Mr. Resham Bahadur Gharti, born in a remote area of Synajga district of Nepal, immigrated to the USA in 1995 under diversity program. He was deeply impressed with his grandparents who used to say "donate anything you can in need is a better in deed" when he was young although he is the eldest kid of his parents Mr. Padam Bahadur and Late Mrs. Jhaki Maya Gharti.

Mr. Gharti had a life turning moment when he was a university student in Nepal in 1988. One of his friends mom was hospitalized in Bharatpur hospital of Chitwan district, Nepal was required to receive blood in acute condition. During this emergency time Mr. Gharti visited the hospital with his like minded friends in a group of 7-8 people where he donated blood for the first time to save the life of his friend's mom. Later, when he visited the mom to



know her health status in which she blessed him like her own son which made Mr. Gharti to think deeply that he did something on that very day. Since then, he thought blood donation is a life donation.

After his arrival to the USA he was wondering for a long time how he could spread the important message of life saving through blood donation in groups. Soon he came to know about Blood Donors of America (BDA) through Mr. Basu Shrestha, then BDA Texas Coordinator, Dr. Nanda Regmi, then BDA Central Committee Treasurer and Dr Lila Karki, then BDA President in 2014. Mr. Gharti deeply observed those motivated blood donor volunteers and immediately decided to join BDA as a life member. Then after, he soon accepted the responsibility of a member of BDA TX executive committee. Since then he initiated organizing regular blood drive events at least 3-4 times in a year in Lubbock of TX, and has already organized donation events for 14 times. Due to which, as a complementary reward, he was recognized by presidential volunteer service award (PVSA) from the office of US president in 2015 under the recommendation of BDA. Now, all members of Gharti family are life members of BDA and he is serving BDA at the capacity of central treasurer. He is also a chair of advertising and fundraising committee of BDA 2nd convention committee at the moment.

Mr. Gharti is a deeply motivated guy in community services who first did serve to the SANN (Society of American Nepalese Nurses), which is also a 501 (C)3 organization extended across the USA. He became a member of SANN in 2012, and then has been serving as an Executive member since 2013. In addition, he is taking the responsibility of the office of OutReach Coordinator since 2016 for SANN. In addition to serving to the SANN, Mr. Gharti also served Nepalese Society of Lubbock as a president from .....to .....

Mr. Gharti thinks, as the name of BDA stands for "DONORS", he believes he is a dedicated donor in terms of blood, time, efforts, and even money to his capacity of extent whenever needed. He is also considering to be an ORGAN DONOR and is seeking advice from his family.

Mr. Gharti has a very clear and inert mission to save human life to the best of his efforts because he a nurse by profession and knows the importance of blood and its only source by donation. He has few words for the first time donors who have some degrees of reluctance to the needle prick for the first time saying by **HAIL DONORS**, **HAIL BDA**, **HAIL VOLUNTEERS**!!!

Thank you!!