

Milarepa Center

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GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY

Dear Friend of Milarepa,

I am writing to thank you for your heartfelt generosity these past three years since I have come to Milarepa Center. Your help has made possible special projects such as acquiring the beautiful Guru Rinpoche statue, improvements to our Stupa, the building of our first tiny house, the renovation of a small retreat cabin, expansion of our organic garden, improvements to our access road, and several additional center upgrades. Your support has also enabled us to purchase:

- a splendid event tent;
- a four-wheel-drive center truck;
- a snow plow;
- a snow blower;
- a push lawn mower; and
- a garden shed.

In these challenging economic times, we are so deeply grateful for all of the tremendous support.

In addition, we are able to maintain a lovely center, support an extremely dedicated staff of 3, and host a wealth of special programs this year such as:

- Ven. Antonio Satta's Vipassana Retreat;
- Geshe Ngawang Tenley's Teaching on the Wheel of Sharp Weapons;
- The Six Perfections and Medicine Buddha Blessing with Ven. Dagri Rinpoche;
- Milarepa Festival Day featuring the Sera Monastery Monks 2011 World Peace Tour;
- The 8 Verses and Vajrasattva Initiation with Khensur Rinpoche Geshe Lobsang Jampa;
- Yoga with Carolyn Smith;
- Our first thangka painting workshop with Carmen Mensink; and
- The Two Truths with Geshe Tashi Tsering.

And we are in the midst of a very exciting planning year with an enormously dedicated team of individuals.

So we are enormously grateful to all of you, for your kindness, generosity, and participation.



Rejoice!

Our Spiritual Director, Kyabje Lama Zopa Rinpoche, says it's the easiest way to accumulate merit or positive energy.

And it's this sort of generous attitude of gratitude that keeps Milarepa Center going.

The other side of this, however, is that we still struggle to cover our basic operating expenses. **Currently we run at a deficit of approximately \$1,000 each month that must be made up with donations.** This is quite challenging, but we feel that it's important to offer you an interesting array of activities and programs. Now I know it's quite exciting to contribute to the building of new cabin or the creation of a new statue. When you visit Milarepa, you can feel good that you had a share in these important projects. For the Center to function, however, it also needs liability insurance, staff, maintenance to the buildings, grounds, and vehicles, heating oil, propane for cooking, cleaning and office supplies, food, just to name a few of these costs.

So let's keep the mutual support flowing.

We have learned through a variety of teachings that the cause of sound financial stability is generosity. We are practicing to cultivate generous hearts and minds in order to create financial self-sufficiency for Milarepa Center. So Milarepa Center participates each year in community service opportunities and offers financial donations each year to support the Sangha, projects and programs we feel are important. **We hope that this is as important to you as it is to us.**

By giving generously to this appeal, **you can create the cause for your own financial stability as well. What could be better!**

Please make a contribution now and not only help support Milarepa Center, but keep the mutual relationship between gratitude and generosity in your own heart alive.

With appreciation and love on behalf of the entire community we serve,



Amy Miller
Director

Please envision all of the benefits of your donation and dedicate it to the promotion of peace and harmony on the planet.

P.S. Please send your check today while it's still fresh in your mind -- I have enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. All checks are made payable to Milarepa Center and **all donations are tax-deductible** so please respond by the end of the year. **Or feel free to make a donation with your credit card via our PayPal Account at www.milarepacenter.org. And if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at (802) 633-4136.**

