



Amaravani Newsletter

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Temple Management Message: Devotion, Community, and Foundation: FMHT July Updates Dear Devotees: Namaste!

July was another inspiring month at Flower Mound Hindu Temple, filled with devotion, community participation, and steady progress toward our shared vision of building a permanent spiritual home. We are blessed to see a significant increase in devotees visiting the temple throughout the week, especially on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. This growth is made possible by our dedicated priests, volunteers, and Puja Committee, whose tireless seva ensures every devotee enjoys a spiritually enriching experience from sacred pujas and darshan to a clean, welcoming temple and the preparation and serving of delicious satvik prasada.

The month was marked by several memorable events, including the grand Lord Shiva Rudrabhishekam & Sahasranama Archana, Guru Purnima Celebrations, Samuuhika Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Puja, and the launch of registrations for Sacred Sounds for Young Yogis. During Lord Shiva Rudrabhishekam & Sahasranama Archana, members of the management team also had the privilege of hosting several major donors at our new temple site to showcase the remarkable construction progress. In the spirit of seva, volunteers also distributed surplus supplies generously donated by devotees to local food banks and community organizations, extending our temple's service beyond its walls.

Our communications outreach continues to grow, helping devotees stay connected wherever they are. Monthly Temple Operations and New Temple Construction videos now reach more families than ever, with 600+ YouTube views, 30+ hours of watch time, 1,100+ Facebook followers, 2,600+ WhatsApp subscribers, and 1,200+ Constant Contact subscribers. We are especially encouraged by our 53%+ email open rate, significantly exceeding industry averages, reflecting our community's strong engagement. Construction of the New Temple continues to advance steadily. Thanks to your generosity, we have now reached \$3.7 million in pledges and \$1.6 million in pledge payments. All underground utility work, including the electrical infrastructure, has been completed, and concrete work is underway. We expect the access road, main concrete work, and parking areas to be completed by the end of August. We are currently evaluating bids for horizontal construction and, once a contractor is selected, will submit the final design package to the City for approval. We remain optimistic that vertical construction will begin in September 2026.

As construction progresses, we humbly request devotees who have already pledged to fulfill at least 40% of their pledge by the end of August, helping ensure uninterrupted progress. For those wishing to create a lasting spiritual legacy, sponsorship opportunities remain available for the Sri Shirdi Sai Baba, Lord Ganesha, Lord Shiva, Mata Durga, and Lord Balaji Mandirs. Sponsors will be honored as Maha Yajamanas, recognized during the Punar Pratishthapana Mahotsavam, receive Lifetime Membership, and have their names permanently displayed on the Temple Donor Wall.

In partnership with the Cultural Society of Flower Mound, we also continued to nurture our community through programs that inspire the next generation. July featured the Youth Empowerment workshop by Ashwin Ji, beautiful Swaranjali music presentations by Vagdevi School of Music and Guru Suriya Naren & Students, while registrations opened for Sacred Sounds for Young Yogis, an exciting initiative to help children deepen their understanding of Sanatana Dharma through Bhagavad Gita, music, and devotional learning. Together, through devotion, seva, and generosity, we are building far more than a temple we are creating a lasting spiritual, cultural, and educational legacy for generations to come. We thank every volunteer, donor, sponsor, and devotee for walking this sacred journey with us. Your continued support truly makes all the difference.

Temple Management



New Temple Progress Update 2026

Respected Devotees,

With the blessings of the Lord and the unwavering support of our community, 2025 has been a trans-formative year for the New Flower Mound Hindu Temple & Community Center. What began as vision and planning has now blossomed into visible on-site construction, bringing our collective dream closer to reality than ever before.

Construction Progress:

Work Completed	Work in Progress (Nov 2025 - Aug 2026)	Projected Time Line	Financial Snapshot & Fundraising Needs
All 15 City-approved trees have been safely removed.	Concrete foundation for the temple, parking and sidewalk preparation	Land Development Completion: June-Aug 2026	Total Pledges: \$3.7 Million Pledges Fulfilled: \$1.6 Million
Earthwork and grading are 100% complete, and the building pad is fully prepared with select fill—a strong, stable foundation for the temple structure.		Building Completion & Move-In: Q1 -Q2 2027	Phase 1 (Land Development + Building A), we still require: \$1.0 million in new pledges
Site mobilization, staging, utility preparation, and erosion-control measures are in place. Sewer, Water and Plumbing (SWP) along with data line installation, electrical work is completed.		Three new deities have been ordered as per the AGM approval, and it will take 7 to 8 months.	Timely fulfillment of existing commitments. Your support at this stage ensures continuous payment for contractor milestones and uninterrupted construction.

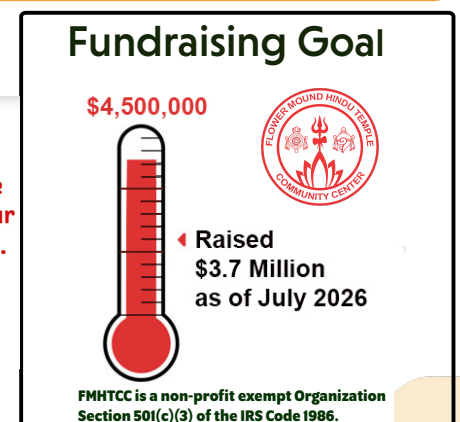
To fully complete the project, we still need an additional \$1 million in new pledges and the timely fulfillment of existing pledges totaling \$3.7 million.

Together Toward 2026 and Beyond

We are building not just a physical structure, but a sacred home for devotion, culture, learning, and community. With gratitude and unity, let us step into 2026 with renewed purpose, devotion, and commitment.

Temple Management

Temple Construction Progress Gallery



Operational & Puja Committee Update

We encourage all devotees to stay connected by subscribing to our temple's YouTube channel for live and recorded events, allowing you to participate in divine moments from wherever you are.

Our temple continues to offer regular weekly sevas:

Shiva Abhishekam on Mondays at 06:45 PM

Sri Hanuman Chalisa & Bhajan on Tuesday at 07:30 PM

Sri Shiridi Sai Baba Aarthi - on Thursday 4 times

Balaji Abhishekam on Saturdays at 10:30 AM



Please visit our temple You Tube channel

These sacred offerings are made possible by the tireless seva of our volunteers. Every act, whether preparing prasad or organizing temple activities, is an offering to the Divine and a reflection of dharma, unity, and compassion.

Looking Ahead: August Highlights:

We are excited to invite you to participate in the upcoming spiritual and cultural events:

On August 14th, our temple will conduct the Samoohika Lakshmi Puja, which falls on the first Friday of Sravana Masam. Additionally, we will hold the Shri Sai Baba arathi four times each Thursday.

Kakad Aarthi (Morning)	11:00 AM
Madhyan Aarthi (Noon)	12:00 PM
Dhoop Aarthi (Evening)	07:00 PM
Shej Aarthi (Night)	08:00 PM

We're live! Come explore the new FMHTCC website

With the blessings of the Almighty and the unwavering support of our community, we are thrilled to announce that the official Flower Mound Hindu Temple website has been completely reimagined and launched! www.fmhtcc.org

As our community grows, we want to ensure that every devotee can stay connected and access spiritual services with ease. Our new platform uses the latest technology to bring the temple's services directly to your fingertips.

What's New for You or Improvements Currently Underway

Instant Priest Requests: No more waiting! You can now request a priest for your personal puja needs whether at the temple, your home, or your office directly through our online portal.

Event Bookings: Easily sign up for upcoming major festivals, Abhishekams, and community events with just a few clicks.

Online Donations & Support: Our "New Temple" project is moving forward! You can now make secure contributions or set up recurring donations to support our building's vertical construction and daily operations.

Mobile-Friendly Experience: Whether you are on a laptop or a smartphone, the site is designed to be fast, clear, and easy to navigate.

Explore It Today! We invite you to visit www.fmhtcc.org to explore new features. From checking daily Aarti timings to viewing our gallery recent celebrations, the new site is your one-stop hub for all things.

Support the New Temple Through Stock & DAF Giving

As we continue building our sacred temple, devotees can support this divine effort in a simple and tax-efficient way by donating appreciated stocks or through a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) often allowing you to give more than cash. Example: Donating Appreciated Stock

Suppose you purchased AAPL (Apple) stock for \$500 several years ago, and today it is worth \$2,500. If you sell the stock first, you may owe capital gains tax on the \$2,000 gain.

If you donate the stock directly:

The temple receives the full \$2,500 toward construction

You may avoid capital gains tax on the \$2,000 appreciation

You may receive a charitable tax deduction for the full \$2,500

This often results in significant tax savings, while maximizing your impact. How to donate appreciated stock:

Visit DonateStock

Search for Flower Mound Hindu Temple

Select AAPL (or TSLA), enter the number of shares, and complete the secure transfer

Using a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF): If you have a DAF with Fidelity, Vanguard, or Schwab, you may recommend a grant directly to the temple.

These thoughtful giving options help accelerate the completion of our sacred temple. For assistance, please contact the temple fundraising team.

contactus@fmhtcc.org

Phone: 214-513-2562

Host a Neighborhood Fundraiser for the New Flower Mound Hindu Temple

A historic milestone is taking shape in our community. The Flower Mound Hindu Temple and Cultural Community (FMHTCC) is constructing its permanent spiritual home at 3131 Old Settlers Road. With town approvals being secured and phase one of the building project progressing rapidly, the temple needs our collective support to meet its remaining financial goals.

By hosting a simple fundraising event in your neighborhood, you can play a direct role in creating this sanctuary for future generations.

2 Simple Ideas to Host on Your Street

Chai & Samosa Social: Host a casual evening gathering on your driveway and discuss the progress of the temple. If you have already pledged, please ask your neighbor for support.

Organize a Devotional Bhajan Night at your home, featuring spiritual singing or meditation. Involve the temple fundraising team to explain the temple's progress and the current fundraising status.

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Significant Hindu Festivals in the month of August

13th August, Monday:

Shravana Masam is considered one of the holiest and most auspicious months in the Hindu lunar calendar, dedicated primarily to the worship of Lord Shiva, Goddess Lakshmi, and Lord Vishnu. The month gets its name because the full moon day (Pournami) coincides with the Shravana Nakshatra, which is the birth star of Lord Vishnu. Every single day of this month is believed to carry divine vibrations where acts of devotion multiply in merit.

Spiritual Importance of Each Weekday:

During this holy period, specific days of the week are dedicated to distinct deities:

Mondays (Shravan Somvar): Dedicated entirely to Lord Shiva.

Devotees fast and perform Rudrabhishekam to seek prosperity and peace.

Tuesdays (Mangala Gauri Vratam): Dedicated to Goddess Parvati (Gauri). Newly married women and brides perform rituals for a happy married life and the long health of their husbands.

Fridays (Shravan Shukravara): Dedicated to Goddess Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity. It is a vital day for women to perform special prayers to invite wealth and eliminate hardships.

Saturdays (Sampat Sanivara): Dedicated to Lord Vishnu and Shani Dev to attain structural wealth, balance planetary influences, and seek spiritual growth.

16th August, Thursday:

Naga Panchami is a highly sacred Hindu festival dedicated to the worship of serpent deities (Nagas), symbolizing protection, ecological harmony, and the awakening of spiritual energy. Devotees perform rituals to alleviate ancestral doshas like Sarpa Dosha or Kala Sarpa Dosha, which are believed to cause life delays or family challenges. The snake represents the coiled Kundalini energy dormant at the base of the spine. Worshipping on this day is believed to aid inner transformation and spiritual awakening.

21st August, Friday:

Varalakshmi Vratam Friday before Pournima

27th August, Monday :

Raksha Bandhan (Rakhi Pournami): Celebrated widely across India, sisters tie a sacred thread (Rakhi) on their brothers' wrists to pray for their long life. In return, brothers vow to protect their sisters from all life difficulties.

Upakarma / Jandhyala Pournami: Primarily observed in South India (often called Avani Avittam), Brahmin men participate in a sacred thread-changing ceremony. It symbolizes the removal of past sins and a renewed vow toward Vedic studies and spiritual discipline.

Hayagriva Jayanti: This day celebrates the birth of Lord Hayagriva (the horse-headed incarnation of Lord Vishnu), who is revered as the supreme giver of knowledge, wisdom, and speech.

Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Vratam: Many households perform this ritual and host community storytelling sessions to invoke the blessings of Lord Vishnu for family peace, wealth, and fulfillment of desires.

Author

Veerabhadra Rao Ivaturi

Sru Guru Raghavendra Swami Aradhane (1595-1671)

**|| Pujyaya Raghavendraya Satya Dharma Rathaya Cha |
Bhajataam Kalpavrukshaya Namataam Kamadhenave ||**



Sri Guru Raghavendra Swami of Mantralayam is one of the most revered pontiffs in the lineage of Jagadguru Sri Madhvacharya. According to the Madhva tradition, his earlier incarnations include Shankukarna, the great devotee Prahlada, King Baahlika, and the illustrious Sri Vyasaraja, the guru of saints such as Purandara Dasa, Kanaka Dasa, Vadiraja, and Vijayeendra Tirtha.

Born as Venkata Bhatta to the pious couple Veena Timmanna Bhatta and Gopikamba, he was blessed with exceptional scholarship and unwavering devotion from an early age. After studying under Sri Vijayeendra Tirtha and Sri Sudheendra Tirtha, he authored the celebrated commentary Parimala on Sri Jayatirtha's Nyayasudha, earning the title Parimalacharya. Though he lived in great poverty as a householder, he remained steadfast in his dedication to dharma, scholarship, and devotion. Even during this period, many witnessed his divine grace through miraculous events.

Receiving Sanyasa Deeksha from Sri Sudheendra Tirtha, he became Sri Raghavendra Tirtha and undertook twelve years of intense penance at Panchamukhi. His literary contributions to Dvaita Vedanta are among the greatest after Sri Madhvacharya. His forty-four works include commentaries on the Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, Brahma Sutras, Rigveda, concise renderings of the Ramayana and Mahabharata, devotional hymns, and philosophical treatises that continue to guide seekers across generations. He also composed the beloved Kannada devotional song "Indu Enage Govinda."

His foremost disciples included Sri Appanacharya, author of the revered Sri Raghavendra Stotra; Sri Narayana Acharya, who composed Sri Raghavendra Vijaya; Sri Yogendra Tirtha, his appointed successor; and Sri Surendra Tirtha.

Throughout his lifetime and even after entering Jeeva Samadhi at Mantralayam, Sri Raghavendra Swami has been revered for countless miracles. Devotees recount incidents such as restoring a drowned child to life, saving a prince from a deadly snakebite, and transforming meat into fruits to uphold dharma. During British rule, Sir Thomas Munro is said to have experienced the saint's divine presence, an event documented in the Madras District Gazetteers.

Sri Raghavendra Swami entered Jeeva Samadhi at Mantralayam during Shravana Krishna Paksha Dwitiya, assuring devotees that he would continue to bless humanity for 700 years. Even today, countless devotees experience his grace, guidance, and protection, earning him the title "Kalpavriksha and Kamadhenu of Kali Yuga"—the divine bestower of righteous wishes and spiritual upliftment.

On the sacred occasion of Sri Raghavendra Swami Aradhane, let us pray for his blessings to grant us wisdom, unwavering devotion to Lord Sri Hari and Sri Mukhya Prana, and peace, prosperity, and well-being for all.

Sri Guru Raghavendra Antargata Sri Mukhya Prana Antargata Sri Krishnarpanamastu.

Youth Voice – Teen Reporter

Varalakshmi Vratam

Varalakshmi Vratam is a revered Hindu festival dedicated to Goddess Lakshmi, celebrated primarily by married women in southern India, including Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and parts of Maharashtra. It occurs on the Friday before the full moon in the month of Shravana. On this day, devotees pray to Goddess Varalakshmi, seeking blessings for health, happiness, and prosperity.

The tradition originated with a devoted woman named Charumathi, who, after receiving a divine instruction in a dream, initiated the vratam to bring good fortune to her family. She cleaned and decorated her home, set up a sacred Kalash, and offered fruits, sweets, and prayers. Inspired by her sincerity, many women joined her in worship, leading to blessings from the Goddess.

The term "Vara" means boon, while "Lakshmi" signifies the Goddess of fortune, symbolizing the worship of her eight forms, known as Ashta Lakshmi, which represent various types of prosperity.

On Varalakshmi Vratam, women wake early to clean, decorate their homes, wear traditional attire, prepare special dishes, and perform puja while tying a sacred thread around their wrists, praying for their loved ones' well-being. This festival emphasizes the importance of devotion, gratitude, family values, and community, reminding us that true prosperity encompasses not just material wealth but also health, wisdom, and strong familial ties. Today, millions celebrate this festival with deep devotion, believing in the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi for both abundance and inner peace.

Yavanika Iyengar
Flower Mound High School

A Promise of Protection and Lifelong Love

Raksha Bandhan, also known as Rakhi, is one of the most cherished Hindu festivals celebrating the unique bond between siblings. It is celebrated every year on Shravan Purnima, the full moon day of the Hindu lunar month of Shravana. Raksha Bandhan translates to "the bond of protection, obligation, or care." It signifies the sister's love and the brother's duty to protect her from harm. Sisters tie a sacred thread (rakhi) around their brothers' wrists, praying for their well-being. In return, brothers offer gifts and a lifelong vow to safeguard their siblings. The festival is rooted in Indian epics. One popular legend from the Mahabharata describes Draupadi tearing a strip of her sari to tie around Lord Krishna's bleeding finger, prompting him to vow to protect her always. The tradition extends beyond biological siblings. It is frequently observed among cousins, sisters-in-law, and close friends to strengthen community ties, mutual respect, and harmony.

This day is deemed highly auspicious for beginning new journeys, seeking blessings, and performing acts of charity. When talking about the first ever unconditional love you receive from someone after your parents, it is from your sibling. The day of Raksha Bandhan signifies a celebration of such bonds, with brothers and sisters taking vows to protect each other and stand by one another through thick and thin. Apart from immediate family, you can also celebrate Raksha Bandhan with someone whom you respect as a protector and share a brotherly bond with. The day is marked by sisters observing a fast for their brothers until they tie them the rakhi. Sisters begin by performing aarti for their brothers with a mangal thali. They then apply a tilak to their brother's forehead and tie the rakhi on his wrist before offering sweets. Brothers, in return, present gifts and blessings to their sisters. Though the celebrations of Raksha Bandhan could not stop the Partition of Bengal, they established the rakhi as a symbol of peace. Even today, the rakhi is used to symbolize unity, harmony, and mutual respect. The significance of Raksha Bandhan is so profound that it has continued to be celebrated for centuries and will continue to be cherished for generations to come. It marks a day of unconditional love, lifelong support, and the unbreakable bond between siblings.

Shruthi Kattunga
Flower Mound High School

The Annual Puja/Ishta Devata Puja Please scan this QR code



The one God, in His/Her infinite compassion, takes on several forms (Ishta Devata – personal God) to fulfill the needs and aspirations of His/Her devotees. Flower Mound Hindu Temple Community Center was founded on this principle of having several Ishta Devatas to meet the needs of a wide range of devotees. Worship of Ishta Devata and Kula Devata (Family Deity) is a special tradition to all Hindus. Supporting the rituals to various Deities according to one's choice and ability not only helps in maintaining this tradition, but it is recommended by the scriptures as one's duty. By supporting such activities in the temple, benefits accrue to the masses, and it sets a good example for future generations to follow.

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Attention: **Exclusively for the Youth channel**

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

August 2026

Sat 01	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:00 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam SANKATAHARA CHATURTHI 06:30 PM Ganesha Abhishekam
Mon 03	SHIVA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Shiva Abhishekam
Tue 04	SRI HANUMAN CHALISA 07:00 Hanuman Chalisa & Bhajan 08:00 Aarathi
Thu 06	SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA AARTI 11:00 AM Kakad Aarthi (Morning) 12:00 PM Madhyan Aarthi (Noon) 07:00 PM Dhoop Aarthi (Evening) 08:00 PM Shej Aarthi (Night)
Fri 07	MONTHLY KRITIKA NAKSHITRA 06:30 PM Subramanya Swami Abhishekam 07:30 PM Lalitha Sahasranamam 08:00 PM Durga Aarthi
Sat 08	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:30 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Sun 09	SARASWATHI PUJA 06:30 PM Saraswathi Puja (Kids Back to School)
Mon 10	SHIVA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Shiva Abhishekam
Tue 11	SRI HANUMAN CHALISA 07:00 Hanuman Chalisa & Bhajan 08:00 Aarathi
Thu 13	SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA AARTI 11:00 AM Kakad Aarthi (Morning) 12:00 PM Madhyan Aarthi (Noon) 07:00 PM Dhoop Aarthi (Evening) 08:00 PM Shej Aarthi (Night)
Fri 14	SRAVANA MASAM 07:00 PM Samuhika Vara Lakshmi Puja 08:00 PM Aarthi
Sat 15	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:00 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam Followed by Thirupavai Seva
Sun 16	NAGA PANCHAMI 11:00 AM Nagar Abhishekam
Mon 17	SHIVA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Shiva Abhishekam
Tue 18	SRI HANUMAN CHALISA 07:00 Hanuman Chalisa & Bhajan 08:00 Aarathi
Thu 20	SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA AARTI 11:00 AM Kakad Aarthi (Morning) 12:00 PM Madhyan Aarthi (Noon) 07:00 PM Dhoop Aarthi (Evening) 08:00 PM Shej Aarthi (Night)
Fri 21	SRAVANA MASAM 07:00 PM Samuhika Vara Lakshmi Puja 08:00 PM Aarthi
Sat 22	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:00 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Sun 23	SUNDERKAND PAATH 06:30 PM Sunderkand Paath
Mon 24	SHIVA ABHISHEKAM 06:30 PM Shiva Abhishekam
Tue 25	SRI HANUMAN CHALISA 07:00 Hanuman Chalisa & Bhajan 08:00 Aarathi
Thu 27	SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA AARTI 11:00 AM Kakad Aarthi (Morning) 12:00 PM Madhyan Aarthi (Noon) 07:00 PM Dhoop Aarthi (Evening) 08:00 PM Shej Aarthi (Night)
Fri 28	SRAVANA MASAM 07:00 PM Samuhika Vara Lakshmi Puja 08:00 PM Aarthi
Sat 29	VENKATESHWARA ABHISHEKAM 10:00 AM Moola Murthy Abhishekam
Sun 30	NAGAR ABHISHEKAM 11:00 AM Nagar Abhishekam



TEMPLE HOURS

Monday through Friday: 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 05:30 PM - 09:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday: 09:30 AM - 02:00 PM & 05:00 PM - 09:00 PM

WEEKLY ABHISHEKAM

Monday: 06:45 PM Rudrabhishekam

Tuesday: 07:30 PM Sri Hanuman Chalisa & Bhajan

2nd Thursday: 06:45 PM Sri Shiridi Saibaba Abhishekam

Saturday: 10:30 AM Sri Balaji Abhishekam

MONTHLY PUJA

Purnima 06:30 PM Samuhika Satyanarayana Vratam

Sankatahara Chaturthi 07:00 PM Sri Ganesha Abhishekam

Krittika: 07:00 PM Murgugan Abhishekam

Nagara Abhishekam: 05:30 PM Last Sunday of every Month



Flower Mound Temple Construction



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Register to Volunteer with Flower Mound Hindu Temple via VolunteerLocal



Please scan the QR code for updates on available opportunities from temple management.

[Sign up to Volunteer Click here](#)

Spotlight on Donors

the Balaji's



For our family, donating to the Flower Mound Hindu Temple is much more than making a financial contribution—it is an investment in our faith, our culture, and our community. Having a temple close to home gives us a place where we can pray, celebrate festivals, seek guidance, and come together with people who share our traditions and values.

It creates a sense of belonging and strengthens the bonds that connect us as a community.

As parents, one of our greatest hopes is to pass on our rich cultural heritage to the next generation. We want our children and grandchildren to understand our traditions, participate in our festivals, learn the stories of our scriptures, and develop a lifelong connection with our faith. A temple provides that foundation by serving as a center for spiritual learning, cultural education, and community service. It is a place where memories are created, friendships are built, and values are nurtured.

We have been inspired by the dedication and selfless efforts of the countless volunteers, donors, and leaders who have worked tirelessly to bring this vision to life. Their commitment reminds us that a temple is not built by bricks and stone alone—it is built through devotion, sacrifice, and the collective generosity of a community united by a common purpose.

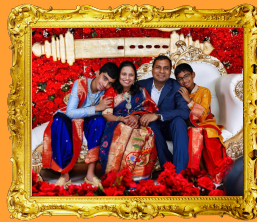
Every donation, whether large or small, brings us one step closer to creating a sacred space that will serve families for generations. We feel grateful and blessed to be part of this historic journey and hope that future generations will look back with pride, knowing that our community came together to build something truly meaningful.

We encourage everyone to contribute in whatever way they can through donations, volunteering, or simply spreading the word. Together, we are building more than a temple; we are creating a lasting legacy of faith, culture, compassion, and unity that will inspire generations to come.

Balaji and Arasi Anna
Shaan, Rishi

Spotlight on Donors

the Kakani's



We are Naveen and Bhargavi, and we've called Flower Mound, Texas, our home for more than three decades. Having spent a significant part of our lives in the DFW metroplex, we've witnessed its transformation into a vibrant hub for Indian culture.

With Naveen holding a Ph.D. in Engineering and Bhargavi carrying a degree in Business, our educational journeys have shaped who we are today.

During our childhood in India, visits to temples were integral to our family life. These trips, whether during summer vacations or special occasions, were not just rituals but cherished family outings filled with excitement and shared stories. Thanks to our parents, these experiences instilled in us a deep appreciation for tradition and community.

Upon relocating to the USA, it was natural for us to seek out temples to recreate those feelings of peace and belonging we had known. Little did we anticipate that our visits to these new temples would evolve into an opportunity to contribute significantly to our community. When the Flower Mound community began the journey to establish a temple, we immediately saw the chance to play a role in this meaningful effort. Inspired by the dedication of volunteers who worked tirelessly, often sacrificing their own time, we were compelled to support this cause wholeheartedly. The temple became a place that nourished our spirits and connected us to our roots, and we felt it was our turn to give back.

We firmly believe in the principle that "to whom much is given, much is expected." As believers in faith, we encourage others to step forward and contribute, whether through donations, volunteer work, or participation in events. It's through these acts of service that we can create a thriving community united by shared values.

As parents of two boys, a college sophomore and a 9th grader, we strive to lead by example, demonstrating our belief in the importance of community involvement. We envision a future where our children, alongside their peers, take pride in participating in temple activities, understanding the significance of what their parents and grandparents endeavored to create. The new temple will stand as a testament to the power of faith and collective effort, something we hope the younger generation will cherish.

We look forward to welcoming families at the temple for key festivities this fall. It will be a proud moment for all of us when we see the next generation embracing the values we hold dear. We extend our best wishes to the entire community and wish all the students a successful school year ahead. Together, let's continue to build a vibrant community around our shared faith and aspirations.

Naveen and Bhargavi Kakani
Yash, Nishant

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Employer Matching Contributions

Employer contribution matches for religious or charitable organizations typically depend on the specific policies of the employer's matching gift program. Here's an overview of how it usually works:

1. Check Eligibility
 - Employers usually provide a list of eligible organizations or categories, such as religious, educational, or nonprofit organizations. Some employers exclude religious organizations unless the donation is for non-religious activities like community outreach or education.
2. Donation by the Employee
 - The employee makes a personal donation to a qualifying religious or charitable organization, like a Hindu temple.
 - The donation amount should meet the employer's minimum requirements (e.g., \$25).
3. Submit Matching Gift Request
 - The employee submits a matching gift request through the company's platform or by filling out a matching gift form.
 - This could include: The donation receipt.
 - Information about the organization (e.g., tax-exempt status like 501(c)(3) in the U.S.).
 - Some companies use platforms like Benevity or Double the Donation to manage these requests.
4. Employer Verification
 - The employer verifies whether the organization and donation meet their eligibility criteria.
 - If approved, the employer matches the donation, usually up to a specified limit (e.g., \$1,000 annually).
5. Funds Disbursed
 - Once approved, the matching amount is sent directly to the organization by the employer.

Important Considerations

- **Tax-Exempt Status:** Most employers require the organization to have a recognized charitable status, like 501(c)(3) in the U.S.
- **Restrictions on Religious Use:** Some employers restrict matching to non-religious purposes, like community services or educational programs offered by the religious organization.
- **Annual Caps:** Employers often have an annual maximum they will match per employee.

To ensure the temple qualifies and the match is successful, check with your HR or your employer's matching gift policy.

No.	Company Name	Religious	Cultural	Max	Match %	Notes (example: bonus match during Jan)
1	Bank of America	Y	Y	\$5,000	1:1	Minimum donation eligible is usually \$25.
2	Costco Wholesale Corporation	Y	Y	Varies	1:1	Generally matches specific campaigns or executives.
3	CVS Health	Y	Y	\$5,000	1:1	Includes most U.S. 501(c)(3) organizations.
4	Goldman Sachs	Y	Y	\$20,000	1:1	One of the highest in the industry.
5	JP Morgan Chase	Y	Y	\$2,000	1:1	Easy submission through internal portal.
6	State Street	Y	Y	Varies	1:1	17.7 K for the organization for given calendar year
7	Verizon	Y	Y	\$6,000	1:1	Typically \$5k for higher ed; \$1k for other 501(c)(3)s.
8	Toyota	Y	Y	\$5,000	1:1	Primarily focused on educational institutions.
9	IBM	Y	Y	\$10,000	1:1	Includes matches for retirees in some cases.
10	Salesforce	Y	Y	\$10,000	1:1	Also offers \$10/hour volunteer grants.
11	Columbia Sportswear	Y	Y	\$1,000	1:1	Available for full-time and part-time employees.
12	USAA	Y	Y	\$1,000	1:1	Must be submitted via the USAA giving portal.
13	Charles Schwab	Y	Y	\$1,000	1:1	Additional \$1k match for non-profit board service.
14	T-Mobile	Y	Y	\$2,000	1:1	Includes volunteer hour matching.
15	AT&T	Y	Y	\$1,000	1:1	Often part of their "AT&T Believes" campaign.
16	Google	Y	Y	\$10,000	1:1	Separate limits often apply for disaster relief.
17	Qualcomm	Y	Y	\$1,000	1:1	Combined limit for gift and volunteer grants.
18	Gartner	Y	Y	\$5,000	1:1	Minimum match usually starts at \$10.
19	PepsiCo	Y	Y	\$10,000	1:1	Managed via the PepsiCo Foundation.
20	L3 Harris	Y	Y	\$5,000	1:1	Managed via L3H internal portal
21	PennyMac	Y	Y	\$5,000	1:1	Non-religious entity. Also offers \$25/hr upto \$2000/Plan year/employee



The Cultural Society of Flower Mound is a not-for profit organization run by volunteers to bring the Hindu community together through vibrant cultural events and shared traditions. We provide and support a variety of educational, social, and health-related services and programs. In addition, we plan to provide a library of books on Indian philosophy, religion, arts, culture and spirituality.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

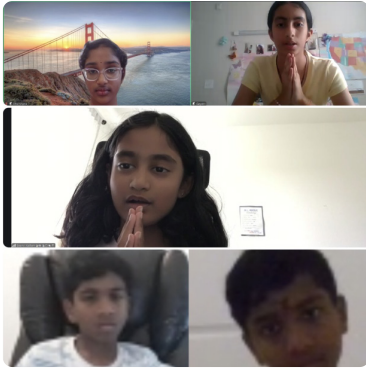
Sacred Sounds

Hari Om and Jai Śrī Krishna,

Jai Śrī Krishna dear parents,

On this historic July 4th, as America celebrates 250 years of independence, it is worth remembering the broad vision of religious liberty with which this nation was imagined. In 1821, Thomas Jefferson wrote that religious freedom in America must protect “the Hindoo” as much as anyone else. In that same spirit, over the last two weeks, we partnered with Geeta Pariwar launching Sanskar Vatika, where 75+ children across the United States and Canada participated in classes that celebrated both learning and values.

The children learned Śloka connected to daily habits, explored temples, forts, stepwells, stūpa, Jain colossi, and Gurudwara across Bhārat using AI, practiced Śravaṇam, Smaraṇam, Ekāgratā, and Sevā through the Hanumānji Focus Challenge, played quizzes, did Yoga, learned Origami, and participated with wonderful enthusiasm.



Young Yogis from Sacred Sounds attended, learned, and enjoyed these classes with great enthusiasm. Regular attendees included Gayatri, Dharshana, Saanvi, Samarth, Saharsh, and Sharvani. Our children did not just show up they actively participated, stayed engaged, and remained on top of the class.

Many of them earned recognitions such as Bhakti Veera, Karma Veera, and other badges. They were also selected to showcase their learning during the Ānandotsav, which is a matter of pride for all of us. Please offer your āśīrvādam to these children as they continue growing as young Dhārmic citizens - rooted in Dharma, confident in their identity, and ready to contribute positively to the communities and countries they live in.



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Sacred Sounds for Young Yogis

Academic Year 2026-2027

Flower Mound Hindu Temple

Cultural Society of Flower Mound

Bala Upāsaka 03:15 PM to 04:10 PM	Bala Sādhaka 04:20 PM to 05:15 PM	Gita Yajña L1 - 02:30 PM to 03:15 PM L2 - 01:05 PM to 02:00 PM
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3325 Long Prairie Rd, Flower Mound, TX 75022

Sundays

Classes start from August 16. Register now!

Geeta Pariwar || Learn Geeta, Teach Geeta, Live Geeta ||

With the anugraha of Māta Saraswati and Jagadguru Śrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya, we are happy to announce that registrations are now open for Sacred Sounds for Young Yogis – Academic Year 2026–27.

Classes will begin on Sunday, August 16, 2026, and will be conducted every Sunday from 01:00 PM onward.

Children who have not experienced our classes yet will register as a Bala Upāsaka.

Children who successfully completed Bala Upāsaka in the previous AY may register for Bala Sādhaka this year, and so on.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/sMUhhL6DPhQd5ib1A>

We look forward to another meaningful year of Dharma Śikṣā, for our children.

॥ विद्यायै इदं नमः ॥



Registration QR code





MASA SHIVARATRI
07/13/2026





Mahanyasa Purvaka Rudrabhishekam and Sahasranamarchana

07/19/2026



Starts August 13th, 2026



SRAVANA MASAM

SAMUHIKA LAKSHMI POOJA

Please mark the following dates on your calendar and come join us in celebration at the Flower Mound Hindu Temple

Friday, 14 th 2026 7:00 PM Vara Lakshmi Puja 8:00 PM Aarathi	Friday, 21 st 2026 7:00 PM Vara Lakshmi Puja 8:00 PM Aarathi	Friday, 28 th 2026 7:00 PM Vara Lakshmi Puja 8:00 PM Aarathi
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[Sign up to Volunteer Click here](#)

Volunteers are essential to our temple's operations, and we sincerely appreciate the enthusiasm and dedication of our youth. We are always looking for ways to involve more devotees and student volunteers in temple activities and special events. Students who wish to earn school or community service hours can use the Volunteer Hours Sign-Up Sheet available at the temple. Once the sheet is completed, volunteers can log their hours for official school credit.