



## THE FIRE WITHIN

*"This Is Our Time ... Bringing Alive 3,500 Years of History"*

Dear Fellow Zoroastrians,

The Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation (OZCF) and your Place of Worship Advisory Committee (PWAC) are very pleased to present this brochure of our Atashkadeh/Agiary project that the entire community has worked so hard on. We hope you enjoy reading it! The completion of this project will greatly contribute to the survival of our faith in the western hemisphere. This facility will be the only place outside of India and Iran where Zoroastrian priests will be ordained from across North America.

Our two local associations, the OZCF and the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO) our first Ontario organization, have worked well together on initiatives to bring our community towards a common cause. In 2004 the OZCF purchased 10 acres of land for \$1.5M, we have since built a Dadgah and community centre for \$400K and through our own community's generosity we are now debt free. We can be very proud of our advancements on this continent.

The Atashkadeh project is the progression of our evolution. It is the outcome of many years of planning and focus group research within the larger Ontario Zoroastrian community. This project has materialized due to the immense support and assistance of various boards and community members. Our long-term vision is a financially self-sustaining complex for future generations. We will be able to accomplish this because our land is in the vibrant heart of major proposed residential and commercial activity already zoned by the Town of Oakville.

Please be a part of this project and join us in this noble and historic endeavour. We hope you are instilled with a sense of pride as you read through the enclosed brochure. We have developed a gift giving guide and are pleased to work with donors to discuss how you can be recognized at your preferred gift level. We welcome your generous support. For more information, please contact Phil Sidhwa, Chair, PWAC (philsidhwa@ozcf.com), or Marzi Byramjee, Fundraising Chair, PWAC (marzibyramjee@ozcf.com).

*This is Our Time...Your generosity will build a lasting legacy of our noble religion for future generations.*

With Ahura Mazda's blessings.

Most Sincerely,

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