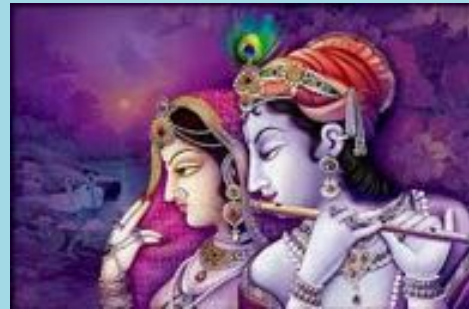


January 2024 ISKCON of Arizona Newsletter



The 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair brings out the devotees every December with books, instruments, blessed cookies, and Krishna's holy names.

Best January Days for Meditation and Fasting



Disappearance Day of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati

Saturday, December 30th
(fasting till noon)
Mantra Oasis program starts 10:30

New Year's Day Ceremony

Monday, January 1st
10:30 am to 11:30 am
Invoke blessings for New Year's!

Saphala Ekadasi

Sunday, January 7th
(fasting from grains & beans)

Putrada Ekadasi

Sunday, January 21st
(fasting from grains & beans)

Purnima (Full Moon)

Thursday, January 25th

Greetings & Namaste,

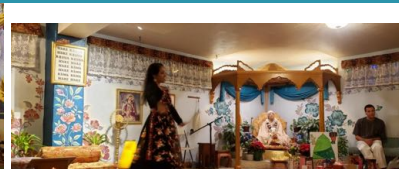
A warm welcome to all our Gem Show guests and snowbirds from the North.

Whether you've come to seek your fortune or just to seek refuge from the cold, our mantra yoga community is here with good company, good food, good books, and a beautiful space to make the most of your visit to Tucson.

Tell your friends & family about our spiritual oasis in the desert and they will surely love you for it. Peace!

Yours in service,
Sandamini Devi
sandamini108@gmail.com

Recent Activities





Chanting at the Annual 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair

Of all the public singing our temple does throughout the year, the 4th Avenue Street Fairs give us our widest audience.

Artists, vendors, and buskers of all kinds perk up as we weave our way through the blocks of booths, dancing and chanting Hare Krishna to the delight of the people in attendance.

At 4th and Congress, we set up a book table, which saw a lot of action. When the Fair returns to 4th Ave in the spring, we'll repeat that winning combo--an all-attractive chanting party plus the irresistible force of Prabhupada's books

Devotees gather to take Child Protection seminar

On Saturday, December 9th, many devotees gathered before screens to participate in a child-protection seminar on Zoom.

Hosted by ISKCON North America's Child Protection Office in Alachua, Florida, the morning and afternoon sessions focused on the many forms of child abuse and how to protect our children from it.

Devotees who wanted to be certified as child protectors sat for an exam at the end. Owing to our community's strong commitment to child protection, the NA Office has re-certified ISKCON Tucson as safe for children.

Temple residents & congregation celebrate season with gifts & talent show

On the evening of Monday, December 18th, our spiritual community celebrated the holiday season by giving gifts and staging a talent show.

Readings, songs, dances, drama, and even some yo-yo tricks graced the temple room before the Deities and a packed house of devotees.

Whoever brought a gift was eligible to receive one when Mother Sandamini called their number.

After the show, everyone enjoyed a holiday dinner of scrumptious krsna-prasadam.

New Years Homa for Auspiciousness



A sacred blessing for an auspicious new year!

Click [HERE](#) to see the



Join us on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st, at 10:30 am, for a puja and fire ceremony to counter the negative effects of malefic planets, thus ushering in all-auspiciousness for 2024

Invoke health, happiness and spiritual prosperity with the Nava Graha Yajna (nine planet sacrifice) performed by our temple priests.

full poster

Sponsor this blessed event for \$25 and receive a 2024 Krsna calendar.

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Architecture Design Submitted for Pre-approval

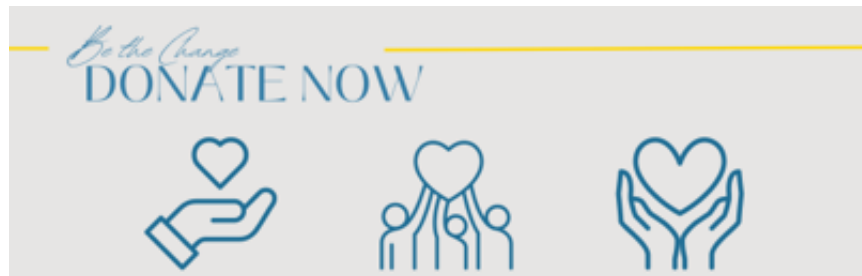


The design is "Rajasthan meets the Southwest," by the renowned architect John Maddocks.

[Click HERE](#) to see the new temple Brochure



The design was submitted to the City of Tucson for approval and now we must change the zoning on our residential property from R1 to R2 to accommodate the new apartments for our devotees and guest houses. This takes 3-5 months. Meanwhile we will continue with designing the outside gardens & eating area.



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Highlights of December in review



Temple residents & congregation chant at Winterhaven's Festival of Lights.





2nd & 3rd photo: Our Christmas party, gift exchange, and talent show.
4th & 5th photo: Distributing holiday cookies to our neighbors.
6th photo- Guest line up out the door for the Christmas meal

Thinking of New Years Resolutions for 2024?

Why not make a resolution to become a monthly donor at the temple.

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All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada

Become a monthly Temple Supporter

Thank you for another amazing year! With your help, we are able to maintain our temple, sustain Deity worship, publish books, organize festivals, feed the homeless and support our various outreach



**"The question is not how much of our money we should give to God, but how much of God's money we should keep for ourselves."
(John Wesley, Founder of Methodism)**

Your tithing dollars help maintain your temple and pay regular monthly expenses: electric, gas, water, vegetables, grains, flowers, yard maintenance & insurance.

When you come to the temple any day of the week and see the beautiful darshan, the refreshing gardens, free breakfast and feast prasadam, remember that this is possible because of our regular monthly donors.

It is your privilege and responsibility to support Krishna's temple. Become a tither today. Choose an amount you feel comfortable giving each month.

Please click here to sign up!

The Sunday Feast & Festival



**Join us each Sunday for an evening of musical meditation, topical philosophy, an ancient worship ceremony, and an 8-course vegetarian feast.
ALL FREE!**

5:30 pm - Bhajans

6 pm - Topical talk

6:30 pm - Worship ceremony

7 pm - Announcements

7:10 pm - Feast

PLUS! New Sunday School for kids from 5:15 to 6:30 pm in the Cove!



January's Sunday Speakers

Jan 7th - Kirtan Yajna Prabhu

Jan 14th - Kirtanesvara Prabhu

Jan 21st - Lavanga Mataji

Jan. 28th - .Dhiro Datta Prabhu



Feeding guests *prasadam* (food offered to God) benefits everyone. **Both the givers and the receivers get the mercy!**

Sponsor the Sunday Feast for an upcoming birthday, anniversary, or special day in the name of a loved one. Donations are tax deductible.

Sunday Feast Sponsorship for

75-100 plates is \$151.
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Krishna's Home Update: Inspection Time



Krishna's Home News Update

Please take a look at our latest **one-page newsletter** to see the Home's progress. through the year 2023 getting ready to open our doors. Click **HERE** to read.



Krishna's Home Care Tucson
514 E. Blacklidge Dr. (just one block west of the temple across 1st Ave)
krishnashome.org
At left, the new kitchen and dining area at Krishna's Home.

Feeding the Unhoused on Tucson's Southside



Join us on the 3rd Monday of every month!

For the past 15 years we've been serving Tucson's unhoused folks a six-course hot meal along with chanting. With the temps dropping and winter setting in, the need is greater than ever. Please consider helping.



Sponsor a meal here.
\$125 serves 100 plates.
Come help us serve every 3rd Monday of the month at 7am.

Thank you, Seva Priya & Tamal, for helping to support these life-saving meals!

[Donate Here](#)

Govinda's Vegan/Veggie Restaurant

Check out our ever-changing menu and new offerings.

Govinda's Self-Serve All-You-Care-To-Eat Hours:



Lunch - Wednesday through Saturday



11:30 am to 2:30 pm
Dinner - Tuesday through Saturday
5 pm to 8 pm
Sunday Brunch - 11 am to 2:30 pm
Closed Mondays
See the menu on Govinda's webpage:
iskcontucson.org/govindas

Govinda's guest quote of the month: "Wait time, customer service, environment, quality--just a blissful experience."

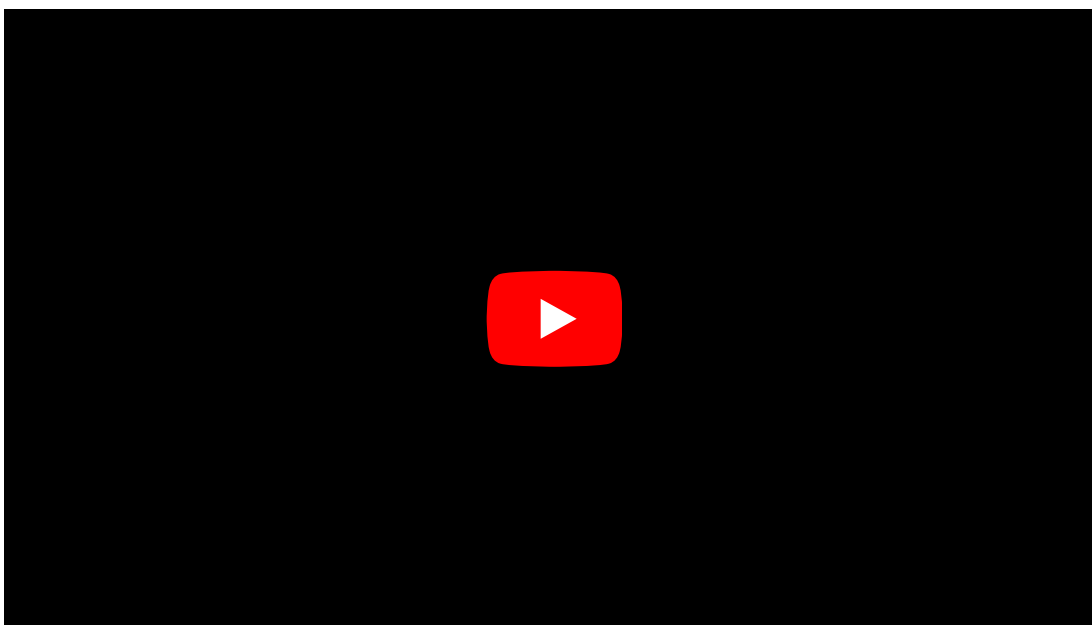


Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who make all the difference: Murali, Melissa, Govinda Datta, Ram Nam & Chandrika--from painting to plumbing to keeping everything clean, we couldn't do it without you!!!



Income/expense Tracker: Please click to view the Monthly Financial Statement on our Seva webpage - iskcontucson.org/seva

Check out this clip about minimizing distractions...



Authentic Indian Cuisine Catering!

All varieties and quantities of Indian foods for parties, dinners, weddings, and banquets. All main Indian dishes cooked by Master Chef Kul Sharma. To book call Kul: 520-891-8083.

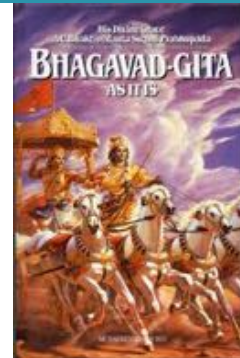




"Water...in the winter season, it becomes pinching...But it is due to this body: under certain circumstances it feels pleasure. and under certain circumstances it feel distress...Now, if we want to transcend above this material plane, then...We have to stand on the spiritual consciousness of life."
(*Bhagavad-gita* lecture, April 8, 1966, New York)

From Srila Prabhupada's *Srimad-Bhagavatam* translation...

"O great actor, my Lord, all these poor creatures are constantly perplexed by hunger, thirst, severe cold, secretion, and bile, attacked by coughing winter, blasting summer, rains, and many other disturbing elements, and overwhelmed by strong, indefatigable sex urges and indomitable anger. I take pity on them, and I am very much aggrieved for them." (Lord Brahma to Lord Krsna, (*Srimad-Bhagavatam* 3.9.8 verse translation)



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Homams, Pujas & Blessings

Perform a sacred ceremony.
Have your home, car, business, or family blessed and protected with the help and guidance of our experienced temple priest, Kirtan Yajna Prabhu. You may call him at (520) 288-1775, or email pkeshavraj@gmail.com



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