

Sri Ganesha Temple

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Annadanam

Sri Ganesha Temple, Nashville offers Lunch Prasad to its devotees on Sundays at 12:30 pm and during special events. It is a great idea to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or any other special occasion by making a Donation to the Annadanam Fund.

These are the verses from the Vedas, meaning Annadanam is supreme and incomparable to any charity. Food is the basic requirement for all humans. Thus according to Vedas, the one who does annadanam to devotees, attains heaven (Punya Loka) in this Universe (Brahmanda) itself. In this whole universe, the creation and its progression depend on food. Hence giving food to the devotees is more than attaining heaven.

The Devotees may sponsor Sunday Prasadam on a weekend by making a reservation in the Temple Prasadam Ca lendar for a weekend of their choice and subject to availability on a first come first serve basis. The Devotee or group of Devotees then choose among Option A, B or C for the level of participation they desire in the sponsorship process. Options range from Fullservice option to all work mostly done by the devotee or the group of Devotees. The full service option is executed by the Volunteers of the Pooja & Prasadam Committee and additional volunteers recruited for the event.

For devotees not opting for the Sunday Prasadam's ponsorship, Sri Ganesha Temple, Nashville offers the "Annadanam Fund". Approximate cost to provide Sunday prasadam is \$5 a person. Minimum suggested donation is \$51 and \$101 is preferred.

Donations can be made as a <u>one-time donation or a recurring monthly donation</u>. The front desk can assist you in setting up the recurring donation. This fund pools all the donations from multiple donors and <u>sponsors the special</u> Prasad on major Temple festivals like Ganesh Chaturthi, Maha Shivaratri or New Year's day. It also sponsors the feeding of all devotees visiting Sri Ganesha Temple on a Sunday where there is no individual sponsor or there is a last minute cancellation.

Additional benefits of sponsoring Annadanam are as below:

Donation Amount	Benefits
\$100 and up	Archana in devotees name and Prasadam mailed
\$500 and up	Any \$51 pooja service of their choice
\$1000 and up	Abhi shekam in their name, Special Mention as sponsor, special Prasadam

