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We are delighted to publish quarterly **Seva Newsletter** online only to share the various “Seva” activities done by the VHPA to provide the visibility so that it can be replicated and/or reapplied by others as needed. We are looking forward for your constant support and welcome your comments and suggestions.

As we have shared before that VHPA has different Seva Projects defined by the local community needs within the broad framework of the Parishad’s mission

- Seva in the USA (Karma Bhoomi)
- Seva in Bharat (Matru Bhoomi)
- Seva to Rest of the World (Outside USA and Bharat - Compassion for Everyone e.g. Disaster Relief)

Focus of this quarter’s newsletter is on the seva activities performed in Bharat and USA.

Kerala Flood Relief

Beginning mid-August, 2018, severe flood affected the Kerala state due to unusually high rainfall. It was the worst flooding in the history of Kerala in past 100 years. More than 485 people died and millions of people were struck in their homes for several days without food, water, electricity or communication. All fourteen district of Kerala state were put on red alert as they were submerged in the water.

VHP Kerala, under the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Society was actively engaged in rescue as well as assistance in different places in providing food, drinking water, clothes, medical aid etc. One relief camp was functioning at our “Ernakulam State Office” which was severely hit by flood. VHP of America generated funds to help the victims and their families who are affected by this devastation. The VHP Kerala is tax exempt social/seva organization with 100% contribution goes to the cause. VHP of America collected \$5000 with online appeal and sent a token contribution of \$2500 to assist in relief work and will send rest of the amount in next six months. If need arises more funds will be sent. “VHP of America – Seva” sincerely thanks all who have donated for the cause. Fund raised through this appeal was used directly to help victims of this devastating flood as can be seen through pictures here.





Seva performed by Hindu Women's Network (HWN) of Cincinnati at Nursing Home of Butler County Care Facility, Hamilton, OH

Butler County Care Facility is a professional care community in a quiet residential area of Hamilton, OH. This property offers individualized rehab services. Volunteers from HWN of Cincinnati go there once a month to celebrate residents' birthday by providing cake, ice-cream, cards, balloons as well as spending quality time with them. Residents enjoy celebrating their birthdays as so many don't have loved one living close to them. Some residents have never met people from India and they feel loved and cared by kindness of volunteers visiting them.



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