

## TFAS Celebrates an Action-filled Deepavali Function in New Jersey and pledges to donate event proceeds to the AP flood victims

The Telugu Fine Arts Society (TFAS) celebrated 2009 Deepavali function in a grand style. Although there was pouring rain throughout the day of the event, over 1,200 people attended the event on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hammarskjold Middle School, East Brunswick, NJ. The event started at 4:00 PM with singing of the American National anthem, followed by classical, folk and movie dancing by local children. Singing, dance and tennis competitions were conducted leading to this event and the winners were presented with winning trophies.

TFAS President Damu Gedala welcomed the attendees and gave an overview of the program. He especially thanked all the donors for their generous support. Secretary Anand Paluri ensured that the program ran smoothly and requested the audience to donate generously to the flood victims. He announced that all the proceeds from the event will be sent to the AP Flood victims as a token of our support in the time of their need. Local youth went from aisle to aisle in the School auditorium and collected over \$1,500 instantaneously. The stage events were coordinated well by Manju Bhargava with the help of Girija Kolluri. Registration was handled Lakshmi Mallela, Indira Yalamanchi and Rohinikumar Vemula. Participant trophies were awarded by Satya Nemana at the registration desk. Several volunteers along with the Executive Committee family members worked diligently towards the success of the program.

Eminent singer of yester-year songs, Sri Garikipati Prabhakar sang the legendry Ghantasala song's and kept the audience captivated until the dinner time. He was accompanied by up and coming singer and his daughter Sruthi Garikipati. After the dinner, the program started with the *Moguds and Pellams* show that was conducted on the stage. Nine couples participated in the show that was conducted by comedian and movie artist Sri Sivareddy and local artist Ms. Madhu.

Sumptuous dinner was served for over 1,000 people and everyone enjoyed the food catered by Coriander. The primetime program included dancing, singing and mimicry by Siva Reddy. Movie artist and Bujjigadu fame Sanjana gave an electrifying dance performance. Super singer Sreenidhi and Singer Raghuram gave musical program. They both sang a mixture of old and new songs to entertain the crowd. Due to the action packed cultural program, the event was extended by one extra hour and concluded at mid-night.

### 2009 Deepavali Program

Hammarskjold Middle School, East Brunswick, NJ

Description	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>	
Deepavali Competitions Registrations	\$1,656.00
Tennis Competition (Registrations & Sponsors)	\$756.00
Donations + Door Collections	\$21,888.12
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$24,300.12</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
School Auditorium + Tips	\$6,256.00
Food (Coriander)	\$6,000.00
Food [Competitions (10/11) & Meet & Greet Obli (10/25)] (Coriander)	\$750.00
Temple Auditorium (competitions)	\$1,100.00
Artists	\$5,135.10
Advertisement (Sulekha)	\$200.00
Trophies	\$1,863.25
Decorations (Abhishek)	\$343.37
Video Services	\$350.00
Miscellaneous (Flowers, Water, Supplies, etc)	\$419.82
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$22,517.54</b>
<b>NET INCOME (Total Income-Total Expenses)</b>	<b>\$1,882.58</b>