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"I strongly believe that helping hands are better than praying lips and that service to mankind is service to God".

Very passionate about Telugu language, literature and culture. Happy to be part of TAS for the core values it reflects as an organization and to be part of the humbled volunteer base that is promoting Telugu culture and community service across St. Louis area. I take pride to be part of an organization that has set great standards with its programs and many community services.

I have been actively volunteering for several non-profit organizations. Following are some of my contributions to social causes:

Volunteer at Hindu Temple of Saint Louis:

- **Decoration Volunteer (2005-2016):**
 - For more than a decade, I have been volunteering for decorations for various festivals and events at Hindu Temple of Saint Louis.
- **Kitchen Volunteer (2015-2016):**
 - Last two years, I have been volunteering every weekend in Temple kitchen and I feel happy to be part of one of the main sources of Temple income.

Volunteer for Telugu Association of Saint Louis (TAS):

- **Food Committee Member (2011-2016):**
 - Last six years, I have been actively serving in food planning and arrangements for every TAS event.
- **Cultural Committee Volunteer (2013-2016):**
 - Last four years, I have been helping with event and stage planning and props setup.

I feel honored to be part of TAS volunteer base and worked with last three teams under the leadership of Rajnikanth, Ramamohan and Muralikrishna. I have endorsements from all these three presidents for my candidature.

Volunteer for Other Organizations:

- **TANA, TDF, HSS and RSS:** For the past 15 years, volunteered for several community and charity events organized by these organizations.
- I made donations to many orphanages associated with RSS and local organizations. I am also a Silver Donor for Hindu Temple of St. Louis.

Highlights of my next team that I am trying to build for TAS:

- Our team is a perfect mix of experienced, committed and proven volunteers in various aspects of local community services.
- Women representation in the team to identify, plan and address the needs of our Telugu women.

My vision for TAS for next two years:

- 1) Continue our wonderful **Cultural Platform** for our children to showcase their talents in front of our great community.
- 2) Continue our successful **Community Volunteer** program at Saint Louis Area Foodbank and similar organizations for a great social cause and provide our youth members valuable volunteer hours.
- 3) Continue **Education Seminars** for High School students and parents about higher education procedures and informational sessions for PSAT/SAT/ACT.
- 4) Conduct **Workshops** on wealth management including will writing and portfolio management & immigration Services.
- 5) Create and build a platform for **Youth Leadership Development** by conducting the debates, competitive exams and focused seminars for ACT, SAT and scholarship programs.
- 6) Collaborate with local organizations involved in **Sports Activities** and establish a mutual and beneficial relationship.
- 7) Continue to use the experience and network we developed in last six years to facilitate expedited processing in case of **Unfortunate Events** to our community members.
- 8) Organize **Wealth Management, Immigration and Health** Workshops.
- 9) As the true believers of team work, we will maintain the **Harmony** in the elected members and all nominated committees to bring a sense of "Vasudhaika Kutumbham".