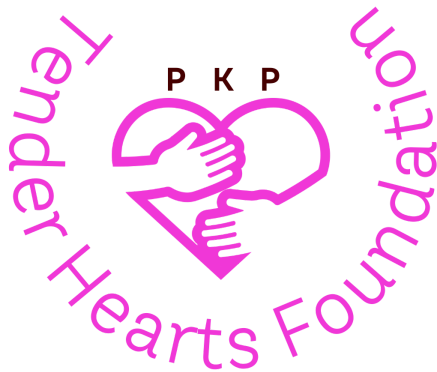




Tender Hearts Foundation Leads Annual Showcase of Nepalese Culture at 3rd Dashain Tihar Fest

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MANASSAS, VA – With the support of the Nepalese-American community in the greater Washington DC area, Tender Hearts organized its third annual Dashain Tihar – or DT Fest – event for the local community. The event held at Prince William County Fairgrounds offered attendees traditional dance and musical performances in customary dress, delicious Nepali food for purchase, and opportunities to learn and engage more closely with Nepalese culture in their

own backyard. The event was attended by over 6,000 people from all walks of life in the local community.

Prabha Bhattarai Deuja, the founder and president of Tender Hearts, is proud of the ongoing visibility the event provides to the local Nepalese-American community.

“DT Fest Is an opportunity for the Nepalese community across the DMV to connect and celebrate one of the largest festivals in our culture. It is also a way for us to preserve our heritage and represent our country for those who may not know we exist here.”

A big thank you goes out to Suresh and Anjana of oNest Real Estate for their hard work in the organization of this event, paired with their efforts to tackle the challenges necessary to make community-centered events like this possible. Tender Hearts is also grateful to their team – Prayash Bhusal, Manisha Parsai, Rajshree Shrestha, Dipesh Acharya, Prashas, Roshan Puri, Prakash Sapkota and their marketing team – for their hard work and commitment to making this event a massive success. With ambience, style, and excitement, you all joined us to help our event succeed.

Many people and organizations came together to make this event possible. We would like to thank the setup and clean up crews, volunteers, performers, emcees, sponsors, vendors, United States Public Health Service, eNepalese, WJLA, InsideNoVa.com, and the volunteer security team.

Tender Hearts is grateful to have had support for the event from government officials, including Senator Tim Kane and Virginia State Senator Suhas Subramanyam. Tender Hearts was grateful to have hosted the Mayor of Manassas, Michelle Davis-Younger, Manassas Park City Vice Mayor Alanna Mensing, and Pradip Dhakal from the Town Council Town of Herndon VA.

Thank you to all of the local community members who took time out of their busy schedules to share in the traditions of their local Nepalese-American community through this special holiday event.

With ongoing community interest and support, Tender Hearts plans to continue this tradition for all to enjoy.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:

PKP Tender Hearts Foundations ("Tender Hearts") is a grassroots not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing community advocacy, education and resource guidance, and one-to-one first response support services to individuals in need within the Nepalese-American community in the greater Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Through one-to-one guidance in seeking social services, counseling, healthcare services, legal support services, translation assistance, and more, Tender Hearts helps community members facing family crises, loss, and personal challenges. Tender Hearts recognizes the unique challenges faced by Nepalese-Americans in navigating various systems and accessing essential resources and remains committed to bridging these gaps to ensure their well-being and empowerment.