



Hindu American Seva Charities

Building Communities in America through Festivals of Seva

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HASC ANNOUNCES SEVA CONFERENCE AND ESSAY COMPETITION "Energizing Dharmic* Seva (Service): Impacting Change in America and Abroad"

Washington, D.C. March 31, 2011. Hindu American Seva Charities (HASC) is pleased to announce its second annual conference in the nation's capital from July 29-31, 2011. Join us at the White House and Make History!

The Dharmic* American community has an immense untapped potential to serve at home and abroad. The theme of the event is "Energizing Dharmic* Seva: Impacting Change in America and Abroad," and is designed to inspire all towards community service. This event opens at the White House on **July 29, 2011** and continues at Georgetown University campus on **July 30** as Festivals of Service. * *Dharma(ic)* is defined as one's obligation or duty to serve.

Our motto is **Let's Serve, Celebrate, Learn: Building Communities Together**. Festivals of Seva augments programs to build strong inter-faith and secular communities across the United States on campus, in faith/secular institutions, temples, yoga studios, neighborhoods, cities, towns or rural areas. Dharmic communities can contribute to Peace and Harmony through seva (e.g. yoga and meditation) and participate fully as Americans in Civic Engagement, Education, Environment, Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, Job Creation, Public Health, Foreign Policy and Global Development.

"HASC is working to bridge the knowledge gap to sustain Dharmic faith based approach to development" explained Anju Bhargava, Founder, Hindu American Seva Charities.

To impact change and encourage new service ideas, HASC is sponsoring a widespread civic and service participation essay contest for youth and seniors. Selected winners will be recognized by HASC and invited to the briefing at the White House. Nominees of the contest will be acknowledged at Georgetown. [Click here for the flyer](#).

On Friday, July 29th and Saturday, 30th, we will share ways in which to advance seva thorough your Seva Plans, assist you through "how-to" information for building a Dharmic Seva Center (virtual or hubs). The third day features a visit to the Sri Siva Vishnu Temple in Lanham, Maryland to see how a Seva Center works in action.

During the conference there will be exciting cultural events, opportunities for networking, a conference dinner in Washington, DC and a profile of Dharmic Americans in public service.

Hindu American Seva Charities (HASC) is a progressive American organization advancing Seva (community service) while promoting interfaith collaboration, pluralism, social justice, and sustainable civic engagement. HASC aims to ignite grassroots social change to build healthy communities.



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Building Communities Together!**

