders in our community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful group of Directors whose dedication and support has helped me weather the various challenges we encountered this year. Lastly it would be inappropriate if I don't thank my parents who are instrumental in instilling the values of unconditional giving which today has become the religion I practice and the Almighty to have given me the opportunity to orchestrate my inner feelings and navigate my life towards philanthropy.

All this however would not have been possible without your continued support. Thanks for joining us as we continue on our voyage to chart a new course. Have a great evening and I sincerely wish this will be a memorable one for all of you.

Sincerely,

Venkat Iyer

President

"We live here, we give here."

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Honorable **K P George**
Fort Bend County Judge

Dear Gala Attendees,

To all of the members, contributors, and volunteers that make the Indo-American Charity Foundation the force for good that it is now, I would like to thank you for joining us on this celebratory evening.

Today we gather to celebrate the great strides IACF has made in the past 31 years to better the lives of residents in communities all across the Houston region. Your efforts to feed the homeless, care for the abused, and educate low-income students in the ever-growing field of STEM has helped pave the way for entire generations of success. Embodying the creed: "We live here, we give here", the IACF has continuously acted to foster aid for other nonprofits and scholarships for students who otherwise would not have been able to afford an education. Even more, in our community's most dire time of need, the IACF garnered \$200,000 to put toward relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Harvey.

This gala not only serves to acknowledge those great feats, but also to acknowledge the people behind them. Without the tireless work of our volunteers, staff, and members, and the invaluable contributions from our donors, such great efforts would have been unimaginable to accomplish.

We look now to the future growth and development of the IACF and take pride in our vision of a community where everyone can live in good health, with an education, and access to opportunities. I wish everyone the best and look forward to a great event with lots of fellowship.

Thank you,

KP GEORGE
Fort Bend County Judge

CHIEF GUEST



Bal Sareen

President, Brask Inc.

Bal is the founder of Brask Inc., with plants in Texas and Louisiana.

Bal has a Master of Science Degree (Mechanical Engineering) and is a registered Professional Engineer. He has over 40 years of experience in engineering design, product development and manufacturing of custom design products. He has been in manufacturing, repair and service of process equipment used in the Petro-Chemical Industry for the last 38 years.

Bal is married to Ms. Rita Sareen (46 years) and they have two children and 4 beautiful grandchildren.





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The Indo-American Charity Foundation of Houston wishes to honor and acknowledge the following Founding Members for their vision, dedication and continued support:

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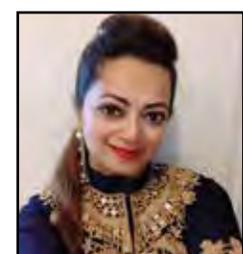
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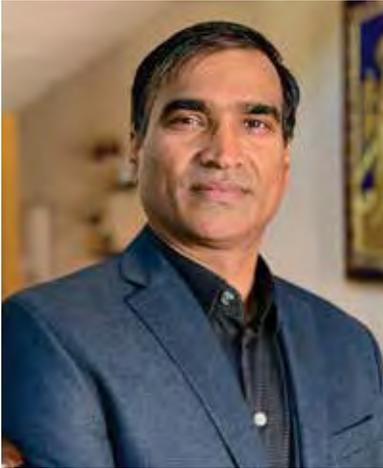
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FRIENDS OF CHARITY



Sрни Chittaluru

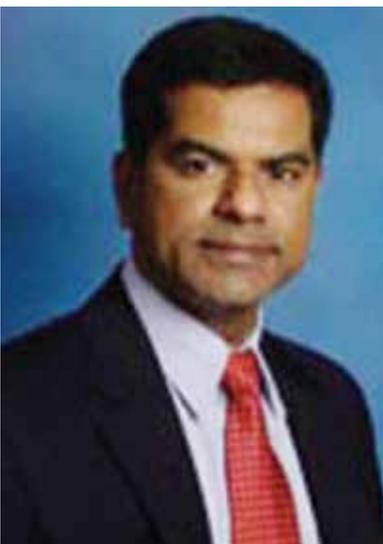
A typical Indo-American professional!

Sрни is married to Sudha, she is a primary care physician in Sugar Land. They have one son, Akil. He is working as an Electrical Engineer at Texas Instruments in Dallas. Sрни works as a Freelance IT Consultant, also volunteers for Telfair Home Owners Association, he is currently serving as the Board President for Telfair HOA. Sрни and Sudha run an NGO called “PurpleDNA” in their native town, Khammam, India. They adopted a primary school to provide financial assistance to kids so that they won’t drop out of school to become child laborers.

PurpleDNA’s primary goal is to involve in empowerment type of initiatives for farmers and small-scale entrepreneurs. Sрни went to Lamar University for Masters in Engineering. He set up an endowment to offer research scholarships for Masters Students so that they get out-of-state

tuition fee waiver to pursue Master of Engineering at Lamar University. Sрни was the Keynote speaker at Lamar University College of Engineering Commencement Ceremony in December 2014. In the past, Sudha and Sрни have contributed to Hyderabad Council of Human Welfare, Khammam NRI Foundation, Pratham, Houston Foodbank, AmeriCares, Sugar Land Museum of Natural Science and several local Indo-American organizations.

Having grown up in a modest family in rural India, Sрни believes in giving back to help others still waiting for an opportunity. Sрни’s advice for Indo-American middle aged couples is: Giving should also be planned just like retirement and estate planning. Finding right causes which truly inspire you is not an easy task. At the same time, there is no point of leaving a huge estate behind as most of our kids will never need it. Strongly believe in giving away substantial savings while you are healthy and active.



Ramesh Maddi

President, Maddi Soft Inc

Ramesh Maddi is an entrepreneur, community activist with a passion to help the needy in Houston. Ramesh did his engineering in India and attended Rice University where he got his MBA.

Ramesh at a very young age was inspired by his parent’s commitment to help the needy in his home town in India. He is founder of ‘Indo American Council...’ charity, Houston. The charity focus is on helping the needy in Houston area and works very closely with North Texas Food bank by volunteering and contributing funds every year. Ramesh is a sports enthusiast and encourages local volleyball leagues by being an annual sponsor of ‘Katy Premier Volley ball league’ every year. Ramesh works closely with many local charities like Daya and IACF. He is an active volunteer and contributor to a local community initiative ‘Telugu Bhavanam’. Ramesh and his wife Rama and their two sons live in Houston.



Carl Pham

Vice President at Whitney Bank

Carl Pham is a dedicated banking professional with a strong passion for customer service.

He has over 20 years of banking experience specializing in providing high-end wealth services to entrepreneurs, medical professionals and business owners. His expertise, working together with the broader highly dedicated wealth management team at Hancock Whitney provides a full suite of wealth management services including personal and business lending as well as trust, estates and special asset administration, wealth advisory, portfolio management, and investments services.

Carl Pham provides specialized attention guiding his clients through private banking solutions and services adapting to changing client needs in a dynamic market place. He is a life-time member of the Greater Houston Partnership and he enjoys running, tennis and traveling. He is passionate at helping charitable organizations supporting the local Houston community.



Mahesh Desai

CPA & Financial Advisor - Current Board Member and Past President of CFA Society of Houston.

Mahesh Desai is a practicing CPA & financial advisor with Sage Point Financial Inc. and has been in the practice in Houston & Bellaire since 1993. His practice involves tax planning & compliance, Retirement Income, Investment and Wealth Management. Before he moved to the USA in 1993, he worked as an accountant and financial controller at IOCL, a fortune 500 Corporation. He also worked as a Public Accountant during his study of Chartered Accountancy in India and CPA in USA.

During his career he had various roles ranging from strategic/tactical planning to business development to accounting, auditing, finance, and risk/investment management functions both in USA and internationally. He has served as President of the CFA Society of Houston and continue to serve on its Board and CFA Texas Board. He participates in advocacy activities undertaken by the CFA Institute. Mr. Desai is CFA Charter holder, CPA, CFP, Chartered Accountant from India. He holds master's degree from India. He holds FINRA Series 7, 24, 63, 65, registrations.





FRIENDS OF CHARITY



Peri Vaduganathan, MD, MRCP, FACC

Dr. Vaduganathan, known in the hospital setting as Dr. Nathan is a cardiologist practicing in South East Houston since 1996 and is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Baylor College of Medicine. He graduated from Thanjavur Medical College as a Best outgoing student in 1982. He also received Postgraduate training and MD in Internal medicine. He moved to England and became a Member of the Royal College of Physicians (M.R.C.P). He came to Houston in 1993 and completed his fellowship training in cardiology at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Nathan has been affiliated with the Memorial hospital system since 1996 and has held several leadership positions at Memorial Hermann Southeast hospital including as chief of staff during 2011-2012.

Dr. Vaduganathan and his wife Nach are generous members of the Indian community and have been very active at Sri Meenakshi Temple. Dr. Nathan has been organizing free community Health fair for over 20 years and was the chairman of the Board of Sri Meenakshi Temple during 2014 and 2015. He currently serves in the Advisory Council of the temple. Dr. Vaduganathan is the founder of Seva Clinic which is the first charity free medical clinic serving the uninsured and under insured patients in Pearland. Dr. Vaduganathan received the Certificate of Congressional Recognition from Honorable U.S. Congressman Mr. Pete Olson on behalf of Seva Clinic.



Sam Kannappan

CEO and President of ABI Enterprises

Sockalingam Sam Kannappan is a Professional Engineer in Texas. He is the CEO and President of ABI Enterprises, Inc., which provides pipeline design consulting services in Houston. He also is a licensed Texas real estate broker since 1979. He served as the Vice-Chairman of Texas Board of Professional Engineers and as Commissioner, Texas Onsite Wastewater Treatment Research Council. He is the author of the book Introduction to Pipe Stress Analysis and the engineering software EZFLEX. Kannappan established a hospitality committee in 1971 to help heart surgery patients from India. He is the co-founder of Bharathi Kalai Manram (1974) and Founder Secretary of Houston Sri Meenakshi Temple (1977). He developed Tamil fonts with voice synthesizer for those who cannot speak (1983). He is the founder of Kannappan Art

Museums in Pearland (2017). He served as the Co-Chairman of Millennium Republic Day celebration on January 27 2001 with a gathering of 25,000 people. He led the rebuilding of 250 homes damaged in Gujarat after the earthquake. He persuaded President George W Bush and lawmakers in Washington DC to increase the Gujarat earth quake relief fund to ten million dollars. He serves as the President of Houston Tamil Studies Chair at the University of Houston.

Houston Mayor Brown declared December 27, 2003 as Sam Kannappan day in Houston. He graduated with MSME from the University of Texas, Austin. Kannappan and his wife Meenakshi settled in Texas fifty one years ago. They raised four children, Ramesh, Ryan, Abirami and Ram.

FRIENDS OF CHARITY



Ravi Varre

Founder and CEO, Camelot IS Inc

Ravi is a Founder and CEO, Camelot IS Inc, Houston based IT Firm 2004 and a Serial Entrepreneur, Investor, Board Member in SelectHub, Flux7, Titan Consulting. He has served as National & Chapter Executive in Professional Organizations like ITServe, APNRT, Asha-Jyothi Donor and Sponsor for 10 consecutive Years serving community for Health and Education Campaigns Sponsor, Education for 60+ Students back in India for 10 consecutive Years He is a Grand Donor and Supporter, Telugu Bhavanam, Houston based Cultural Center Initiative Key Volunteer & Sponsor of Katy Premier League (KPL), for 8 consecutive years leveraging KPL to a 100K Charity in the community.

He has generously donated in renovating school ground, Machilipatnam India with 20 Lakhs besides donating for setting up Water Plants in 2 Villages, Krishna DT, AP, India with 15Lakhs. In addition, he has helped more than 40 Family Members migrate and settle in USA. As a multi-talented individual, Ravi is a Sportsman with Proficiency at Shuttle Badminton, Volleyball and Carroms besides being a passionate Singer, Writer and is a penchant for fine arts, Active Community Donor, Leader & Philanthropist. His Family comprises of 4, Wife and 2 Kids.



BE INSPIRED

"Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance."

— St. Francis of Assisi

"An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves."

— Lydia Maria Child

"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service."

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"The highest form of understanding we can achieve are laughter and human compassion."

— Richard P. Feynman

"No matter how much it gets abused, the body can restore balance. The first rule is to stop interfering with nature."

— Deepak Chopra

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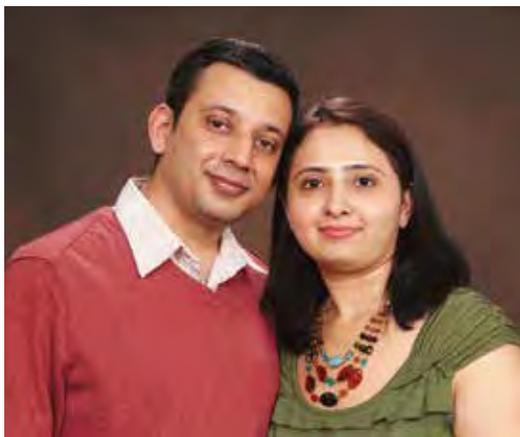
Leela and Nat Krishnamurthy

Graduated with a degree from Clark University Atlanta GA with full scholarship. Worked as Head Librarian Bell Library, Bell, California. Head Librarian Barbara Bush Library Houston Tx. Arranged program involving famous authors Stephen King, Ray Bradbury, Vincent Bugliosi (Charles Manson prosecutor).

Worked in New Orleans for Second Harvester Food Bank and Children's Bureau as Director of Development (adoption and abused children), Research Assistant Pannell Kerr Forester Houston TX. Founding member of Malibu Hindu Temple CA, Steering committee member of Sri Meenakshi Temple Houston TX, Founder and

President of South India Cultural Association LA, CA, President Indo American Charity Foundation Houston TX. Treasurer of India Cultural Association.

Sponsored cultural events to raise funds for SRI Meenakshi Temple and UNICEF. Arranged fund raising events inviting various eminent artists from India: Chaired UNICEF and Houston Habitat for Humanity Fund raising galas. Awards Governor of Louisiana, Mayor City of Bell, Superintendent City of Los Angeles Unified District. Meenakshi Temple, Bharathi Kalai Manram, Telugu Association, Tamil Nadu Foundation. Currently in the board of UNICEF and Houston Habitat for Humanity. Past President of Sankaranethralaya OM Trust raising funds to fight blindness in India.



Dr. Shweta and Dr. Shilpan

Shweta Shilpan Shah - Born and raised in Gujarat India. Did medical college from Maharaja Sayaji Rao university Baroda 2002, and MD pediatrics 2006. After coming to USA in 2008, Did MD pediatrics from Stony Brook Univ NY in 2012, and pediatric nephrology at BAYLOR college of medicine, TX Children hospital 2015.

Married to Shilpan Shah and have two lovely daughters Suhani 13 and Shveni 7. Shilpan Satish Shah. Born and raised Gujarat India. Medical school Maharaja Sayaji Rao university 2002, residency in Internal Medicine 2006. Immigrated to USA in 2006, did residency and chief residency at Stony Brook University

NY, 2006-2010 and fellowship in Hematology Oncology 2013.

Fellow in Leukemia 2014 at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Thereafter joined as attending physician at Herman / Univ of Texas until 2018 and then moved to Houston Methodist where he is currently practicing malignant Hematology.





ANGELS OF CHARITY



Tupil & Ranjana Narasiman

Tupil by profession is a Chemical Engineer with a MS in ChemE, an MBA in Finance, a MS in Taxation and a CPA. He worked for Exxon Mobil Corporation for over 36 years, specializing in International Tax, Income Tax Accounting and U. S. Tax Controversy. Tupil is retired and works as a tax consultant for ExxonMobil.

Tupil is very active in the Houston tax community, having served on the board of the Tax Executive Institute (TEI) for over 15 years and later as president of the Houston Chapter during 2010-11. Tupil is very active in

the Indian community in Houston and was on the board of various organization like Sri Meenakshi Temple (later as its Chairman in 2012-2013), Bharathi Kalai Manram (as President in 2016). He is currently on the board of HGH (Hindus of Greater Houston) as Joint Treasurer, on the board of Houston Tamil Studies Chair as Vice President Finance and on the board of Classical Arts Society of Houston.

Ranjana has a BS in Chemistry, MA in Philosophy and an MBA (Finance) from Rutgers University. Ranjana worked as a Banker at Deutsche Bank in Manhattan. She later became a high school Honors Physics teacher in Houston. Ranjana is also active in the Indian community in Houston having served on the board of Sri Meenakshi Temple for four years and currently on the board of Classical Arts Society of Houston. Tupil and Ranjana have been married for over 40 years and enjoy their retired life spending time with their four grandchildren and playing tennis.



Neera and Vipin Kumar

Col Vipin Kumar has been serving the community as the Executive Director of India House, a Houston based non-profit organization. He has had 26 years of distinguished service in the Indian Military, retired as Colonel. He is a visiting instructor at Houston Police Academy. Present appointee on Mayor of Houston's International Community Board and a Telecommunication Engineer.

Neera Vipin is a writer and a poet and started teaching as a hobby and then made it her career. After 22 years of teaching in India, she continued her passion in Houston, too. She has been teaching in a private school in Katy for the last 14 years. Also, she has been promoting Indian Culture by teaching Hindi as a volunteer at India House.





Col. Raj Bhalla & Kanwal Kaur

Col. Raj Bhalla and wife Kanwal, have been living in Sugar Land since 1993. They have two physician sons practicing in Pennsylvania and Alabama and three grandchildren. Raj Bhalla joined Indian Army as a Lieutenant in 1953. Raj Bhalla moved to Houston in 1993 when Charles River moved its subsidiary company to Houston.

In Long Island he was actively involved in Freemasonry. He became the first Indian Master of a Masonic Lodge in 1982. Later, he was a Trustee of the Lodge. Bhalla serves on board of many non-profits

in Houston. He was elected to India House Executive Committee as its Secretary in 2007 and completed two terms in 2011. He was active with India Culture Center for many years and was unanimously elected as its President in 2011. Bhalla is former: Vice Chairman of Gurdwara Sahib of Southwest Houston, Director Indo American Political Action Committee, to name a few.

Raj and Kanwal love to travel and have been to probably all over the world. Raj enjoys horse-back riding and golf.



Dr Swati and Sameer Joglekar

Dr. Sameer Joglekar and Swati Joglekar Co-Founder and started their own Hospitalist company in 2011 specializing in Internal Medicine, Hospitalist and Managing Hospitalist practice for Houston Methodist Hospital system with 20 Physicians and 20 Nurse Practitioners serving across greater Houston

They both graduated from Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center Camp; Weill Medical School of Cornell University in New York and moved to Houston, Texas in 2010 and started their company Houston. Inpatient Physicians in 2011. They were both

recognized by Houston Methodist hospital as physician of excellence in 2011.

They are both from originally Mumbai and have twin 12-year-old daughters Rhea and Deeya.

Swati has recently served as the president of Indian Doctors Association and been involved with various non-profit organization and currently serves as a board on Fort Bend Medical Society.

Swati Joglekar's Professional affiliations and memberships includes Indian Doctors Association -Past President, Fort bend Medical Society -Board Member, Society of Hospitalist Medicine, American College of Physicians, American Society of Internal Medicine etc.



ANGELS OF CHARITY



Amit and Roopali Mittal

Amit is a Software Engineer and an entrepreneur. He successfully runs his software company Bizmetric (<https://bizmetric.com>). During his free time, he enjoys playing tennis and watching cricket. Roopali is a Software Engineer and she enjoys exploring new places and watching Bollywood movies.

Amit and Roopali have been living in Houston since 2000. They have 2 children - Son is a senior in high school and daughter is in middle school.



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IACF donates \$50,000 to local charities at 2019 Grants Distribution Event

by Shobana Muratee



Staying true to its motto, “We live here, we give here,” the Indo-American Charity Foundation (IACF) distributed \$50,000 in grants to 21 charitable organizations in the greater Houston areas on Thursday, August 22 at the India House. For over 30 years, since its founding in 1993, IACF has been awarding grants to struggling and committed non-profit organizations that uphold similar objectives.

Welcoming the august gathering of representatives of various organizations, IACF Board of Directors, community leaders and guests, IACF President Venkat Iyer said, “It is important for all of us to understand and comprehend that IACF is the single Indo American charitable entity in Houston. It believes in giving 100% of its proceeds to the community where we live in and where our future generations are most likely to establish themselves.” Further, he added, “IACF’s efforts can be summed up as EFGH (Education, Family, General and Healthcare) and have been promoting this as our mission at every platform we have been on. This year, nearly half of the 21 grant recipients were first-timers and were joined by others to speak a few minutes about their organization’s objectives and services. Listed below are the organizations that received grants from IACF:

1. Asians Against Domestic Abuse (AADA)
2. AVANCE Houston Inc -Parent Child

- Education and Adult Education Programs
3. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston
4. Family to Family Network
5. Foundation for Education and Research in Vision (FERV) at University of Houston College of Optometry
6. Houston Tamil Studies Chair
7. Indian American Cancer Network (IACAN)
8. Indian Doctor's Charity Clinic (IDCC)
9. PEACE - Parent Engagement for Active Child Enrichment
10. Prevent Blindness Texas
11. Santa Maria Hostel
12. SEARCH - Homeless Services (in kind)
13. Second Servings Of Houston
14. St. Mary of the Purification Catholic School
15. YLDP of Houston: Leadership course for High School students, juniors and seniors
16. iEducate USA
17. Indian Sr Citizens. Assn (in kind)
18. Literacy Advance of Houston
19. Mahatma Gandhi Library Inc
20. Turning Point Center
21. Hindu Charities for America (HC4A)

IACF Director Lakshmi Peter did an outstanding job as an Emcee, executing with precision the names

of the organizations, their respective representatives and the presenters. Each representative then gave a brief introduction about their organization and objectives.

Joseph "Zenith" Ellankil, IACF President Elect in his concluding remarks thanked the IACF Directors for their time and effort for raising funds for distribution. He thanked the presenter, many of who were past presidents and donors for their continued support. He urged the recipient to stay connected with IACF and with each other so that the common goals could be received effectively. He extended special thanks to the volunteers who helped with the event. He later reminded guests to mark their calendars of the upcoming IACF annual gala on September 13, 2019 at Stafford Center. The theme for 2019 is “Share Your Hearts the Texan Way. Live Life Texan-Size.’ Guests were served sumptuous dinner catered by Bombay To Beijing - Indian Chinese Cuisine in Sugar Land .

IACF a non-profit organization in Houston, dedicated its October 7, 2017 annual Gala to raising funds in support of Hurricane Harvey victims following which the organization donated \$200,000 to Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner’s Harvey Relief Fund. IACF’s other signature fundraising and distribution events include 5k Walk-a-Thon “I Walk – I Care” and Scholarships to Senior HS Students held in the early part of the year.

"I Walk, I Care" - IACF's annual 5K Walkathon held jointly with IDA and IDCC



By Shobana Muratee



On Saturday May 25th, the Indo-American Charity Foundation, (IACF) held its annual 5K Walkathon: "I Walk, I Care" in conjunction with the Indian Doctors Association (IDA) and the Indian Doctors Charity Clinic (IDCC) at the Lost Creek Park in Sugar Land.

The event had a bright start with the ribbon cutting by jointly by Venkat Iyer, IACF President, Dr Swati Joglekar (outgoing President IDA) and KC Mehta (Director IDCC) along with the board members and participants. About 185 walkers trailed the Lost Creek Park on what seemed like a picture-perfect day at the Walkathon. Funds in the excess of \$13,000 was raised at the Walkathon.

Volunteers arrived at 7 AM that morning and served coffee, tea, protein bars and fruits before the walkathon. Later, at 10:30 AM breakfast sponsored by Biryani Pot was served to participants. The free health screening for hypertension and diabetes at the medical camp set up by experienced health professionals and technicians was greatly appreciated by the participants.

Organizers thanked participants, volunteers, sponsors and team members that helped conduct the event flawlessly. Breakfast was sponsored by Biryani Pot, photography and videography by Roy Photography and media partners were: Radio Dabang and Voice of Asia Success of such an event would not have been possible without the generous

support of sponsors: Curve Hospitality, Brask Inc., Hancock and Whitney Bank, NRG Reliant, PurePoint Financials, New York Life, Quartet Engineers, TDK Constructions, Chelsea Gardens, Craft Basket, MIH Realty, IPC, Dr KT Shah, Dikondas, and Dr. Sushovan Guha.

About IACF: Indo-American Charity Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization that helps the underprivileged and needy with monetary and volunteer work contributions through established and emerging organizations [501(c)3] in the Greater Houston Area. The IACF was founded in 1988 and for over 30 years, IACF has appealed to the philanthropic spirit of the Indo-American community in Houston to target four key areas: Education, Family, General Welfare and Healthcare. Having our motto "We live here, we give here", our mission is to act as a bridge between the Indo-American community and mainstream causes. Visit www.iacfhouston.com to participate in their activities. About IDCC: Indian Doctors Charity Clinic, a nonprofit (501c3) organization, was established in 1999, for the sole purpose of serving the Houston community people, who are in dire need of medical services that they could not afford. For the past The IDCC has successfully completed 11 years of service to Houstonians of all ethnic groups once a week, Saturday, from 9 A.M to 12 noon. For more details visit www.idcccharityclinic.org

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IACF Awards Scholarships to 30 Outstanding HS Students of FBISD and AISD

By Shobana Muratee



The Indo-American Charity Foundation (IACF) held its Annual Scholarship Awards ceremony on April 17 at the Fort Bend ISD Administration Board Room in Sugar Land. This year, IACF awarded scholarships amounting to \$35,000 to a total of 30 outstanding, well deserving senior high school students from Fort Bend ISD and Alief ISD. The ceremony was held before an august audience of teachers, administrators, elected officials, community leaders, parents and IACF supporters and guests that filled the board room to its capacity.

Indo-American Charity Foundation (IACF) has over the past three decades worked closely with the Indo American community to contribute to the betterment of Houston Metropolitan area. This foundation focuses the needs of the society in the areas of education, family, general needy and healthcare (EFGH). “We live here We give here”, is what it believes in and true to their beliefs the IACF presents scholarships to talented and deserving college-bound students, each year, after a vigorous selection process. The event was chaired by K.P George, FBISD County Judge and co-chaired by Juli Mathew, Judge of County Court at Law Number 3. Also present were FBISD Board of Trustees Mr. Jim Rice and Mr. Dave Rosenthal.

The scholarships awarded were based on selection by grade point average, SAT/ACT scores, personal essay, recommendation letters, and need to students that had applied. An intensive process of selection was led by Scholarship Committee Chair Dr.

Purvi Parikh and a team of IACF Directors: Rajesh Dikonda, Joseph Ellankil, Venkat Iyer, Shobana Muratee, Hasu Patel, Mahesh Wadhwa, and Nanda Vura who were assisted by volunteers. The team did an exceptional job on the lengthy and meticulous processes of selection and review of the 68 applicants received this year. Recipients indicated their interests that ranged from medicine, biochemistry, animal science, business, political science, public health, nutrition, engineering, liberal arts and so on.

Speaking on the occasion Venkat Iyer, President of IACF said, “Education to a society is like roots to a tree, and we at IACF feel extremely honored to be a part of this process”, highlighting the importance of education in the growth of our society. Presenter Rajinder Soni, mentioned that IACF started this program a few years back with a budget of \$2000 and efforts were on to broaden the horizons to include other school districts from the Houston community. IACF President Elect, Joseph Ellankil proposed the vote of thanks. The event was captured by Roy Photography.

The Emcees for the evening were Nanda Vura, IACF Past President and Nini Ellankil, IACF supporter. Below is the list of the recipients and presenters: 2019 IACF Scholarship Recipients: FBISD: Vasquez, Leslie, Hasan, Isra, Momin, Insha, Letbetter, Ryleigh, Grimaldo, Lucero, Kayembe, Naomi, Huynh, Celine, Zhao, Jack, Mandala, Mariana Miranda, Mansilla, Susana*, Lopez, Abraham, Pham, Ashley, Akparu, Chiamaka, Estrada, Abigail and Memon, Muhammedhassaan.

AISD: Oladunjoye, Jeuloba Marvelous, Mahabir, Raveena, Velasquez, Miguel Angel, Cornejo, Eric, Solis, Natalie*, Hyde, Emanuella, Phi, Baohan, Onabolu, Abinibola, Al Hasan, Mohammad, Carpio-Paex, Briana, Dinh, Tien, Ogiamien, Connie, Brito, April Nicole, and Mbaeri, Precious.

Presenters included: KP George – Fort Bend County Judge; Juli Mathew - Judge of County Court at Law Number 3; Jim Rice - FBISD Board Trustee; Dave Rosenthal – FBISD Board Trustee; Hasu Patel, Tariq Mohammad - Hanmi Bank President; Sidney Evans- Senior Advisor NRG Energy; Harry Brendgen President Spartan Technologies ; Bal Sareen – CEO Brask Inc; Sajid Khan – CEO Curve Hospitality, Prasun Jalal – IACF Board Member; Sudheer Bodaraju – Group Director Minute Maid, Jawahar Malhotra – Publisher Indo American News, Kamala Raghavan – IACF Past President ; Prem Cholia- IACF BOD; Venkat Iyer- IACF President; Nanda Vura – IACF Past

President; Mahesh Desai – CPA and Financial Advisor; Joseph Ellankil- IACF President Elect; Rajesh Dikonda- IACF BOD; Dr. Ramesh Cherivirala - Eagle Strategies, Past President IACF, Dr. Terry Sheneman (Director FBISD, and a few others. Through scholarships, the IACF supports the hardworking, vastly talented students aspiring to become health care professionals, entrepreneurs, and engineers. The IACF hopes to make a difference in the future of these bright students. For more on IACF visit their website www.iacfhouston.com





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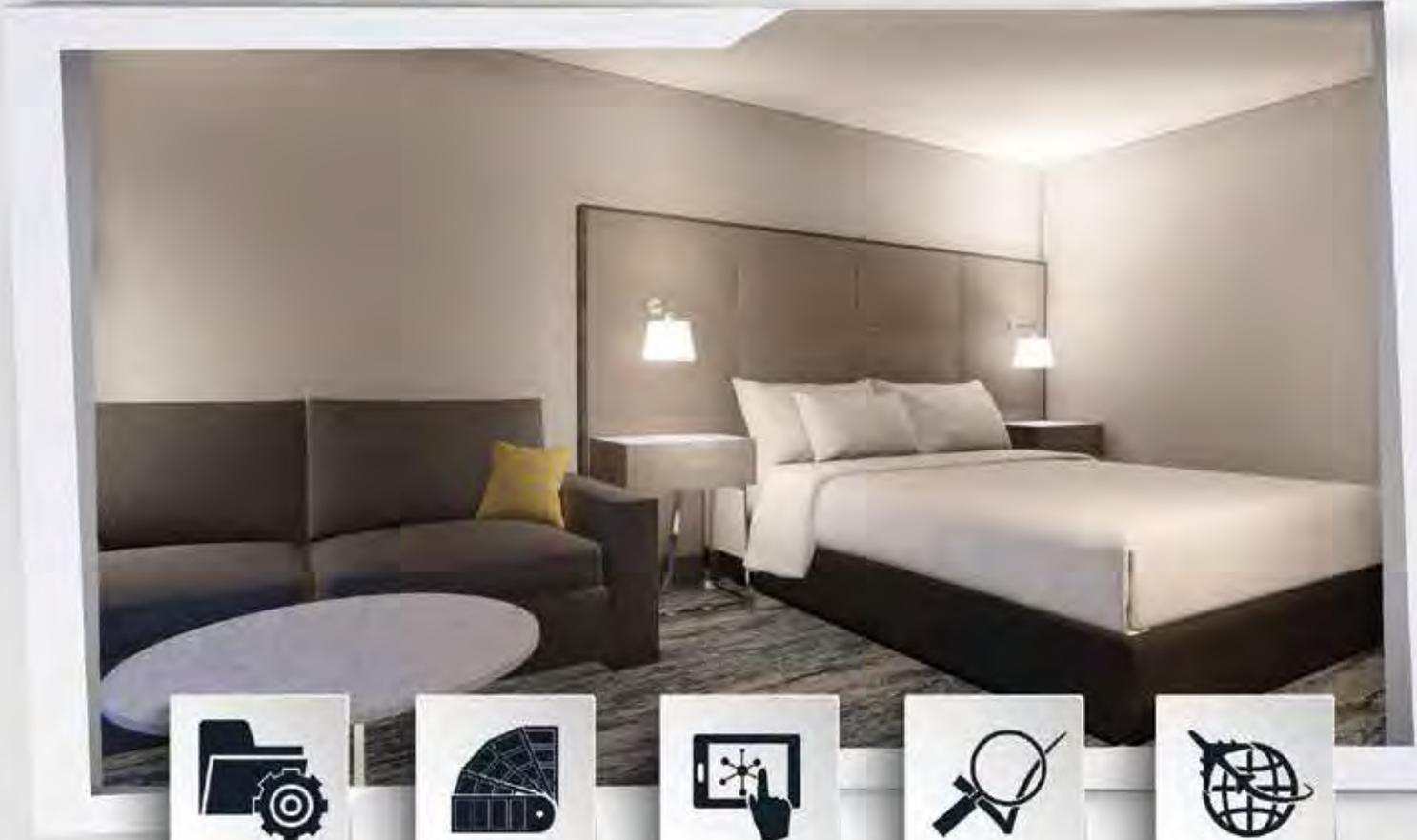
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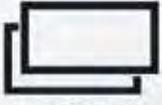
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