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GEETHA MOHAN RAM



Mrs. Geetha Mohan Ram comes from a family of devotees that has been in Swami's service for more than six decades. Her granduncle Sheshagiri Rao, was Swami's personal attendant for more than 20 years. He was also the first priest at Prashanthi Nilayam when it was built in 1950. He came to Swami in 1943. Her father Dr. Padmanabhan, a renowned dental surgeon, was very dear to Swami and served Him in various organizational capacities at Whitefield, Bangalore till 2008. Many of you might recognize him as the person who walked

behind Swami during darshans in Whitefield. Geetha's mother Kamala Padmanabhan was appointed by Swami to be the SSE coordinator for Karnataka state in India which she served with distinction for 25 years. She was specially chosen by Swami to be part of the original group that developed the first SSE (Bal Vikas) curriculum under the direction of Bhagawan Himself. Geetha's family was one of the nine families that started the first Akhanda bhajan in 1945 under Swami's direct guidance. They conducted this for 25 years, until Swami declared it into a global event.

Geetha, who was named by Swami, has had the incredible fortune of enjoying and experiencing the multi-faceted personality of our Divine Lord from birth. While Swami graced their home in Bangalore with His presence regularly, all her holidays and festivals were spent with Him in Puttaparthi. At the age of 15, Geetha was selected by Swami to be an SSE teacher. She also delivered lectures under the EHV (Education in Human Values) program to high school teachers throughout the state of Karnataka, India. In 1978, her marriage to Mohan Ram was performed in the Divine Presence of Swami at Whitefield. Their twin sons, Varun and Arun, were born in 1981 and named by Swami. Seven years later, Swami directed the family to go to USA and they settled in Maryland/Washington DC, where Mohan worked at NASA. Geetha taught kindergarten children in a private school for 17 years and was awarded the "Best Teacher of the Year" for five years in a row.

At Swami's command and with His blessings, Geetha has been sharing her most intimate and wonderful experiences of our beloved Lord in different parts of the world including USA, UK, Canada, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, Australia, Mauritius and India for the past 20 years.

In November 2005, on Ladies Day, during Swami's 80th Birthday celebrations she was chosen by Swami to address the distinguished gathering in His Divine Presence at Prashanthi Nilayam.



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SHITU CHUDASAMA



Shitu Chudasama has been a devotee of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba for over 40 years. He studied History at London University and graduated in 1993 with a BA honors degree. He went on to do a Master's degree and then embarked upon a postgraduate degree. He has worked in Asset management for the past 20 years and is a regular speaker and panelist at various Management conferences around the world. Shitu has been through the entire Bal-Vikas/SSE Program in United Kingdom and taught SSE for over 10

years. In 1992, Shitu was awarded the prestigious Frank Denning Scholarship by the London Borough, to undertake research in Prashanti Nilayam on Sathya Sai Education. He spent a whole summer at Bhagawan's Secondary School in Puttaparthi. Over the years, Shitu has held numerous posts within the Sri Sathya Sai Organization in United Kingdom and Internationally. He was appointed by Bhagawan directly as the first International Youth Coordinator in 2007 just before Bhagawan was to deliver His Divine Discourse during the 3rd World Youth Conference in Sai Kulwant Hall. During his term, Bhagawan blessed Shitu to travel around the world and conduct Zonal Youth Conferences, Bhagawan gave him one year in which to complete this mammoth task. In UK, Shitu has held several senior National positions over the years and was appointment by Bhagawan directly as the National Council President in 2010. He was again appointed as National Council President by the Prashanti Council in 2018. Over the years, Shitu has led several National Youth Pilgrimages to Prashanti and in 2010 took 1,555 devotees from the UK to Prashanti. In November 2005, Shitu was invited to St James's Palace to have a private audience with His Royal Highness Prince Philip to receive the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Certificate on behalf of the Sai Organization and projects undertaken by the Sai Youth. In the Summer of 2006, Shitu and his wife Rita were invited by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to attend the Queens' Garden party at Buckingham in recognition for their services to the Youth in Great Britain.

Shitu Chudasama is currently serving as Trustee on the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust of United Kingdom.



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MARIE NDAO



Marie Ndao was born in Senegal, West Africa into a Muslim family. She moved to France in 1991 to complete her studies, escaping the social unrest in her country. She pursued her dream career in modelling and worked for all the big reputable designers and afterwards started a career in Cinema. In 2010 she became actively involved in the Sai activities in France, singing, teaching, and organizing devotional meetings from her home. She learned the Vedas and was leading it during Shivaratri and Akhanda Bhajan. From 2013 to 2016 she served as president and was involved with projects in Paris and Sri Lanka. Today the group still serves food twice a week to approximately 250 to 300 children. She moved to USA in May 2017 and has been active in the Sathya Sai Metropolitan Center of NY where Spanish bhajans and the Spanish Sai family have created her new home away from home.



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S. KUMAR



S. Kumar was born in a Sai Family who were devotees since 1960s. Kumar trained in Carnatic classical music during his Balavikas days at Neyveli, Tamilnadu. His music guru was Sri CHEMBAI ANANDAMANI. Kumar got the opportunity to join the SUNDARAM Bhajan group at Chennai during early 80s where he got the opportunity to sing in the divine presence for the first time. He joined Swami's college for Masters in 1984, went onto complete his PhD and was a faculty member in Department of Math & Computer Science. Kumar's job brought him to the US in 2000. Since then, Kumar has been actively involved in many SAI retreats giving talks, Bhajan workshops and music programs. Kumar received the divine opportunity to compose the

Telugu portion of the famous student's song - 'Humko Tumse Pyar Kithna'. He currently attends the Bethesda Center located at Washington, DC metro area. He works for Parsons Corporation for an IT contract with Federal Aviation Administration at Washington, DC



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VIDYANAND DESIBHATLA



Vidyanand did his schooling in Swami's institutions at Brindavan and Prasanthi Nilayam. He was selected by Swami for the Best Allrounder Gold Medal. During his school days, he used to play the harmonium and sing bhajans. He was actively involved in public speaking and spoke in the Dassera celebrations a couple of times in His physical presence. Most recently as part of the Sai Alumni, he was involved in a webinar seva program that allowed experienced professionals to share their insights with faculty and students.

He actively participates in the Boston Sai Center activities along with his family.



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ANNA GUREVICH

Anna Gurevich is a young adult living in Boston, where she works as an attorney. She



attended SSE as a child growing up in New Jersey, and was lucky to have had the opportunity to visit Prashanti Nilayam and participate in several plays and musical programs in front of Swami. Anna has previously served as Boston YA representative and is active in Region 1. She is grateful to Swami, the Sai community, and SSE for giving her the tools to work with life's challenges, and she is always looking for positive influences to keep her learning and growing on the spiritual path.



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ALLEN LEVY

Allen Levy, PhD, LCSW is a certified modern psychoanalyst having graduated from the Philadelphia School of Psychoanalysis, Union Graduate School and Columbia University School of Social Work. Dr. Levy has served as a senior faculty member for The Center for Group Studies in New York City, and as a senior staff member of Temenos Institute located in Westport, CT. He has also served as an adjunct faculty member for Union University Graduate School.



Dr. Levy is a practicing transpersonal modern psychoanalyst and psychotherapist in private practice in Westport, Connecticut. He specializes in the treatment of mental and emotional disorders of all forms, working with individuals, couples, families and groups.

As well, Dr. Levy is internationally known for his work over the past 45 years in stress reduction, deep relaxation and meditation. Since 1971, he has studied with Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, though due to his college studies, his first journey to the Divine Lotus Feet of Bhagavan Baba was not until 1978.



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ROSEANNE ITALIANO

Roseanne Italiano Levy has studied personally with Swami since her first visit to the Lotus Feet in 1977. She has served as an officer in many roles, from 1978 until 1998, and President of The Sathya Sai Center of Planetarium Station, NYC from 1984 until 1988. Roseanne was also the President of The Sathya Sai Center of Nyack, NY, presently the Fairlawn Center in Fairlawn, NJ, from 1992 until 1996. Roseanne has received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Union University. Roseanne has been a Sathya Sai Education teacher for the past 14 years. Since 1978, both Al & Roseanne have journeyed to India almost every year or more to be with Swami. In 1980, Al had the unique opportunity to perform the Chanukah blessings while Swami lit the Menorah candles. In 1989 for several months, with Swami's direct guidance, Roseanne & Al, shared Swami's meditations verbally, including Jyoti Meditation, with the overseas devotees, who visited Prasanthi Nilayam. As well, in that same year, Al was chosen to lead the Christmas celebrations, the choir and the music for the play performance by the overseas children.



In 2001, Al helped with the 9/11 Victims counseling program, counseling firemen and police who served at the World Trade Center site following 9/11/01. Following the Tsunami disaster of 2005, he was asked to create and lead the counseling program in Sri Lanka for the medical team of the Sathya Sai International Organization. As well, he served on the International Medical Relief team to Haiti following the earthquake of 2010 and helped train the local Haitian university students in disaster relief counseling, and meditation. Presently, Al, serves as the Secondary School and College violin teacher in Prasanthi Nilayam. He has been invited to play with the Bhajan Boys in Prasanthi Nilayam for morning and evening bhajans. He has played with the Sathya Sai Universal Symphony since 1999 and most recently at 90th Birthday. Al was an officer and the past president of the Sathya Sai Baba Center of Planetarium Station, Manhattan, as well as a mid-Atlantic regional center advisor from 1980–1990. For four years Al served as the President of the Sathya Sai Center of Stamford CT from its inception in 2014. Through the years from the time that Swami drew Al & Roseanne to Him, their faith and devotion to Bhagavan has deepened, and their Love for God and humanity has grown into a living understanding of the Oneness of All.