



**Bhāratīya Temple
And Cultural Center**
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Quarterly Newsletter from BTCC
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Dear friends,

Namaskar,

From all of us in the BTCC Executive team and all the committee chairs a very "Happy Spring Season! We hope you have enjoyed our first quarter cultural and religious activities."

Celebrate

2006 will be our first full year of BTCC operations. There is a lot of excitement in the air and we have plans after plans to make this:

- A year of "Celebrations"
- A year of "Community Connect"
- A year of "Spiritual Rejuvenation"
- A year of "Volunteering and sharing"
- A year of "Enjoying Cultural Programs" & seeing our local talent!
- And most certainly a year of enjoying "Gourmet Indian Food"!

"We, our children and our children's children depend upon the cultural heritage of the past in order to flourish in the present and move swiftly into the bright fulfilling future." - Muniji

Participate

The community support for all the past events has been overwhelming; in fact on several functions we were taken by surprise and ran short of food/and parking spots! With each event we plan to learn and improve. **Your input and participation is much needed and appreciated!**

We have formed several committees to manage the programs, various activities and BTCC management for 2006 and beyond. The list of Committee chairs and their members and contact information is as follows on page 3. **We encourage you to call/e-mail the chairs directly and get actively involved.**

Several of these committees are in their infancy, they need members and volunteers who are "movers and shakers" and who can make a difference in this most ambitious project.

Come forward, and join our History making Bharatiya Temple and Cultural Center.

Contribute:

We are moving forward with debts close to \$400K. This is a great opportunity for all of us to become "Temple Builders" and continue to contribute towards making BTCC debt free. There is also a strong need to add additional facilities and continue completing our Dream center (Elevator, playground, sound system, Memory Park, curtains, etc). Below are some of the ways we can participate:

- Become part of the "Dollar a Day" contribution to BTCC. A small contribution of \$1/day from every member will generate over \$70,000.00 and will be more than enough to cover our debts and start some exciting projects.
- Be a Kroger/Meijer card member. This is free money! All of us should support Dr. Naik's efforts!
- Become a Life member and show your strong support for this most beautiful project.
- Existing Life members are urged to donate \$2000 and follow the lead of Arun & Dr. Pushpa Patel and support starting the [endowment fund for operations](#).
- Contribute directly to one of the projects that you like (see list of projects).
- Encourage your family and friends to become life members and be a Patron.

GIVE

You give but little when you give of your possessions.
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

All you have shall some day be given; therefore give now,
That the season of giving may be yours and not your inheritors'.

-Khalil Gibran

Communicate

Please feel free to communicate your needs to any of the Executive members or any of the committee chairs. Give the committees ideas and support them on new endeavors. Be generous on accolades and light on criticism! (Remember none of us have managed a Temple, let alone a 500 capacity auditorium. All the committee members are full time professionals who have carved their precious time to serve the community in order to gift this center to the future generations).

We will be mailing quarterly newsletters that will inform every one of all the upcoming events. In addition we will be posting activities at the Temple Notice Boards, mailing special invitations and also be e-mailing you activity information.

May God Bless all.

On behalf of the BTCC Executive Team and Committee Chairs

Ajay Gupta

Committee Focus	Chair	Chair Contact e-mail	Members
Arts and Cultural	Dr. Shobhna Joshi	shobhna.joshi@EKU.EDU	Dr. Usha Polisetty Jaswant Shah Dr. Gayatri Varanasi
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Treasurer Report :

During July - August 2005, we computerized the previous 7 years of BTCC accounts after an elaborate internal audit. I thank Arun Patel for meticulously maintaining the paper records which helped us conduct our internal audit and thereafter computerize all of BTCC accounts since 1997. The following report is a cumulative financial statement from 1997 through 2005. It is presented in an easy to read format to enable all our patrons to understand the report. The report is split into 3 columns. Column 1 is for the years 1997 through 2003, column 2 for 2004 and column 3 is for 2005. All questions regarding this report or for any detailed financial report, please write to The Treasurer, BTCC, PO Box 23965, Lexington, KY 40523-3965.

Bharatiya Temple & Cultural Center, Profit & Loss Statement, 1997-2005

	<u>1997-2003</u>	<u>Jan-Dec 2004</u>	<u>Jan-Dec 2005</u>
<u>Income</u> – Contributed Support			
4010 Indiv/business contribution	605,107.94	221,541.10	361,736.66
Earned Revenues			
5310 Interest on savings	5,009.79	16,179.48	1,567.71
5330 Gross rents revenue	0.00	0.00	3,135.00
5450 Advertising revenues	0.00	0.00	2,179.00
5490 Misc revenues	0.00	0.00	5,500.00
Special Events			
Donations, fundraisers (Diwali, Odissi etc)	0.00	0.00	25,039.33
Total Income	610,117.73	237,720.58	400,007.61
<u>Expense</u> - Personnel			
7510 Fundraising fees	0.00	0.00	16,001.00
(Jalota, Odissi, Pandya)			
7530, 7540 Professional fees	1,265.00	501.00	2,257.00
(Legal fees, architect, etc.)			
7550 Temporary help (contracted labor)	0.00	0.00	4,952.00
Non-personnel expenses			
8110 Supplies	0.00	0.00	7,279.96
8115 Fundraising Misc Expenses	521.05	0.00	6,865.91
8130 Telephone & telecom	0.00	0.00	412.15
8140 Shipping & delivery	1,928.57	325.10	784.58
8155 Meeting Hall rent	1,310.00	1,024.00	0.00
8160 Equip rental & Maintenance	3,715.40	240.00	5,963.01
8170 Printing & Copying	1,784.60	347.55	2,562.32
8111 Fundraising dinners	0.00	0.00	10,993.96
8220 Utilities	0.00	0.00	1,756.91
Misc. Expenses			
8510 Interest expenses (on loans)	0.00	0.00	12,099.59
8520 Insurance	424.52	2,192.40	1,971.37
8570 advertising expenses	137.75	0.00	1,267.40
8590 Other	397.01	0.00	402.33
Business/Corp expenses			
8670 Organizational expenses	216.00	4.00	4.00
8680 Bank Service Fee	14.00	20.00	256.64
Total Expense	11,713.90	4,654.05	75,830.13
Net Ordinary Income	598,403.83	233,066.53	324,177.48
(Total income – expenses)			

(Expenses do not include construction bills and other long term assets since they are classified as fixed assets. Please review the next statement in the following page.)

Financial Statement 2 – (cash flow)

Total Net Ordinary Income for 1997 thru 2005 (taken from adding the 3 columns of Net Ordinary Incomes in the P&L)	1,155,647.84
Private Loans	260,000.00
Loan from National City Bank	97,330.00
Total Cash inflow	1,512,977.84
Cash outflow (expenses other than what is shown in P&L)	
Building construction	1,452,470.68
KU deposit	400.00
Long term asset (Deities)	32,360.98
Total cash outflow	1,485,231.66
Difference (inflow – outflow)	27,746.18
Cash in hand (Chase Bank) as on 12/31/05	27,626.18
Unaccounted difference	120.00

Other facts:

CASH NEEDED TO PAY OUTSTANDING BILLS & LOANS as on 1/31/2006:

Accounts payable (construction, other bills)	21,500.00
Private Loans	260,000.00 (\$ 75,000 due in June 2006)
Bank (National City) loans	97,330.00
Total cash needed	378,830.00

Summary:

Regarding the statements: We have done our best to simplify the financial statements to make it easy for every one to read and understand. We completed an internal audit of BTCC finances in August 2005. We hope to get an external audit done on these statements shortly. External audits cost money and our first priority is to pay our outstanding bills. Should you have any questions regarding these statements, please do not hesitate to contact us.

While BTCC has done a fantastic job of raising close to \$ 1.2 Million in donations and other fundraisers, we still need to raise \$ 380,000 to make us debt-free as of today. We need your support more than ever, now. Please donate generously to BTCC. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mahendran Naidu
Treasurer, BTCC

DONOR NEWS:

We thank Gopal & Mina Majmundar for increasing their total contribution pledge from \$ 205,000 to \$ 230,000. "Thank you" Majmundars for your contribution and support to BTCC!

We thank Rameshbhai Patel for donating large cooking utensils for our kitchen.
"Thank you" Rameshbhai Patel.

We thank Naresh Kapali and Gayatri Varanasi for donating their Mitsubishi SUV to BTCC.
"Thank you" Naresh and Gayatri. We will use this vehicle for the priest.

Some of the activities planned:

- **Yoga classes:** Dr. Usha Polisetty has kindly consented to teach both the kids and adults. People who are interested, please contact Raj Chakravarthy either at 293-2751 or rchak@alltel.net.
- **Library & Education:** Navnit Patel is working on setting up the BTCC Library; we already have some books available for circulation. If you want donate any books or media, please contact Navnit Patel at navnitpatel99@hotmail.com.
- **Discussion group “The Threads”:** Raj Chakravarthy will be starting the discussion group, the topics include the challenges the youth face in today's world and how adults can find ways to help them. Please contact Raj for more information.
- **Youth football team:** The BIACS youth group will be starting a football team at BTCC.
- **Spring cleaning day:** On April 16th, 2006 – 9AM to Noon.
To Sign up call Raj Chakravarthy at 293-2751. Please be there!

Religious calendar

- Every Tuesday at 6PM
Vishnu Sahasranamam (Group recital of one thousand names of Lord Vishnu)
- 2nd Saturday of every month at 9AM
Suprabhatham (waking up of Gods with auspicious chants and stotrams)
For 2006
April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9
- 3rd Sunday of the month at 3PM
Bhajans (Monthly Bhajan Group)
For 2006
April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17

These events are open to all and there is no charge. All of these activities are conducted by interested volunteer groups in a spiritual, congenial atmosphere. They make every effort to start promptly on time and most events last approximately 60 – 90 minutes.

Religious Committee glad to announce that Priest selection is underway and it is expected that this would be finalized by end of April. We anticipate to have a full time priest at the temple by the end of summer / beginning of fall.

Please contact Religious committee, if you want to be part of the religious activities.

Upcoming cultural activities at the Temple

- Yoga Workshop: April 3rd–9th. (see flyer attached)
- Mahavir Jayanti: April 9th.
- Dinker Mehta, Comedy Show: April 15th. (see flyer attached)
- Ashwini Bhide, Classical Performance: June 18th
- Fun fair – June (TBA)

BTCC Youth Organization - (YO!)

The Executive Committee wants to nourish a Youth Committee to flourish under its wings to learn, lead and share to become a productive adult. BTCC wants to provide opportunities for growth so one day, the youth can run BTCC organization

Mission:

The mission of BTCC YO! Is to provide two things:

- A platform for youth to develop leadership skills
- Provide a forum for learning/sharing religious and spiritual culture

What do youth want?

- Youth would like to mentor younger kids on Indian culture and heritage
- They have expressed interests in learning about other religions
- Share Bharatiya culture and religion with the community

Current youth activities

- Planning a year end youth bash
- Provide a frame work for weekly Yoga, Dance and Sports activities

Activities discussed and in the near horizon

- State Level organization KY Child Now (KCN) is willing to pilot Americorp community involvement program for BTCC youth
- Humanitarians an interfaith group is interested in using BTCC as a location for recognizing Lexington Heros
- Habitat for Humanity - Community building participation
- Stand up comedy from a person of Indian origin
- Sanskrit Rap music
- Regular Yoga Classes
- Balavihar, Balavikas classes
- Compare Indian social setup through the eyes of An American Professor – Life in New Delhi.

Raj Chakravarthy

Communication Committee

Dear Friends,

2006 will be a year filled with fun & activities in BTCC. We will be sending you the newsletter quarterly informing on the projects status, culture activities, youth activities, treasurer reports etc. We have planned to send the information in printed newsletter, email. You can also access the newsletter from BTCC website www.btccky.org. We want this newsletter to reach out to our community and spread the world.

Sincerely,

Sunil Kumar



Have an idea to share?

Do you have an idea for the newsletter improvements?

If you want to contribute articles, small stories, activities happening in the community, children's arts or sharing religious knowledge or anything that are related to help our children and the community, you are always welcome to share.

Please feel free to send articles to Sunil Kumar at email skumar@insightbb.com. After reviewing by BTCC board members, we will publish in the next newsletter.

Important information :

We are updating BTCC member's database regarding the address and email information.

If you or someone you know is not receiving the BTCC newsletter or need a change in address and/or e-mail contact at skumar@insightbb.com

BTCC Yoga Workshop

Yoga Guru: Acharya Yogendradev, disciple of Rajashri Muni to spread Yoga Sadhna.

Certified by Lukulesh Institute for Yoga in India, expert in Hath Yoga, Astang Yoga, Ayurveda, Shut Kriyas, Acupressure Therapy, Sanskrit and Yogic Diet.

Topics to be covered:

- Who am I?
- What is Religion?
- Dhyana Yoga.
- Health through Holistic approach.
- Our Vedic heritage.
- Ethical values in life.
- Stress management.
- Yoga therapy.
- Physiology of Yoga.
- Know your body type and find the right food.

Date: April, 3 - April, 9, 2006 (Mon-Sun)

Time: Group 1: 1-3 PM

Group 2: 6:30-8:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday combined group: 2-5:30 PM

Venue:

**BTCC Auditorium
3050 N Cleveland Rd.
Lexington, KY**

Contact: Daksha Parikh (859)264-7300

Raj Chakravarthy (859)293-2751

Ila Patel (859)223-4499

Rajan Joshi (859)623-6093

Bhavesh Patel (859)626-3525

Meena Patel (859)293-0586

Yoga workshop donation to BTCC: \$35 each attendee.
Seniors, Adults & Youth welcome.

BTCC Comedy Show

An evening of Hilarious comedy with Comedy King, Dinker Mehta

In Gujarati & Hindi mixed comedy

Date: Saturday, April 15th, 2006

Time: 6PM – 7PM Dinner

7PM – 9:30PM Show

Venue: BTCC Auditorium

3050 N. Cleveland Rd.

Lexington, KY 40516

Tickets are available at:

Sagar: 859-296-9573

Vishal: 859-268-0019

Ticket: \$15 & \$25 (includes Dinner)

All Proceeds goes to BTCC

Please contact Rohit Patel for more information.

BTCC Community Fundraising committee

Objectives: Maintenance fund for BTCC and decrease BTCC loan debt.

Goal: Raise \$40,000-\$50,000 per year.

Activities:

- DOLLAR-A DAY CLUB,
- Yearly Membership(\$120),
- Meijer's, Kroger and GFS community fund raising program,
- MOVIE-A-MONTH,
- Monthly Medical CME meetings,
- Home Piggy Bank,
- Youth community fund drives,
- T-shirts & Raffles,
- Auction sales during programs(Item donations for Auction appreciated)

Sincerely,

Rajan Joshi

SOUVENIR UPDATE:

Our new souvenir is ready for print. However, in the last executive committee (EC) meeting, the overwhelming majority felt that it is better to delay this project a few more months and launch it for our anniversary in August. Many community members were not aware of the Souvenir advertising opportunity and several thought that it was only meant for businesses. The advertising opportunity is open for all – businesses and individuals. Please use this extended opportunity to advertise in the special edition of BTCC souvenir. Use the tear out form below and send in your ads and payments.

Advertisement size (pick one)

Back outer cover – (Color only) - \$ 1,500

Back cover inner (Black only) - \$ 1,000 SOLD

Front cover inner (Black only) - \$ 1,250

Full page black - \$ 500

Half page black \$ 250

One-Third page Black - \$ 125 (It is hard to size the 1/3 page ads. So the minimum guaranteed size is 1/4th page).

All ads should be either sent in soft-copy via email OR a clean ready-to-scan copy via mail.

Mail your payments to: BTCC, PO Box 23965, Lexington, KY 40523-3965.

Temple Timings

Daily: 6.30PM to 8:00PM

Saturday & Sunday: 10:00AM to Noon.

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MEMBERSHIP / DONATION FORM

I pledge to donate:

- ☐ \$20,001 or greater towards Diamond Life Membership
- ☐ \$10,001 to \$20,000 towards Golden Life Membership
- ☐ \$5,001 to \$10,000 towards Pioneer Life Membership
- ☐ \$2,001 to \$5,000 towards Patron Life Membership
- ☐ \$120 towards the Annual Membership
- ☐ Other Amount \$.....

Name : _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to BTCC and mail it at the above address.