

## **SRI SHARADA YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP**

With the Blessings of His Holiness, SVBF is launching a program of youth volunteers. The group will be called "*Sri Sharada Youth Volunteer Group*". The program has a specific purpose to encourage the youths (the next generation) to come forward and take the lead and move ahead and spread the mission of the foundation. Volunteering work at the site is a step in that direction. Please note youths identified for this program belong to grade 9 and above.

It is a simple plan and it works with the assistance and guidance of adults. The adults have to support and bring these youth(s) into the main stream of work. A brief description of the program is highlighted.

1. Every Saturday, at least two adult volunteers would bring in Six to 8 youths to the temple. This total of 8 to 10 people would arrive at the temple by 9:30 AM or so. Once they arrive they may take a few moments (30 minutes or less) to offer their Namaskarams to the Goddess. They can then witness the religious event being conducted and understand the same with explanations from the adult volunteer.
2. The next step is to identify a list of tasks to be completed during their visit. They could provide assistance or do the work in the office; do ironing the vastrams or dresses used for the deities; make garlands; make kum kum packets; prepare mailing of receipts; issue receipts to devotees; enter the receipts in the excel spread sheet for accounting purposes.
3. Around noon after the Mangala Aarti for morning, they can go to the old temple to serve food to the devotees as well as eat their lunches. Thereafter some of them can help in cutting vegetables, clean up and any odd tasks identified by the adult volunteer.
4. Around 3:30 PM, the group can plan to return with their adult person who brought them to the site. Including their time of travel to and back home would constitute a full day work.
5. We expect a group to come only once a month as each week, there will be a different group.
6. As an incentive and to motivate the young youth, SVBF will issue a certificate for their volunteer work at the end of the year. A function could be arranged to recognize their services and thereby encourage other youths to join the program.

We have identified Ms Shanti Janakiraman as the lead coordinator for this program. She will take directions as needed from the Chairman (Dr S.Yegnasubramanian) and President (Dr S.S.Iyer) as needed. The contact point for the program is Shanti. She will form her team as necessary.

Her contact number is 609-799-9423 ([shanti.m.janakiraman@gmail.com](mailto:shanti.m.janakiraman@gmail.com))

**General Conditions and Disclaimer**

**In performing the volunteer work, it will be necessary for the adult and the youth volunteers to travel to the site and also work there. In performing the voluntary work adequate precautions should be taken to prevent any unforeseen event. We have posted various signs and warnings at the site. Please adhere to these postings. Please drive carefully while coming to the site and returning home. We expect all the volunteers to have proper attire while coming to the site for the voluntary work. This includes warm clothes in winter and proper shoes to prevent any slip in snowy/icy conditions. The place is cleaned and the snow removed by a professional contractor as soon as snow falls.**

**Disclaimer**

**SVBF is not responsible for any personal, physical or other damages to oneself or to the members of one's party within SVBF premises. The same applies while driving from home to the site.**

**I Accept the general conditions noted above.**

**Signed:-----**

**Dated:-----**

Recorded and noted by Lead SVBF Contact of Youth Programs.