

Jyothi Gandhi:



I am Jyothi Gandhi, living at 16 Parker Rd Edison NJ 08820, along with my husband Srinivas Gandhi and my 2 children Pavan (16 yrs.) and Karthik (12 yrs.). I have been working as software professional since I came to NJ in 1998 and currently employed with Managed Healthcare Associates.

I have been a member of TFAS for more than a decade and involved in volunteering for various TFAS community activities and programs throughout my acquaintance with TFAS. My husband Srinivas Gandhi served 2 terms as TFAS trustee, President and our children grew with TFAS by participating in various cultural programs, and as youth volunteers.

I have always been a volunteer and active participant of TFAS activities such as Dance, Literary programs and would like to serve this time as a trustee of TFAS and serve the community with your support.

My vision for TFAS include help build a better community for the next generations to come, organize quality programs, serve people in need and involve youth in various community projects.

**MADHAV
KODATI:**



I am a TFAS Life Member for almost 10 years. Being a father of 2 teenage daughters I know how important it is to imbibe, preserve and maintain our cultural roots and I like to continue TFAS efforts in promoting & spreading this heritage to next generation.

I always loved and attended the TFAS programs with my family to stay in touch with our Telugu culture in the form of Music, Dance, Drama, Literature & Entertainment. As a family activity did TFAS volunteering and performed dance, drama, group singing etc.

My father is a Kuchipudi Dance artist, as parampara and God gift my daughter carried that talent.

I can plan/coordinate cultural activities with local art schools & perform youth services. With my IT skills ready to extend IT services and help in accounting area. I do possess leadership skills and can work for any role.

Venu Yeluri:



I have been a member of TFAS for many years and actively participated in TFAS events including the 25th, 30th Anniversary. Both my kids performed in various TFAS events and effectively grew up in the societal and cultural mosaic that TFAS offers. I was also an active member of the TFAS building committee along with past presidents and active community organizers. I am an active member of the community and managing director of a classical dance school. My strengths are excellent communication and organizing skills and is evident from the various school events that we conduct regularly. My goal is to attract the younger generation to TFAS by widening the activities of the organization. We should conduct focus groups of young adults and identify what interests them in service and community activities. Other focus area will be to unify all the various splinters in the community realizing that our strength is being united.

Yashoda Dasika:



My family has been a member and supporter of TFAS since the early nineties. As a business owner for the last 15 years, I imbibe ingenuity and professionalism. As past Chair of the food committee at HTCS (Venkateshwara Temple, Bridgewater), my major accomplishment was to propose and execute, transitioning the cafeteria to be owned and operated by the Temple. Key tasks in the transition were: devising a new layout, infrastructure, bidding and purchasing equipment, hiring cooks and staff, establishing and coordinating the volunteer pool, overseeing daily operations, and ensuring profitability. Driven by my innate passion to serve the Hindu community, I was a devoted volunteer at the Temple for the last two decades. Please elect me for my sheer passion, energy, and track record to serve the community as a Trustee of the TFAS organization.

Usha Darisipudi:



Namaskaram all. I am extremely excited to submit my nomination for TFAS Trustee. I sincerely believe that my work for and experience in the Telugu community make me eminently qualified for this position.

As a NRIVA Cultural chair 2017, I organized Cultural programming for the biennial convention, and created scripts for various NRIVA promotional material.

I organized various cultural and entertainment activities at Tri state VASAVI association for 4 years.

Furthermore, as TFAS member, I have worked as a volunteer for summer picnics, organizing games for adults and kids.

In addition, as both a TeluguOne radio jockey of 4 years and MANA TV anchor, I have encouraged local talent by bringing them onto my shows, engendering strong ties in the local community by spotlighting organizations such as Silicon Andhra and TFAS.

To sum, I have a strong love for the Telugu language and look forward to continue to serve TFAS.

Suresh Padmanabhini:



My name is Suresh Padmanabhini. I am an IT Professional with 20+ years of experience. I have been with TFAS for long time and volunteered in subcommittee for Deepavali and Ugadhi events. I actively volunteer in other non-profit organizations, Bathukamma festivals, local Hindu temples. I am an active volunteer in Victoria Park townhome community, and served as a chair for the covenant committee, and as secretary in its community board. I am doing charity work helping non-profit organization back home as well. If I get elected in TFAS executive committee would like to promote innovative programs and encourage local Telegu community. As a board elect TFAS trustee I will do my best to serve the community and I will commit to bring the best for our people.

Sudhakar Uppala:



I have been associated with TFAS for more than 20 years. I have helped TFAS as an active volunteer, trustee, donor and supporter. I am also Associated Editor of Telugu Jyothi for over 10 years, and contributed number of articles to the magazine. I also played active role during Silver Jubilee and Thirty-Year celebrations.

I am very actively involved and helped several social, cultural and religious organizations. I helped NATS, TANA, ATA, NRIVA during conventions held in tri-state area. Also helped other organizations like Sai Datta Peetham, Venkateswara Temple, Guruvayoorappan Temple, Lead India 2020, Kalabharathi.

By profession, I am in IT field working as an Executive Director for Morgan Stanley, managing number of HR Technology applications.

With my vast experience in TFAS and other organizations, I would like to bring number of changes in TFAS. I would like to focus on increasing membership, attract more youth, restart Telugu Jyothi hard-copy (at least couple of issues yearly), and reinstate TFAS building task. Many seniors and old timers are not seen in TFAS events and I want reattract them by planning appropriate programs.

Srinivas

Radhakrishna:



I've been serving TFAS since 2010. I was providing various services to TFAS majorly in the area of hospitality to guests such as widely-known celebrities. From receiving them to sending them off, and occasionally providing accommodation, and other things as well. I played a major role during the 30th-year celebration and incurred almost \$1500 as my personal contribution. In order to work closer with TFAS and make more contribution to the organization, joining the committee as an elected member would make it possible. Becoming a part of the committee would allow me to render much more services in areas like fundraising, utilizing services from other organizations, and extending more discipline in the areas of IT. I would like to also bring some of the good qualities acquired

during my services as a volunteer of other organizations such as TDF, TATA, NRIVA, FTA, etc. My expertise goes in the areas of IT, Accounting, and Marketing. I hope with my goodwill, that I will be able to get the opportunity to provide more services to a respectable organization, like our very own TFAS.

**Srinivas
Bharthavarapu:**



This is Srinivas Bharthavarapu. By profession, a lead IT Developer for over 20 years. I've served TFAS as a volunteer in various areas for many events. For the last 10+ years, I have been actively engaged in serving the Telugu community in conducting blood drives, bone marrow drives, medical camps, immigration seminars through national organizations like TANA, ATA, NATS, NATA, TATA etc., and locally through TFAS and Kalabharathi. On many occasions, through TANA Team Square, I took part in helping our community members in need during an emergency. Recently, I helped conduct the NJ Bathukamma celebrations. Honored to have an opportunity to serve TFAS as an IT Chair for current term. If elected for the next term 2018-20, I will continue to promote and encourage the language of Telugu and Literature, Arts and Cultural activities in Telugu community. I will try to take TFAS to the next level.

Renu Tadepalli:



It is with great passion, I respectfully submit my application to serve as a Board of Trustee for Telugu Fine Arts Society. I have several years of experience in serving as a volunteer and Board of Trustee for Youth and Cultural Committee Chair in the current term.

As Youth Chair my accomplishments include getting TFAS recognized as a certifying organization for US Presidential Service Award, a first for a Telugu organization. Planned and executed a successful Sankranthi program.

As Events Chair I efficiently conducted a time-bound Ugadi program with SPB 50 celebrations, increased community participation by discovering new dance, music and other talents. Designed, organized and executed a seamless, smooth and well received singing competitions and Deepavali celebrations. My ability to work as a team player and experience with various activities in organizing events with diversity of ideas will be an asset to next team of TFAS Board of Trustees.

Ranga Madisetty:



1. Past contributions and service to TFAS

I, Rangarao Madisetty associated with the Telugu fine arts society over a decade. I have been volunteering in several activities in all the TFAS events. I took up tasks like Registration committee, Photography, Audio, Video and Technology, Food committee etc. Past one and half year, I have done exceptional service in financial investments, treasury activities, IT related activities in developing innumerous registration forms, streamlining the processes, data gathering and analytics in addition to the Treasurer's tasks.

2. If elected

If elected, I will continue to provide my proactive services such that TFAS events are run effectively. I would like to bring the innovative leadership, investment management, team building, motivational skills in addition to uplifting the TFAS legacy in promoting Arts/Cultural activities. Funding and donations are key elements to any Nonprofit organization. Over the two years as treasurer, we did exceptional work in getting donations and funds.

3. Other info

I am best known for my proactiveness in volunteer services and completing the assigned tasks. I closely work with the team members to make sure collectively we all are achieving TFAS goals. I helped several local and national nonprofit organizations over a decade.

4. General expertise

Leadership skills, process improvement, Information technology, Appetite for Music /Dance, Photography

Prameela Gopu:



I am naturally passionate about Music and Dance art forms. TFAS is the best organization which promotes our Telugu Culture in New Jersey area. Being in New Jersey for last 20+ years, I took part in TFAS activities many times in the past. Not only TFAS, also volunteered in other organizations such as NATS, NATA, NRIVA and Vasavi Organizations in their Conventions. Recently for NRIVA Convention in New Jersey I took very important role in multiple committees and successfully completed my responsibilities. That experience inspired me to take part in TFAS, as it is local to New Jersey. I believe that experience and my association with many of the previous and current TFAS Organizers gives me a jump start if I get elected.

I am confident that I can bring value to TFAS in multiple aspects with my skills, excellent communication, friendliness and knowledge about our culture, music and art forms gives me an edge. Being a software engineer by profession, I can help TFAS in IT and Social Media activities. Not only skill, also the passion towards our culture will surely make me contribute unconditionally to TFAS Activities.

I volunteer for different organizations and temples as needed. I view these volunteer opportunities as a way to meet new people and learn new things. It gives me immense pleasure to meet like-minded people and work with them as a team.

Parijatha Boga:



My name is Parijatha Boga. I am an IT professional, a Kuchipudi dancer and love adventures. My kids and I have performed many times in many TFAS celebrations. I donate and help needy irrespective of their Nationality, Caste or Gender. TFAS conducts many cultural activities along with these, I want to see TFAS participating more in community services in the form of conducting health camps, food drives and welfare of the women. I would like to add more programs for younger generation to understand, respect and also practice our culture. I want to help TFAS in increasing its memberships. I have vast experience in Information Technology and strong Cultural background which can help TFAS activities. I am contesting as a Trustee Member in TFAS. I request you to vote for me and give an opportunity to serve our community. I will put hundred percent efforts in fulfilling my duties.

<p>Mahesh Pogaku:</p> 	<p>An entrepreneur for nearly 20 years. I am active in serving Telugu community both in national as well as local organizations such as TFAS and Kalabharathi. For the last 10 years, I have taken part in various TFAS activities, from arranging and serving food in many major events to volunteering for hosting of events like Ugadhi and Diwali. I have volunteered my service in organizing Bhathukamma, various community events, and personally am engaged in charity work to help individuals and community back home.</p>
<p>Jamuna Puskur:</p> 	<p>My name is Jamuna Puskur, a teacher by profession, a counsellor, and a social activist. I am a winner of the USA Presidential Voluntary Award and the ATA Silver Jubilee Award. I've served as a volunteer for TFAS in various areas for many events along with my family. I've been teaching Prajna classes for our community children for past 13 years and actively engaged in conducting blood drives, food drives, health camps, walkathons, Bathukamma Festivals, India Day parades, and fundraised for tribal and visually challenged children through Telugu Organizations like ATA, JETUSA, TDF, and VTSEVA. I've conducted eye health camps and built Anganwadi School in my village in India. I've counselled many girls from Telugu community from the grief and harm of domestic abuse for past 4 years. If I get elected, I can take TFAS to the next level through my vast experience in promoting culture and community service.</p>

Indira Vangala:

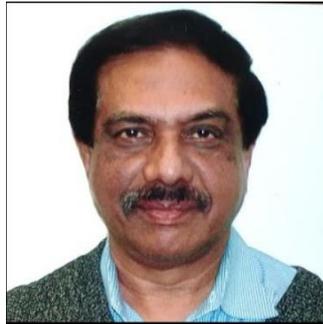


I am an IT professional who is trained in Carnatic music and proudly performed at various events. Our family has been TFAS life-members for over twenty years. As an active volunteer at the Guruvayurappan Temple for many years, I collaborated to plan, and execute several successful events. As TFAS Cultural Chair, I addressed a severe lack of interest from potential participants and executed an extremely well received 2016 Deepavali Program.

If elected, I would like to contribute to the following:

1. Energize local Telugu community to actively participate in TFAS activities by promoting innovative programs for all ages. This is critical for our long-term success.
2. Support traditional Telugu performing arts by giving artists opportunities to showcase their talents in such arts.
3. Work actively to make TFAS EC a collaborative team that is focused on the welfare of TFAS and not politics.

Damu Gedala:



I have been a longstanding supporter of the Telugu community beginning with my involvement in TAGDV, CIO, etc. I have been associated with TFAS for more than 20 years. I have helped TFAS as an active volunteer, trustee, donor and supporter.

From April 2008-March 2010, I have served as the President of TFAS during which I have raised funds for the 25th Anniversary Celebrations (amounting to \$170,000) of which I have ensured a surplus of \$34,000 for the following year. This event brought in 3500 people in attendance. In parallel, I was instrumental in increasing the membership to 1000+ families.

After my presidency, I stayed on the committee supporting the organization in an advisory capacity. In July 2015, I served as the Convener for the 30th Anniversary Celebrations for which I helped raise about \$25,000 in funds through my personal contacts (donors and vendors). This event brought in 3900 in attendance.

	<p>I am very actively involved and helped several social, cultural and religious organizations. I helped NATS, TANA, ATA, NATA, APTA during conventions held in tri-state area. I also helped other organizations like Sai Datta Peetham, Venkateswara Temple, Guruvayoorappan Temple, Lead India 2020, Kalabharathi.</p> <p>By profession, I am in the healthcare field working as a Medical Billing Manager for an anesthesiology and pain practice. I would like to bring community building thru tfas to our community my main goal, and involve to youth to bring next generation.</p>
<p>Madhu Rachakulla:</p> 	<p>తెలుగు కళా సమితి సభ్యులందరికీ మధు రాచకుళ్ళ నమస్కారములు. నేను గత 6 సంవత్సరములుగా తెలుగు కళా సమితిలో కార్యకర్తగా అంకితభావంతో పని చేస్తున్నాను. 2014-16 సంవత్సరములలో తెలుగు కళా సమితి కార్యనిర్వాహక సభ్యునిగా ఎన్నికై, టెక్నాలజీ విభాగానికి కార్యదర్శిగా వ్యవహరించాను. ప్రస్తుతం వున్న వెబ్ సైటును రూపొందించి తెలుగు కళా సమితి కార్యక్రమాల ఫోటోలు, విడియోలు సభ్యులందరికీ అందుబాటులో వుంచాను. తెలుగు కళా సమితి కార్యక్రమాలలో వెండర్ స్టాల్స్ ను సమర్థవంతంగా నిర్వహించాను. తెలుగు కళా సమితి 30వ వార్షికోత్సవంలో ప్రముఖ సాహితీవేత్తలతో కవిసమ్మేళనం నిర్వహించాను. తెలుగు కళా సమితి కార్యక్రమాల వివరాలను అన్ని తెలుగు దినపత్రికలలో ప్రచురించేటట్లు ఆర్డికల్స్ వ్రాసాను. తెలుగు కళా సమితి బైలాస్ రూపకల్పనలో క్రీయాశీలకంగా వ్యవహరించాను. తెలుగు కళా సమితికే కాకుండా, మరి ఇతర సంస్థల కార్యక్రమాలకు కూడ కార్యకర్తగా సహాయం చేసాను.</p> <p>తెలుగు కళా సమితి కార్యనిర్వాహక సభ్యునిగా మరల తిరిగి ఎన్నిక అయితే, తెలుగు కళా సమితిని సంస్థాగతంగా మెరుగుపరచేటట్లు చేస్తాను. మరింతమందిని తెలుగు కళా సమితిలో సభ్యులుగా చేరుస్తాను. తెలుగు కళా సమితి కార్యక్రమాలలో స్థానిక కళాకారులకు మరింత భాగస్వామ్యం కల్పించేందుకు కృషి చేస్తాను. తెలుగు పద్యనాటక కళను మన పిల్లలకు పరిచయం చేయటానికి కృషి చేస్తాను. తెలుగు కళా సమితి ప్రాభవం పెంచటానికి మిగిలిన జట్టు సభ్యులతో కలసికట్టుగా పనిచేస్తాను.</p>

