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Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America -Profile

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PROFILE OF VISHWA HINDU PARISHAD OF AMERICA:

VISHWA HINDU PARISHAD OF AMERICA, Inc, (VHP) is the National organization of Hindus enjoying Global Contacts. Parishad enjoys contacts with many sister organizations. With active member families in at least Forty states, of the U.S.A., parishad started its activity in 1970, with New York state, as its registered office. Parishad is a NON -PROFIT registered Tax Exempt Organization. It enjoys this privilege under the Internal Revenue Service regulation 501-(C)-(3).

Family is our Focus: Parishad believes that a strong family makes a strong society. Maintaining strong, moral carrying, ethical individual & family units is very important for society. We very positively affect the individuals and family by promoting Healthy, Loving, Caring, Stable relationships. Parishad programs touch all the members of the family. Special programs of the Parishad support the needs of Young Americans, thus aiming to mould the Ideal citizens fired with zeal and Patriotic spirit. Parishad is working to instill a true Human pride in its members thus bringing closer to reality the American dream of a Kinder, Gentler Nation. Parishad adds enrichment and cultural awareness to American society, based on time tested Eternal Hindu values.

During past Twenty years of Selfless service the Parishad group has undertaken the following programs:

- * Supported Youth Camps for the past TEN years
- * Run BALVIHAR - Children's Education programs since 1979
- * Distributed more than 34000 Children's Story Books.
- * Collected & Offered \$1,400,000+ in service of Society.
- * Run Hindu Student Council for College Youths.
- * Hosted various Educational Lecture programs.
- * Offered a week long "Yoga" Workshop.
- * Arranged Seminars for the Guidance of Youth.
- * Managed Publication of - Hindu vishwa since 1983
- * Supported Religious needs of Hindu Families in the Area
- * Arranged Ten National & Three Regional Conferences
- * Arranged Global Vison 2000 festival in 1993 at various

locations.

CURRENT PROGRAMS/ACTIVITY & PROJECTS OF PARISHAD: Local,

Statewide, Regional, National and International programs and activities are offered such as:

- * Chapter Programs & Activities - Family gatherings
- * Balvihar - Children's Language & Cultural Classes.
- * Regional Conferences - Community Meetings for studies.
- * Youth Camps - Week long Cultural experience for Children.
- * Children's Story Books - Inspiring Books for Young Minds.
- * Hindu Student Council for College Youths.
- * Seva Projects - Service at the alter of the Community.
- * Support -a- Child Program -Program to serve needy children.
- * Family Support Services - Services for families under distress
- * Hindu's Contribution to the world - Pictorial Exhibition of Hindu Art in paintings, Slides & Posters.
- * Hindu University - Proposal to teach based on Hindu values

OVERVIEW OF PARISHAD AS AN ORGANIZATION

VISHWA HINDU PARISHAD - A World Body Of Hindus

- * Largest Worldwide Organization of Hindus.
- * Sister organizations in many Countries.
- * Mother Bharat - Our Source of Inspirations.

STRUCTURE OF PARISHAD:

1. One Central Governing Body
2. Regional Committee
3. Council of Chapters
4. Local Chapter/Centers
5. Unit of Parishad

I . SERVICES FOR YOUTHS :

- * Youth Camps: Run by volunteers to provide education, leadership & role model training to children
- * Youth Conferences:A Forum for inspirational Seminars, Workshops & Talks for Teens.
- * Balvihar -Children's Educational Program: Classes for training body and minds for ages 6 thru 16
- * Children's story books: Inspiring books for the young mind.
- * Hindu Student Council : High aim alternative for College Students
- * Bharat Darshan (- VISIT INDIA) Tour Program: 1992, for high school & college students to visit India, under the guidance of volunteers.

II. FAMILY SUPPORT : Volunteer run services in variety of programs such as:

- * Crisis Prevention & Family Counselling
- * Support for the elderly
- * Free Medical Health screening
- * Stress Reduction workshops & Yoga, Health & Vegetarianism support
- * English Literacy Help: Volunteers teach English to Hindi,& Gujarati speaking individuals
- * Job support services
 - Translation services at Motor Vehicle Department (in Connecticut)
 - English translation for the individuals with Hindi or Gujarati as mother tongue

III. SEVA - HUMANITARIAN SERVICES:

SEVA Programs of Parishad offer services in the following Humanitarian areas.

A. HEALTH & WELFARE

Health support
Feeding at Homeless center in CT, MA, TX states
Relief Works

B. EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Support -A- Child Program: Supporting needy children IN INDIA.
Funding to Community Development Projects
Educational Grants, Scholarships & Aids
Support to educational institutions
Vanvasi Seva - Service of Under privileged tribal families in India.

C. CULTURAL PROMOTION

Support to Cultural & Religious Centers

IV. CULTURAL PROGRAMS:

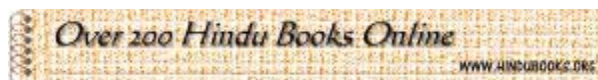
- * Hindu vishwa - Publication Since 1973 - An inspirational reading for the whole family.
- * Children's Books - Distributed since 1973 - Inspirational reading for children.
- * Cultural Exhibition: " Hindu's Contributions to the world Through Pictures, Photographs & Charts"
- * Sanskar Bharti - Audio Visual Services: Since 1983, providing inspiring and enriching education.
- * Conferences: National & Regional conferences for Public Education on variety of subjects like:
Yoga and Stress Reduction, Health, Vegetarianism and Weight Control,
Comparative appreciation of all religions, Family Stability and Crisis Handling.
- * "Awareness" - Lecture Tour Program: National, Regional and local tours of educators, Social Workers and Spiritual Leaders for providing authentic education on subjects such as: Yoga, Health & Stress Reduction

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