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A STEP TOWARDS A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY: BAPS CHARITIES HOSTS HEALTH FAIR IN DALLAS, TX

One in every three Americans is obese. This staggering statistic is a threat to the health and wellness of communities across the nation. Obesity-related conditions include heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and certain types of cancer. Together, these conditions are some of the leading causes of preventable death – Early detection is key to leading a long, healthy life.

This year, in an effort to raise awareness and screen for potentially life changing conditions, BAPS Charities hosted over 40 health fairs in cities across North America. The health fairs bring together community members and healthcare professionals to provide individualized care and raise awareness on prevailing health and wellness issues.

BAPS Charities hosted its 14th annual health fair in Dallas, TX. The Health Fair saw volunteer participation from 95 medical professionals, including pharmacists, dentists, nurses, physicians, and specialists in the fields of cardiology, ophthalmology, pediatrics, gynecology, dermatology, oncology, rheumatology, urology, gastroenterology, pain management anesthesiology, orthopedic surgery, physical therapy, and psychiatry. These professionals provided individual consultations to the over 800 participants who attended and benefited from this event. Physicians and healthcare professionals alike reviewed participant’s blood panels and previous medical history to provide personalized guidance. Additionally, seminars were provided by industry professionals during the fair on heart health and diabetes – two conditions that significantly affect the South Asian community.

This year’s health fair in Dallas, TX provided medical services to a diverse age group. From young children to the elderly, health care professionals provided customized seminars and consultations to address the needs of all participants.
Mukesh Patel has been consistently attending the BAPS Charities Health fair for the past 5 years. Mukesh commented, “Every year, I come here to get quality medical services. I even brought my wife today to see an optometrist and pain management specialist — all under a single roof! I am so happy with the one-on-one consultations I had today."

Dr. Chinmay Dave volunteered time to provide dental services at the health fair. Dr. Dave is committed to raising awareness about tooth decay, brushing and flossing techniques, in addition to providing treatment for gum disease (periodontitis). “This event gave me the opportunity to give back and do what I enjoy the most – provide care for others to help them lead healthier lives! This is a great event for both doctors and participants.”

Doctors that volunteered their time at the Health Fair came from a diverse set of local hospitals and private practices. “I was very much impressed with the turnout and the professionalism of all of the volunteers in putting together such a great community event,” said Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner for Dallas County District 4 and dental professional. “I will definitely be back next year!”

BAPS Charities hosts a variety of health initiatives throughout the year, including awareness lectures and seminars on a variety of health-related issues. Extending that sentiment throughout the year, BAPS Charities hosts medical fairs, walkathons, education and career development seminars, disaster relief operations, blood drives and much more. BAPS Charities sincerely serves the community, by improving the quality of life of individuals and families.

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**About BAPS Charities**

BAPS Charities is a 501(c)(3) registered nonprofit international charity organization committed to sincerely serving the world by caring for individuals, families, and communities. It is affiliated with BAPS as an independent charity and social services arm. The 55,000 BAPS volunteers networked in over 3,300 centers around the world provide over 12 million volunteer-hours of service annually.

Among social service charities, BAPS Charities is a well-respected and trusted name. It has amassed over 50 years of firsthand experience in initiating, managing, and sustaining 160 humanitarian operations throughout the world in such diverse fields as: medical services, environmental services, community services, tribal services, and disaster relief services.

For additional information on BAPS Charities and its international and local philanthropic activities, please visit www.bapscharities.org

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Resolution

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STATE OF TEXAS §

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BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 6th day of October, 2015, on a motion made by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4 and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, BAPS Charities is a nonprofit international charity committed to serving society by caring for individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, its goal is to serve individuals, families and communities in need by providing high quality health care at a low cost; and

WHEREAS, annual health fairs are at the core of BAPS Charities medical services. Physicians, nurses and medical technicians regularly volunteer their expertise to provide medical care and advice to the increasing number of people who lack access to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, BAPS Charities guiding principle is that every individual deserves the right to a peaceful, dignified and healthy way of life; and

WHEREAS, it provides numerous humanitarian services in the areas of health care, education, environment, community development projects and disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, BAPS Charities will host its Annual Health Fair on October 17th in Irving and in other Texas cities such as Houston, San Antonio, Austin and in cities throughout North America during October to help support local and national health awareness; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, BAPS Charities Health Fairs were organized at 40 centers nationally, benefitting 10,046 participants with the help of over 2,500 volunteer health care professionals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does officially congratulate and extend warm wishes to all BAPS Charities Health Fair participants, doctors, paramedics, local community members, sponsors and organizers and wish the 2015 Health Fair to be an outstanding success.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 6th day of October 2015.

Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge  Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1  Mike Capprell, District 2

John Wiley Price, District 3  Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4