

Friday July 29th, 2011

The White House, Eisenhower Executive Office Building

Dharmic Seva: Catalyst to Strengthening and Building Pluralistic Communities

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – The Whole World is One Family

8:00AM 9:00AM

Registration and Check-in

Location, place, time, security instructions

9:00AM-9:45AM

Energizing Seva (service): Dharmic Americans at the Forefront in Impacting Change

Invocation, by Usha Raj, Hindu Chaplain, Duke University
National Anthem Sung by MSgt Donald Day, USAF

Introduction:

- Joshua DuBois, Special Assistant to the President and, Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
- Anju Bhargava, Founder, Hindu American Seva Charities and Strategic Business Transformation and Risk Management Senior professional
- Senator Harris Wofford, former Democratic US Senator from Pennsylvania
- Invited President and First Lady, Christina Tchen

9:45AM-10:30AM

Joining Forces: Recognizing Contributions of Dharmic/Hindu Americans to National Defense and Service to the Nation:

- Lt. Col. Ravi Chaudhary, Commander USAF 317th Recruiting Squadron, Maryland

10:30AM-11.15AM

Youth: Ambassadors of Dharma, Hope and Seva

Moderator:

- Khyati Desai, HASC Board Member, Senior Manager, Points of Light

Panelists:

- The Rev. Brenda Girton-Mitchell, Director, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Department of Education
- Vineet Chander, Hindu Chaplain, Coordinator for Hindu life, Princeton University
- Sonali Tatapudy, President Emeritus, Dharma, Harvard Hindu Student Association
- Uma Chaudhary, HASC Advisory Council, Speech Language Pathologist, Fairfax County Public Schools
- Announcement of Essay Winners



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11:15AM – 11:30AM

Break

11:30AM – 12:15PM

Essence of Public-Private Partnerships in Service

Moderator:

- Shekar Narasimhan, HASC Board Member, Managing Partner at Beekman Advisors

Panelists:

- Rev. Mark Farr, President, The Faith & Politics Institute
- Hyepin Im, Board Member, Corporation for National and Community Service
- Dolly Oberoi, CEO, C² Technologies
- Hemant Wadhvani, President, Translation City

12.15 - 1:00PM:

Lunch by Holy Kitchens / Junoon Restaurant

American Civic Landscape: Connecting to America through Seva,

"Be the change you want to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

1:00 – 1:30PM

Faith, Seva, Community Development

Conversation with Shaun Donovan Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development

1:30 – 1:55PM

National Prevention and Health Promotion Strategy

Dr. Anand Parekh, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services

1:55 – 2:40PM

Impacting Local Communities: A Case Study of Seva in the Garden State

Moderator:

- Upendra Chivikula, NJ State Assemblyman

Panelists:

- Niki A. Shah, Program Manager, AmeriCorps VISTA-Hindu American Seva Charities
- Acacia Salatti, Deputy Director, Faith Based Neighborhood Partnerships, Department of Health and Human Services
- Marissa Duswalt, RD, Truman Albright Fellow, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Department of United States Department of Agriculture
- Pamela Wye-Hunsinger, Chair, Arts Department, St. Benedict's Preparatory High School
- Dr. Naveen Mehrotra, Founder, South Asian Total Health Initiative at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)

2:40 – 3:30PM

Interfaith Opportunities: Community integration to build healthier communities to reduce poverty

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- Mara Vanderslice, Deputy Director, Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Panelists:

- Rabbi David Saperstein, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
- Dr. Joel C. Hunter, Senior Pastor, Northland A Church Distributed
- Dahlia Mogahed, Executive Director, Gallup Center for Muslim Studies
- Rema Venkatsubban, AmeriCorps VISTA Hindu American Seva Charities
- Sam Muyskens, President, Global Faith in Action
- Dr. Thomas (Tom) Laird Jones, Ambassador-at-Large, Habitat for Humanity

3.30PM – 3.45PM Break

3.45-4.00PM

New Americans and the Dream Act

Invited: Chris Liu, Assistant to the President

4.00PM - 4:45PM

Diaspora Support for New Immigrants and Refugees

Moderator:

- Dr. Ved Chaudhary, Co-Founder, Hindu American Seva Charities

Panelists:

- Zeenat Rahman, Deputy Director, USAID Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
- Reshma Saujani, Executive Director, The Fund for Public Advocacy
- Dr. Kumud Sane, Member, Hindu American Seva Charities-Chair, Hindu Society of Minnesota
- Mangala Sharma, Founder, Bhutanese Refugees Aiding for the Victims of Violence (BRAVVE)
- Sweta Chawla, Advisor, Life Bridge US Pakistan Program
- Niki Shah, Program Manager, Interfaith Global Dialogue Project, AmeriCorps VISTA-Hindu American Seva Charities

4.45-5.30PM

Dharmic Places of Worship: Security and Safety

Moderator:

- Dr. Siva Subramanian, HASC Board, Founder Sri Siva Vishnu Temple, MD , Professor, Georgetown University

Panelists:

- Jannah Scott, OFBNP, Department of Homeland Security
- Dr. Uma Mysorekar, President, Council of Hindu Temples
- Dr. Shashikant Sane, Hindu Society of Minnesota, Minneapolis
- Dr. Nangali Srinivasa, Joint Secretary, SV Temple, Pittsburgh
- Joshua Stanton, Co-Director, Religious Freedom USA

5.30-6.00PM

Launch of New Initiatives

- Bhumi Seva Initiative
- Yoga Pala Challenge



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6:00PM-6:30PM

Break

Ekam Sat, Vipraha, Bahuda Vadanti (Truth is One, described in many ways)

6:30PM – 7:30PM

**Dinner at the White House
Holy Kitchens / Junoon Restaurant**

7:30PM – 8:30PM

Entertainment at the White House

UtsavSeva- Festivals of Seva: An integrated dance program based on HASC's unique faith based approach to development. By Bharatha Mallika Dance School



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Saturday, July 30th, 2011
Georgetown University, Washington DC

**Dharmic Seva: Strengthening Local Communities, Impacting Poverty and
Advancing Global Development**

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
Mahatma Gandhi

- 7.00AM-7.30AM** **Tour of the White House**
- 8.00AM-8.45AM** **Continental Breakfast**
- 8.45-9.00AM** **Welcome: Anju Bhargava**
Invocation
- 9.00AM-9.45AM** **Pluralistic Landscape in America: Role of Eastern Traditions**
Moderator:
- Kumar Barve, Majority Leader of the Maryland House of Delegates
- Panelists:**
- Phil Goldberg, Author, American Veda, Director of Outreach for SpiritualCitizens.net
 - Kusumita Pederson, Professor of Religious Studies, St.Francis College, NY; Executive Director, Temple of Understanding and Co-Chair, Interfaith Center NY
 - Rev. Eric C. Shafer, Senior Vice-President, Philanthropy, Faith Community Relations and Human Resources, Odyssey Networks
- Social Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation**
- 9.45AM-10.30AM** **Building Sustainable Community-Based Seva Centers Through UtsavSeva**
Moderator:
- Dr. Ved Chaudhary, Co-Founder, Hindu American Seva Charities
- Panelists:**
- Anju Bhargava, Founder, Hind American Seva Charities
 - Dr. Ved Chaudhary, Co-Founder, Hindu American Seva Charities
 - Asim Mishra, Deputy Chief of Staff, Corporation for National and Community Service
 - Khyati Desai, HASC Board Member, Senior Manager, Points of Light
 - Usha Raj, Hindu Chaplain, Duke University
 - Essay Contest Participants
- 10.30AM - 10.45AM** **Break**
- 10.45AM-12.00PM** **Addressing our needs through Seva Center**
(Breakout Sessions)

Seva Center in a Temple



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- Mythili Bachu

Growing needs of Military Families

- Uma Chaudhary, HASC Advisory Council, Speech Language Pathologist, Fairfax County Public Schools
- Captain Pratima Dharm

Challenges in adaptation:

- **Mental Health in Dharmic Communities**
- **Senior Citizens Issues and engaging Vanaprastis in Seva**
- **Women's Issues in Dharmic Communities**
 - Aruna Rao NAMI, South Asian Mental Health Awareness in Jersey
 - Ranjana Bhargava, Co-Founder, Apna Ghar

Disaster Relief Seva

- Dr. Sree Sreenath, Sewa International
- Chaplain David Butler
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Essay Contest Participants

12.00PM-1.15PM

Key Note Lunch

- Paul Monteiro, Associate Director, White House Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs

1.15 - 2.30PM

Shaping Development: Engaging Youth Communities in Service and Research

Moderator:

- Abhishek Raman, International Partnerships Associate, InterFaith Youth Core

Panelists:

- Nela Navarro, Associate Director and Director of Education, Center for the Study of Genocide, Conflict Resolution and Human Rights, Rutgers University
- Niki A. Shah, Program Manager, Interfaith Global Dialogue Project, AmeriCorps VISTA-Hindu American Seva Charities
- Shirin Shokouhi, Board Member, Women for Afghan Women
- Paul Thornton, Director of Development, St. Benedict's Preparatory High School, Newark, NJ
- Vineet Chander, Hindu Chaplain, Coordinator for Hindu Life, Princeton University
- Essay Contest Participants

2:15-3.30PM

Health, Nutrition and Education: Contributing to the National Wellbeing.

Moderator:

- Dr. Sudhir Prabhu, Joint Secretary, Hindu Collective Initiative of North America, Founder, Hindu Society of Northeast Florida

Panelists:

- Dr. Naveen Mehrotra, SKN Foundation
- Radhika Prabhu, Member of International Faculty, Art of Living Foundation



- Niki A. Shah, Program Manager, AmeriCorps VISTA-Hindu American Seva Charities
- Pratibha Shah, Association of Ayurveda Professionals in North America
- Rukmini Walker, ISKCON
- Dr. Suman Vardan, Patanjali Yoga Peeth
- Swami Dayaamrita, Amma MATH
- Essay Contest Participants

3.45PM-5.00PM

Bhumi Seva Initiative: Dharmic Faith-Based Approach to a Green Environment and Green Living.

Moderator:

- Dipka Bhambani, Media Strategist and Energy Writer, Hill and Knowlton

Panelists:

- Dr. Ved Chaudhary, Former Assistant Commissioner, NJ Environmental Protection, Co-Founder, Hindu American Seva Charities
- Mrs. Victoria Finlay, Communications Director, ARC
- Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director, Green Faith
- Pankaj Jain, Bhumi Seva Initiative Advisor, Hindu American Seva Charities, Professor, University of Northern Texas
- Gopal-Lila Patel, Project Manager of the Bhumi Project, Oxford Center for Hindu Studies, Assistant Chaplain at Imperial College, London

5.00PM-5.30PM

Making it Happen: Hindu Seva as part of American Civic Landscape

Essay Winning Students

Wrap up and Next Steps: How will you expand your seva plan to augment seva center development

5:30PM-6:00PM

Break

6:00PM-7:00PM

Dinner

7:00PM – 8:00PM

**Entertainment
Open mic**



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Sunday, July 31st, 2011

8:30 – 9:30 am **Yoga PALA launch through a Yoga session near the White House**

10 - Noon **Faith in Action**
Visit to a Seva Center at Siva Vishnu Temple, Lanham, MD

Lunch at the Temple