



SSD New Year 2022 Letter - Founder's message

Shirdi Sai Darbar

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Dear Shirdi Sai Darbar patrons,

Wishing you all happy holidays and new year! Let Baba shower his grace and blessings on you and your family: good health, peace, love, joy, abundance and prosperity!

2020 and 2021 were very rough for all of us. All of us went through some unprecedented times because of the COVID-19. Baba stayed with us all along, carried us in his arms and made sure that there was no suffering or want in the household of any of his devotees. **Here we are in 2022, only because of HIS grace!**

2020 was a very significant milestone year for Shirdi Sai Darbar. As many of you are aware, in 2020 we were working towards purchasing the land where we are currently located, to make it Baba's permanent home. **The campaign was unlike anything ever accomplished before - we managed to secure the building for Baba with contributions from thousands of his devotees.** It was a combined effort of all of HIS devotees.

2021 got a little better and we are now almost completely operational with minimal COVID-19 restrictions, for the safety of all devotees and volunteers. With Baba's grace, on festival days we are almost completely operational like the pre-pandemic days including devotee's participation during Aarathi. **We also managed to complete the wall of donors' work and have all the donors' names listed at the temple. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your magnanimity.** We are also planning to start charitable activities like blanket drive, toy drive, sandwich seva for the homeless etc., in 2022.

I am also taking this opportunity to share the grand plans we have in place, for building the most beautiful temple for Baba that has ever been built! Please look through the [video](#) - to get a glimpse of the sheer grandiose we have planned for Baba's abode, including an ever active dhuni, the way Baba likes it.

The immediate goal is to survive the pandemic, in order to realize the dream of building this beautiful abode for Baba. Any contribution done right now will be used towards operations and help the temple survive the pandemic and towards the temple construction. **I request all of you to come forward again and show your generosity. Kick off the holidays and new year by participating in this divine endeavor.** Let us all come together for this once in a lifetime opportunity to build the temple and celebrate our beloved guru. **Baba says "There shall be no want in the house of my devotee. He said that he had to give back 100 times more than what he took from his devotees."**

If you have already contributed towards the wall of donors, and would like to upgrade to next level, please write to shirdisaisevak@gmail.com - you can also find all the details about pls follow [the donor recognition program here and contribution details link.](#)

Do you know that you can double your impact/donation by requesting a company match? Most companies match charitable contributions dollar by dollar. [Check here for information on company matching of for charitable contributions](#) and also check with your HR on the company match process. All your extra effort towards our beloved Baba keeps us going. All contributions are tax exempt to the extent allowed by law. You can do Stocks transfer and save in Taxes.

Shri Sai himself explained the importance of charity in Chapter 14 of Sai Satchraitha "Give with faith, give with magnanimity, liberally, give with modesty, with awe and with sympathy". Our Sai Baba received donations with a peculiarity. **HE said that hE had to give back 100 times more than what HE received from HIS devotees.**

As many of you are aware, the temple does not employ anyone. The temple is run solely by hundreds of passionate and devoted volunteers under my guidance. **I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers of Shirdi Sai Darbar, in keeping the temple operational and performing the daily rituals.** If you would like to perform seva at the temple please fill out the [volunteer sign-up form](#).

Like & Follow [Shirdi Sai Darbar FB page](#) for regular updates, daily baba darshan pictures, quotes from Sai Satcharitha and LIVE darshan video feed.

Once again, wishing you all a happy holiday season and a fantastic new year.

Jai Sairam, At the lotus feet of my master, Everything for Sai,
Ashok Kumar | Founder, Shirdi Sai Darbar - Sunnyvale, CA.

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