

The Mountain Hermitage



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Fashion your life as a garland of beautiful deeds.

- *The Buddha*

Dear Friend in the Dharma,

May I offer you an opportunity to add one more beautiful deed to that garland?

2013 marks the ninth year of *The Mountain Hermitage* – and for every one of those years we’ve depended on the *beautiful deeds* of friends like you to keep us going. And I have no doubt that you will now welcome the opportunity to help.

“I want the money to be used for scholarships to support those who wish to develop clarity of mind,” a generous donor wrote. Her friend, a brilliant teacher, writer and scholar, who had suffered from dementia for years before her recent death, left our donor a generous inheritance -

-- and as one beautiful deed generates another, in honor of her friend, our donor gave the money to the Scholarship Fund of *The Mountain Hermitage* -

On behalf of the yogis we serve, I hope that you will also be inspired to join your good deed with others at this critical time. We will need \$20,000 in charitable donations to continue our scholarship aid through 2013 at the current levels and to support modest expenses for general operations.

Please send a generous year-end donation of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100 - or whatever amount you feel you can share.

What will your gift help provide? Over the years, and through 24 amazing, beneficial and unique retreats we’ve served more than 400 yogis - 181 of them recipients of scholarship support.

Not a one of these 181 yogis, who have returned to the world to perform their own beautiful deeds, would have been able to attend a *Mountain Hermitage* retreat without the help of friends like you.

So many will humbly ask, and so many will eagerly wait for our response.

Please help us say *Yes, we can help!* just as soon as you can, and as you prepare your generous gift, imagine the grateful smiles of scholarship recipients like these, who write:

"... my practice was rejuvenated. I feel inspired by a deeper understanding of some of the truths of the Buddha ..."

"I am filled with a sense of joy and delight and amazement that such good fortune could be part of my life ..."

"In meditation practice, a growing appreciation and deep care for other beings and the world develops. This has increased my ability to contribute positively to the world. All these benefits are part of the radiation of your practice of giving."

As you continue through your own practice, *fashioning your life as a garland of beautiful deeds*, I know you will find deep joy through the act of giving on behalf of *The Mountain Hermitage* and the seekers we continue to serve.

Please choose one of the suggested donation amounts on the enclosed *Mountain Hermitage Donor Reply* -- or another amount -- inspired by the knowledge that each tax-deductible dollar you give will bring us closer to meeting the challenges of our ninth *Mountain Hermitage* year.

Then return the *Donor Reply* with your check or money order in the envelope provided. If you choose to give by credit card, please go to our website at www.mountainhermitage.org and click on the *How You Can Help* menu item.

You will be able to offer a gift through your credit card via *The Network for Good*, which offers options for supporting our scholarship fund, teacher fund, and general operating costs on a one time or monthly giving basis.

As your life continues to unfold, keep in mind that the whole of your life is your practice. Let the innate qualities of love, compassion and wisdom naturally emerge and flourish, and nurture this natural process as you would a small and delicate seedling.

Thank you for quickly responding, and may the joys of giving be returned to you many times over in the unfolding New Year.

With metta,



Marcia Rose

Guiding Teacher, *The Mountain Hermitage*

P.S. Please enjoy our *Mountain Hermitage 2012 Review & News* at www.mountainhermitage.org. The *Review & News* is yet another way we are able, with your help, to offer the gift of the Dharma to so many searching for truth in these challenging times.