

# DFW fundraiser for Nikki Haley

**Dallas:** The Indian American Community of Dallas/Fort Worth gathered in large numbers to support Nikki Randhawa Haley for Governor of South Carolina at a gala fundraising luncheon reception held on Sept. 19 at FunAsiA Banquet Hall in Richardson, TX.

Piyush Patel, Vice-President of the Indian American Friendship Council (IAFC), welcomed the gathering and mentioned that it is proud to see Nikki Haley on the cover page of the News Week recently as the new face of the South and wished all the best with her campaign.

Prasad Thotakura, TX State Coordinator- IAFC, while introducing Nikki Haley mentioned that Nikki after graduating from Clemson University with B.S. degree in Accounting, worked as an Accounting Supervisor at FCR Inc., and five of its subsidiaries. Actually, her first job at the age 13 was to keep the books of her family's small clothing businesses which she eventually helped grow it into a multi-million dollar enterprise.

Nikki was first elected as a State Representative of South Carolina in 2004 beating the longest serving State legislator, as the strongest fiscal conservative she got reelected in 2006 and sent to back to the State House in 2008 with more than 83% of the vote the highest percentage of votes earned

by any lawmaker in that year in South Carolina.

Thotakura expressed his full confidence of her being elected as Governor of South Carolina because of her credible track record in public service. As a State Legislator, she has fought for accountability and transparency, fought for wasteful spending at every turn, reputed as one of the most honest, hard working and fiscally conservative legislators in the State; displayed her leadership skills in fighting back on false allegations on her with inner strength, resolve, resilience and family support; endorsed by Who's Who of the Republican Party and already holding a double digit lead over Democratic opponent.

Nikki Haley while addressing the gathering appreciated the Dallas Indian American community for their wonderful support for her campaign all way along and this is her third time of coming to Dallas and will be back as Governor one more time just to thank the community for their unconditional support. Haley said that she is very proud of her rich Indian cultural heritage and a lot of respect for the first generation of Indian Americans like her parents who did sacrifice a lot for the well being of the next generation.

"As a Governor of South Carolina, I want to create and keep

more jobs in South Carolina," said Nikki Haley.

Rao Kalvala, IAFC Board of Director, moderated Q& A interactive session with Nikki Haley.

Taiyab Kundawala, Secretary of IAFC thanked all attendees,