



Name: **HARISH KUMAR DHANALAKOTA**

Position Contesting: **Board of Directors**

Education: Master of Computer Applications

Occupation: Software Architect @ Enterprise Holdings Inc.

Passion: Telugu Language, Cultural Activities, Community Service, Education.

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

I have been a resident of St. Louis for over 17 years.

I have a strong inclination towards the cultural activities, community services within Saint Louis. Following are some of my key contributions to our Telugu community:

Volunteer in TAS (2011-2016):

- As a member of TAS Technical Committee, I have been managing audio/video requirements for all cultural/social events.
- Actively involved in TAS cultural programs planning, stage management and props/stage setup for all TAS cultural events.

Volunteer in Other Organizations:

- **2006-2016:** Founding member and active volunteer of bathukamma festival here in Saint Louis.
- **2007:** As a member of Diversity Committee, I have successfully organized Diwali festival event for the first time in Enterprise rent-a-car in 2007.
- **2014-2016:** Organizer of Math kangaroo competitions in St. Louis from 2014.
- Volunteer in ACA (American Cricket Academy) Community service at Saint Louis Area Foodbank.

TAS community service:

- Actively involved in TAS community service events, where our youth members regularly process thousands of pounds of food at Saint Louis Area Foodbank/Unitedway/Feed America, providing more than **25,000 meals every year for less-fortunate people** in and around Saint Louis.

If elected as a Board of Director for TAS, I promise that I will:

- I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with TAS by-laws.
- Support Executive Committee to continue to expand our community volunteer service programs that help less-fortunate people in communities around us and also inculcate charity work in our youth members.
- Support Executive Committee to implement immigration seminars and workshops.
- Continue to improve youth programs related to school/college education process.
- Work with EC and BOD to establish and align TAS with local and national non-profit organizations to support our local community. Continue to use the experience and network we developed in last four years to facilitate expedited processes in case of unfortunate events to our community members.