

HTGS Quick Facts

Organization

- The Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield (HTGS) is a Not-For-Profit Hindu Religious organization, established on April 23, 2007.
- 501(c)(3) certified and Federal Tax Exempt FEIN # 208889846
- Consists of Governing Board of Trustees (25), Executive Committee (7) and Sub-Committees.

Property

Owens property located at 1001 West Walnut Street, Chatham, IL 62629

Property features: 9.41 acres, 660 ft X 665 ft; Consists of 4,202 Sq. ft building in which a 2000 Sq. Ft. open hall (currently being used for Puja activities), Dining Hall, 1 office Room and 1 full kitchen. This building was built by previous owner in year 1999. On May 7, 2008, HTGS purchased this property and remodeled it to suit Temple needs and started operations from August 4, 2008.

Funds

- Donations collected from the inception of HTGS exceed \$310,000
- On May 9, 2009, HTGS purchased the property for \$299,900 with a down payment of \$170,000. As of June 30, 2009 outstanding loan balance is close to \$90,000. We are looking for more generous sponsors to pay off this loan as soon as possible.
- From Jan 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009: Total Donations Received:\$46,500; Total Expenses Paid: \$22,500; Net Income: \$24,000
- **Current Funding Balance: \$51,277 (including \$25,000 set aside as Emergency Fund)**
- **Current Liabilities: \$90,000 (Real estate loan)**
- **Top 6 Donations in Year 2009:** Annadatha Program (\$6,500); Jagdish and Arti Raut (\$5,276); Krishna & Vijaya Rao (\$5,027); Donations from Puja services (\$4,000); Sanjai & Deepa Nagendra (\$3,500);Hundi Collections (\$3,017); Gopal and Tulasi Reddy (\$2,411);

Membership

Members as of July 10th 2009 are 85 as compared to 187 in year 2008. We urge the temple community to become new members or renew their membership if you haven't yet. Please check our website to find your membership status. The donations received from membership dues are used to for monthly general operational expenses which are approximately \$3,500 to \$4,500.

Annadatha Program (Prasadm)

With lots of devotion and dedication volunteers cook prasadam (cuisine) and serve to the devotees on every Saturday at the temple. This program has been a very successful one and providing the opportunity to serve the other human kind. HTGS goal is not to send any one home hungry when they visit the temple on Saturday morning. HTGS thanks all the volunteers for their efforts to make it a grand success. All your nominal donations received from this program are used for Temple religious activities. Total Donations received from Jan 1st thru June 30, 2009: \$6,500

Deities

13 sets of Utsav murthies were donated by the devotees. Shiva Linga and Mahavir murthies will be coming to the temple shortly. Sri Maha Lakshmi is the Pradhana Devatha for this Temple.

Short-Term Goals

- To cater religious activities for the well being of Temple community
- To pay off the existing loan \$90,000
- To Plan for Future of HTGS (developing a master plan for HTGS) to accommodate our next generations

Long-Term Goals

Temple Expansion to happen in phases: To consecrate stone Deities in a new temple structure and continue catering religious activities for the well being of Temple community. . HTGS master plan may consists of an infrastructure with 6,000 to 7,000 sq ft main temple area, 500 people sitting dining area, 500 people sitting Auditorium to host wedding and cultural events, 500 space parking lot, tapoVanam, pond, outside recreational area / designated area with sheds and stage to conduct outside puja rituals, radhostavam pavement, beautiful landscaping to maintain pious and pleasant atmosphere, and priest quarters. Preliminary estimates indicates that after leaving out the easement and set back zones, only 6.2 acres out of total 9.4 acres is available to build the proposed structures listed here.