

# B.T. Swami Gita Nagari House Fundraising Report

*Thank You to our  
"Sustaining Givers"*

(May 2013-March 2014)

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- Anonymous Donors

## *Sustaining Givers*

Where would we be without these amazing souls who consistently give their time, love, money and energy to the endeavors that are important to us? In the list to the left are the names of several community members who have been providing money since May of last year for the monthly payments and maintenance of the B.T. Swami House in Gita Nagari.

This inaugural report is dedicated to Indrani devi dasi affectionately known as "Mother Indrani." Indrani devi dasi passed away on April 2nd, 2014. Just a few days before her departure, she wrote to us and inquired about the status of this project. She was dedicated, concerned and involved

even while struggling with cancer. This report is dedicated to her and in gratitude for all of for your remarkable level of love and effort.

HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami lit the fire of devotion for many of us. That is why we are interested in **maintaining** this house where he stayed and then departed from this world at Gita Nagari.

The writers of this report are especially grateful to Madhvacharya das and Kunti devi dasi for filling the gap between the amount fundraised and the amount needed to make the monthly payments on the house.

Our regular monthly donors are listed as "Sustaining Givers" to the left and additional

donors are listed on the next page. We also express our gratitude to Ekavira das and Vrajalila devi dasi and to Mother Jagannath for maintaining the house and to Mother Jadurani for her legal support.

Indeed, people who give to the degree that these devotees listed to the left have sustain not only this project but providing nourishment for all of our spiritual lives through the inspiration provided through their commitment. We appreciate all that you do to maintain Bhakti tirtha Swami's legacy.

The chart to the right is based on data from May 2013—March 14, 2014. We need to decrease that gap—so we are

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## *Would You Like a B.T. Swami House T-shirt?*

Imagine a unique t-shirt design being worn to support the Gita Nagari House. We have chosen an artist who will work with our ideas to create a unique Krsna inspired t-shirt. These t-shirts will be for sale to raise money for the Gita Nagari House. And we think everyone

will love them. After the design is ready, we will be accepting pre-orders with pre-payment for t-shirts. No orders will be placed until we reach a set number of pre-orders. Be looking for the updates in a future newsletter. Feel free to contact us to express interest or place

an advance order. The number of pre-orders will determine the cost. Be looking for the updates in a future newsletter.

# Thank You

May 2013—March 2014

## Gifts

- Aja das & Sthaya Bhava devi dasi
- Alexander Petroff
- Andrew & Gladys Kibble
- Antayarmi Dasi
- Aparajita devi dasi
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- Tara-Jane Torrissi
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- Vrindavana Vilasini
- Anonymous Donors

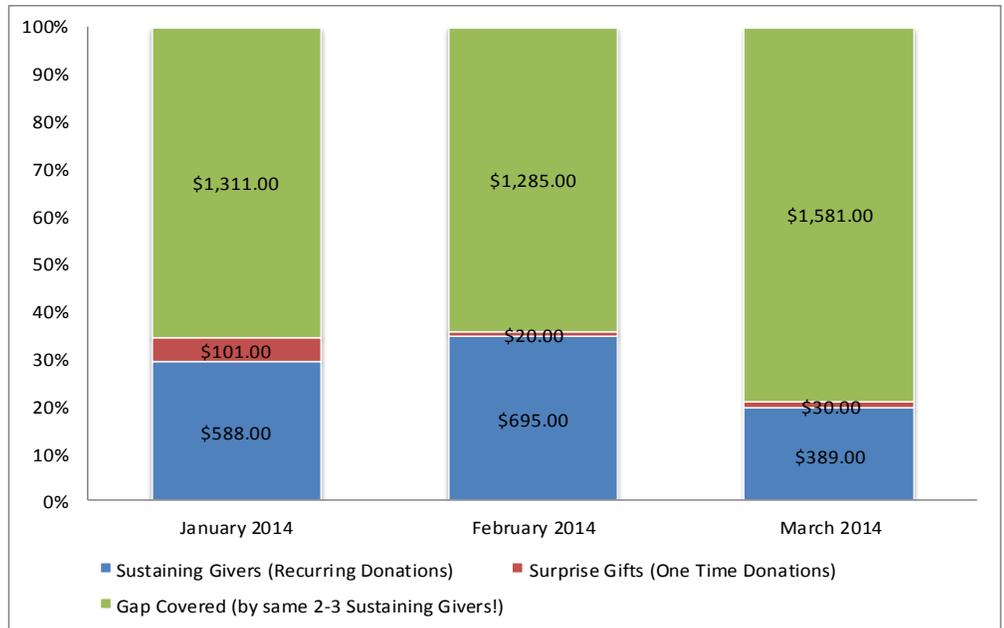
# Surprise Gifts

Where would we be without those blessed moments when a compassionate soul reaches out to you and surprises you with just the gift you needed to get you through the next few moments, days or weeks? The list to the left here on page 2, contains the names of our community members who stepped up to the plate with large and small amounts and provided much needed financial support.

This newsletter is meant to be a financial report pertaining to the effort to keep Bhakti Tirtha Swami’s house in our family, so it is focused on financial contributions, and fund-raising efforts. However, it is not meant to

diminish the other amazing types of contributions devotees make toward preserving his legacy and living devotional lives—from Samadhi offerings to house cleaning and community planning.

If you know of someone who was not include on these lists of donors, please contact the newsletter editors listed on page 4.



# What the Numbers Tell Us

The two charts included herein are based on intake through online donations as well as checks received. The numbers indicate that each month we have a short fall or gap between the money needed and the money received via donations.

On average, we receive only 43% of the monthly \$2000 amount required to cover the mortgage, utilities, fees and maintenance. This short fall is most often covered by the same 1-3 families. It is not an easy load to bear. It would be great to have more con-

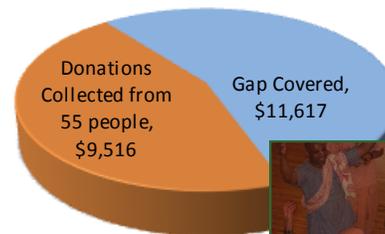
tributors. Recurring donors and occasional donors are needed. How can we repay the generosity of those carrying the heavy load? Give today. Information on how to make a donation is on page 4.

## *Sustaining Givers (continued from page 1)*

seeking more Sustaining Givers. We estimate that \$2,000 will cover the mortgage of the house, bills, and predictable and unpredictable yearly maintenance. It would be great to get 100 Sustaining Givers paying \$20 a month. At this time we need as many people as possible giving what they can as often as they comfortably can.

### 10.5 Months of Mortgage Payments

(based on May 2013 - March 2014 data)



## *BTSwami.com*

www.BTSwami.com has a great new look and offers an amazing collection of audio and video recordings and photos. You can also access direct links and contact information for purchasing Gurudeva's books in English and numerous other languages. The disciple database compiled by Mother Indrani is also accessi-

ble at BTSwami.com as well.

Nanda Sunu das and has designed a gorgeous site. One newsletter contributor states "it is one of the best websites dedicated to a person, I have ever seen."

You can also [donate funds to this project and read more](#) background information about

the mortgage and our devoted friend and God-Sister Prema Devi Dasi, who maintained the mortgage for many years at this site.

## *A Center of Devotion*

The house B.T. Swami lived in while at Gita Nagari, is the house B.T. Swami spent his last days and hours. Devotees from all over the world came to Gita Nagari and visited him there.

While his body was cancer stricken and weaker than ever

he still made the trip from the house to the temple, along the bumpy roads to give weekend classes. He said, it was at times difficult to hold his head up and he joked that when he had prayed and committed himself to dying on the battlefield, he hadn't known that would potentially mean literally dying in

the Gita Nagari fields making that bumpy car trip. And he preached to us, and he sang and he danced.

The house for which we are now working to retain ownership, is still providing shelter for devotees of Krishna.

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**"To the degree that one takes shelter of the proper association, one will gain clarity, realizations and even help in penetrating certain barriers that might otherwise take lifetimes to overcome"**

**—B.T. Swami, Reflections on Sacred Teachings, Vol 3, p168**

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We would love for you to contribute to one of the next issues of this newsletter. Contributions should generally be 75-250 words. Lengthier compositions will also be considered. Inclusion will depend on available space. Contact [valthelibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:valthelibrarian@gmail.com), [jesse@meta21st.com](mailto:jesse@meta21st.com), [hmadbva@gmail.com](mailto:hmadbva@gmail.com) and or [neilchakra@gmail.com](mailto:neilchakra@gmail.com).

We are planning for next issues to be: June 1, 2014, November 1, 2014, February 1, 2015, June 1, 2015, November 1, 2015

Donations can be made through two online services:

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**SimpleGive: <http://my.simplegive.com/dl/?uid=the636221>**

Donations can also be made via check:

Checks can be made out to "IFAST" with the note for "BT Swami Gita Nagari House" and mailed to  
**IFAST, Box 4572, Rockville, MD 20849**

## *A Center of Devotion (continued from page 3)*

Ajamil das has informed us that darsans, disciple meetings, devotional life counseling sessions, seminars, bhajans, classes are held there regularly. Gita Nagari devotees are hosting visiting gurus, and hosting visitors who come to see Gurudeva's residence.

Some of the esteemed guests have included HH Radhanatha Swami, HH Bhakti Caru Swami, HH Devamrita Swami, HH Romapada Swami, and very recently there was a nice program with Devamrita Swami and Dhanurdhara Swami together. When we have visiting gurus, they are served and accommodated nicely and many devotees visit for personal darsan.

Two wonderful ideas for future use of the B.T. Swami Gita Nagari House are the curating of a library of books owned and read by B.T. Swami and providing tours on festival days with guides who could talk about the life and times of HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami to visiting devotees.

We ask for your prayers and support and thank you for all that you have given already. Stay connected. Jai Sri Radhe.

