



## The Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield (HTGS)

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# Annakut Mahotsav



**Annakut Mahotsav** was started by the people of Vrindavan to appreciate Lord Krishna's act of saving the people of Vrindavan from the wrath of angry Indra who poured excessive rain to drown the people of Vrindavan for not performing the required rituals to appease him. Lord Krishna wanted to teach him (Indra) a lesson by lifting up Govardhan Mountain with his little (pinky) finger and saved the people of Vrindavan under the Mountain so the effect of heavy rain was not evident on them. Since that day, Lord Krishna was known as Govardhandhari and people started worshiping this mountain. For centuries, to show the same appreciation people of Vrindavan made a mountain of food and offered to Lord Krishna, and that's how this tradition was started.

This festival is celebrated following Diwali. This year, to accommodate greater participation by devotees, we are celebrating the **Annakut Mahotsav festival in our Temple on SUNDAY, November 18th<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2 pm. Aarti will be around noon. Pujya Mukundswaroopdashji Swami and Pujya Vrundavanviharidashji from Swaminarayan Gurukul, Chicago will come and give "Pravachan" in English and Hindi for about an hour on this day.**

Devotees are encouraged to bring their favorite dish to offer Lord Krishna. Make sure to observe purity while making the dish and be aware of acceptable ingredients. If you want to PARTICIPATE IN THIS ANNAKUT MAHOTSAV and bring items, please let us know by signing at:

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please put your name by the food item you wish to bring.

Please kindly bring in all food items to the temple by 10:00 am on Sunday, November 18th, 2018. If you have any questions please call Bindoo Nimavat who is coordinating the food items for this event. You may contact Bindoo at [btalati07@gmail.com](mailto:btalati07@gmail.com) or reach her at 217-220-5241. We also need help in cooking lunch items as well.