

# Chandrakanta Mohanty

I am Chandrakanta Mohanty running for the board member of the Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Iowa (HTCC). I am a very passionate person and believe in connecting and bringing younger generations together and engage them and commit to the roots of our Indian and Hindu Culture through our own Hindu Temple of Iowa and India Heritage & Cultural Center. My mantra is to grow together at the same time giving back to the society and this has helped me to grow my family and myself as successful human being.

My passion to make a difference, expertise in problem solving with innovative ideas and commitment of getting the work done. I was involved in Jagannatha shrine and recycling plan implementation for past few years which gave me exposure, which can very well be utilized by the community, HTCC and IHCC

I have been in US for past 7+ years. I moved to Johnston in 2016 and then moved to Grimes in 2019. We (I and my family) feel this place as our home town and would love to be associated with the temple and the community and grow my family right here in Grimes, Iowa among all of you and the temple. It is another selfish motivation for seeking your vote and friendship. I am working as a Senior Software engineer at John Deere Financial, Johnston and overall, I have 16+ years of IT experience working with multiple MNCs.

I enjoyed being part of the community and try bringing in positive changes with the intension of a better and sustainable future for us and a healthy environment around us. I believe in bringing in new ideas by involving younger generation to HTCC and helping them grow with some accountability.

As part of my current role in HTCC Operation committee, I take care of the operation needs along with my other super volunteers. With all your help we implemented a recycling program and envision a strategy of using almost everything as biodegradable (where ever possible) or reused making HTCC as the best environment friendly Organization across United States. I see a lot of differences and almost 60% + adoption of recycling at HTCC and we learned a lot of more which we'll implement this year and try to achieve closer to 90% adoption. I dream of a self-sustainable source of energy (may be solar or wind) where we don't have to pay energy bill.

I and my wife (Lopamudra) believe that HTCC is just not a temple for worship, rather it's a platform for us to raise our children with our rich Hindu culture and tradition, remember and rejoice the festivals and occasions far from our home. We as a family are very committed to HTCC and as part of Lord Jagannath group we participate and conduct the monthly food service and other rituals along with the world famous Ratha Yatra event which helps in raising a considerable amount of fund each year for HTCC. Lord Jagannatha of our temple attracted Dr Dash from Minnesota to travel to Iowa and donate a large sum to

our IHCC. It is just the beginning and I believe that our HTCC & IHCC will invite many more philanthropists and Asian Indians move here.

We (Oriya and HTCC community) did a phenomenal job during lord Jagannath Shrine installation and won the hearts of many communities and specially our HTCC board members and proved that our community has a strong presence and filled with innovative, creative ideas along with commitment and accountability.

I would love to take my involvement with HTCC and to the next level by serving as Board member. I seek your vote to strengthen HTCC's presence in younger population in Des Moines area, implement sustainable growth ideas, help expand temple and IHCC facilities and to increase community participation and generate funds to the temple. Most importantly to strengthen the feeling of community, friendship, family with rich religion & culture which we Indians can cherish right here in Iowa. Vote for me!

Thank you for considering my candidacy.