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Dear Devotees,

Let us be the first to wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New year. The year 2009 has been a historic year for ICF/HTO. We successfully completed the phase II of the construction with a beautiful Rajagopuram and the Vimanams for Lord Venkateswara and Goddesses Durga and Lakshmi. The front wall of the temple was enhanced with intricate work adding beauty to the entrance. Inside the temple all the pillars were decorated with intricate work and we added four more temples for Durga Matha, Lord Karthikeya, Lord Hanuman and Lakshmi Matha. In addition, temple for Navagraha was also built.

We also built new office space for the priests and the sound and Video systems were enhanced to accommodate digital feeds. A beautiful Hundi and Bell tower was installed the likes of which is not found in any other temple in the US. The Pranaprathista celebrations were held in June with the participation of ten invited guest priests from all over the US and thousands of you participating.. Following this the Mandala pooja was celebrated which was again well attended by our devotees. We thank the countless number of hours spent on the preparation and execution of these events by all the volunteers and well wishers of the temple. We also like to thank all the generous donors and the sponsors of the various events.

We also installed a computer system with internet access at the registration desk to better manage our records and communication. In addition, temple now has the capability to accept funds via VISA and Master Card making it easy for the devotees to pay for all the temple activities. The temple web site has been enhanced with priest calendar, temple calendar, meeting minutes and financial reports added. The Balavikas is active with more than one hundred children attending every Sunday.

We would like to thank the construction committee and the help provided by Modular systems during the construction and in the installation of the idols during the Pranaprathista celebrations. The total cost of the phase I and Phase II construction was \$ 1,183,208. The devotees contributed \$493,632 towards the construction expenses. The rest was financed by MidFirst Bank. After completion of the construction, the loan from MidFirst Bank was converted to a low interest (4.95%) five year adjustable mortgage with Ironstone Bank for \$750,000. We hope to pay off the loan in 3 to 5 years with your generous contributions.

You have been very generous despite the tough economic conditions in donating time and funds to the temple. In order for us to pay off the loan in three years please considering adding a little more (\$250 to \$1000) to your regular contribution for the next three years. If every family pitches in we will have no trouble in accomplishing this goal.

Finally, the election is scheduled for next year to replace the exiting Board and Executive committee members. Please participate in this process and make sure you pay your dues in time to be eligible to vote.

We thank you profusely for all your help and we look forward to seeing you, your family and friends in the temple. Wish you a Happy New year again.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

K.C. Sekar

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Chairman, Board of Directors

Ravi K. Malpani

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President, Executive Committee