Our Vision

The Mountain Hermitage will be a small retreat center dedicated to the inner cultivation and outer manifestation of wisdom, loving-kindness, compassion and peace. This home for long term spiritual practice according to the tradition of Theravada Buddhism will be built in a quiet and beautiful mountain setting in the Taos, New Mexico area. In addition to cottages where any qualified, experienced Dharma student can devote themselves to periods of intensive meditation practice for two weeks or longer, there will be a wheelchair accessible cottage and cottages dedicated for practice by monastics, those engaged in social service work, and lay Dharma teachers. Scholarship aid will be available for those who might not otherwise be able to attend and to promote diversity among retreatants. On Sunday morning a particular area of The Hermitage will be open to the larger community for meditation, a Dharma talk and discussion. The Mountain Hermitage will be built and operated on the principle of sustainable energy.

Scholarship Funding Needed for Two Retreats

The Mountain Hermitage will benefit a broad and growing range of people over time – those who come to The Hermitage to practice and those who are touched by the many and varied ways that the fruits of Dharma practice affect the lives of others. In keeping with these teachings, we are committed to offering The Hermitage retreat experience to the many without the resources to afford retreat costs, and to promote diversity among retreatants.

In 2007, our third year of operation, The Mountain Hermitage will offer two retreats – our annual Spring practice period at the San Geronimo Lodge in Taos, New Mexico and a July retreat at Vallecitos Mountain Refuge led by Sayadaw U Vivekananda. Holding to a central tenet of our mission, we have committed to offering scholarship aid to qualified retreatants for both practice periods.

We need your help. Please complete the Scholarship Fund Reply below and send it off with your check or money order of whatever amount feels right to you. Your gift will directly contribute to bringing the transforming power of the Dharma to our world.

YES! I want to help build The Mountain Hermitage Scholarship Fund to support the retreat experience for those who would not otherwise be able to attend, helping professionals, and to promote diversity among retreatants. Enclosed is my gift as checked below:

$1,300 for one Full Scholarship:______ In Honor of:______________________________
$650 for one Half Scholarship:______ In Honor of:______________________________

$100 $75 $50 $25 $ Other______

Name ________________________________________________________________
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The Mountain Hermitage · P.O. Box 807 · Ranchos de Taos, NM · 87557
The Mountain Hermitage is a 501c3 organization. Donations are tax-deductible as provided by law.
Thank You! May the merit of our actions serve the welfare and liberation of all beings.
If by forsaking a limited ease, a great happiness is to be found, the wise one leaves aside the limited ease for the sake of great happiness.

Sitting alone, resting alone, walking alone, in diligent practice, one finds delight in the solitude of the forest.

-The Buddha, from Dhammapada XXI