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Benefits of Volunteering for Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore

At Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore (GSB), volunteering is offered by choice—it is not mandated. Each of us who joined Gujarati Samaj's Managing Committee (that is the Executive Committee (EC)) became proudly involved so that we can provide a service to our Samaj and its members. At GSB, we have a long tradition of volunteering and as volunteers we aim to foster community integration and unity by encouraging members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to work together through sharing of common goals.

The EC team works as a cohesive team where sharing of ideas are encouraged and respected, the work load is balanced based on expertise, and most importantly, **WE HAVE FUN ALONG THE WAY**. Each of us recognizes the commitment we have made to serve our Samaj and the fundamental reason we volunteer at GSB is **TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY**.

So, if **YOU** are asking "Why Should I join Gujarati Samaj's Volunteer Committees?" or "What are the benefits of volunteering?", here are a few things to think about:

- Want to make new friends? Want to meet Gujarati professionals? Want to meet business owners? Samaj is the right place for **YOU!**
- Want to be a part of a team that manages events for more than 550 (life members) Gujarati families in Baltimore? How about your passion to manage or assist managing events? We have an energetic team with tremendous passion we need **YOU**!
- Samaj hosts Cultural Events, Fun Events, Educational Events your interest in any of these areas is valuable to us. We have room for YOU!
- Do you have a passion to add Culture, Fun & Value to our Newsletter Publication we need YOU!
- Do you have a passion to SHINE our Samaj on the Web and Market our Events we need YOU!
- Do you want to learn managing tasks that others execute in Samaj activities come join us & learn!
- Do you love to manage Financial and Treasury tasks we have room for YOU!
- How about playing a role of Samaj Voice! We need your communication skills, your speaking talents, or any skills that YOU can bring to make things enjoyable and valuable from Samaj's perspective. We need YOUR enthusiasm and passion!
- Do you have skills in using **Multimedia**, **Audio**, **Video**, or a **Computer?** Samaj needs **YOU!** We need your passion, your enthusiasm, your leadership skills, and your positive attitude to raise Samaj to a new level.
- Our Samaj membership is increasing daily and Samaj is becoming stronger and stronger. Do **YOU** want to be part of this ongoing revolution?
- Do you want to play a role in maintaining our **Culture** & **Heritage** in our community we need **YOU** to help us achieve that!
- We strongly support diversity! We need **YOU** whether **YOU** are male or female, irrespective of age limits—we need that passion, that love for Gujaratis—and we can do it via **Samaj!**
- Yes, Samaj will need **YOUR** time, efforts & positive attitude and in return **YOU** will get a sense of achievement, a sense of fulfillment, a sense of 'making a big difference' in our community. So come join us! **YOU** will be glad you did! Join us as a **volunteer** and become part of Samaj Seva we will do it for fun, for culture, for heritage, for people.

If you would like to learn more about the volunteering experiences or would like to volunteer at GSB, please contact any of the current EC members or send an e-mail to contact@GSBaltimore.org.

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