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I was born in Kizuka, Tanzania I am married to Jaya Patel for past 40 years and completed high school and college in London ,England.

I have three children born in Tampa, Florida and six adorable grandchildren. I am currently self-employed and have been in the Hospitality Industry for the past 39 years, both in construction of new build hotels ranging (from Wyndham brand Days inn to large IHG Full Service Holiday Inn hotels & Hilton) and in the day-to-day operations and overseeing management & new project development

However, I have also been focused on community involvement during the last 25+ years and have truly found my passion in doing so. I am moved to action by the overwhelming need around me, driven to lend a hand and make a difference. I am here to make that difference for the Indian American Chamber of Commerce Mississippi Chapter in its next expansion phase in our state.

Enclosed is a PDF file that summarizes some of my many accomplishments, community service events and fundraising projects that I have taken part in over the past several years. To highlight some of my most notable:

**1987**: Co-Chairman for India Festival Committee (Tampa, Florida) currently in its 31st year over 10,000 attendees at event

**1989**: AAHOA life time member

**1999-2001**: Publisher and editor of Gujarati Samaj Directory

**1999-2003** Board of Director of Mississippi Hotel & Association Hotel Invited AAHOA Chairman H. P. Rama to speak at our conference in Biloxi, MS

**2001:** President of the Gujarati Samaj Jackson, Mississippi raised with help of Community raised $75,000 for 9/11 victims of New York

Indian Community of Mississippi jointly raises $125,000 funds for Gujarat Earth Quake.

**2001:** Won Bagley Award & Gold Shovel award from Forest Chamber of Commerce.

**2003**: Honored to work with President IAM Dr K. R Rao to work on Gandhi Statue Committee at Millsap’s College inaugurated on Nov 22nd 2003 in the presence of Hon. Consul General Skand Tayal of India, Houston Texas.

**2009:** Hindu Temple Society of Mississippi Jackson, Mississippi Chairman of the HTSM Dream Raffle Fundraiser raised over $600,000 Thanks to my team Baldev Patel, Dr. Sethi, Devendra Patel, Kirit Desai, Anil Patel, Mulji Patel and Countless Volunteers of Indian Community

**2010:** Cecil B. Day Community Award - Nominee (Chicago, IL)

**2010:** Brand New Children Museum Project with IAM President Ramesh Gajjar & Monica Sethi

**2012-2019**: Indian Mission to Atlanta Hon Consul Ajit Kumar, Nagesh Singh and Dry .Swarti Kulkarni set up meeting with Gov. Phil Bryant and Indian Community at Millsap’s College

**2013**: Leuva Patidar Samaj : Chairman LPS Dream Scholarship Raffle Orlando Florida

Raised over $300,000 with the LPS Dream Raffle Scholarship Raffle

* **2013: 2019** BAPS Walkathon charities for American Cancer Society Jackson BAPS held every June of each year at Liberty Park ,Madison, MS
* **2015**: Honored to work with Chairman Monica Sethi Harrigill and was on working Committee of the Mississippi Symphony League ball Hugh Fundraiser! Anticipating to raise over $125,000 Plus Bollywood to Hollywood ball

**2016- Current**: Board Member Nora’s Home for Transplant Patients Houston, Texas involved in the Construction phase and FF&E at Houston Medical Center (Known as House AAHOA Built).

**2016** Chairman of Second LPS Scholarship Raffle Atlanta,Ga Raised $200,000 .

**2017**: Involved in first trade delegation to India with India Mission in Atlanta Under CG Nagesh Singh, Gov.Phil Bryant and MDA Team

Honored to Meet Current Indian **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** in Washington DC June 2017

**International Yoga Day June 21st 2017** held at Clinton Event Ctr .

**2018:** AAHOA Washington DC Convention Five Hour Energy Drink Founder Manoj Bhargava Key Note Speaker .His Speaking had highest rating in AAHOA history

**2019:** Newly Built 32 Room Home for American Cancer Home across from UMC Hospital called Hope Lodge

**2019**: Currently Board of Trustee of Gujarati Samaj of Mississippi