

# The Mountain Hermitage



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Dear Friend in the Dhamma,

In the *Itivuttaka Sutta*, the Buddha stressed that giving the Dhamma is the most supremely generous gift possible. Since its founding, The Mountain Hermitage has embraced that gift as its mission. We are dedicated to the inner cultivation and outer manifestation of mindfulness, concentration, wisdom, lovingkindness, compassion and peace by making the Dhamma available and accessible to those who seek a deep experience in practice under the guidance of exceptional teachers. You have been an important part of that gift because we have, with your help, been able to offer scholarships when needed and to welcome monastics to our retreats for no fee.

When the pandemic struck, we felt a great need to increase our efforts to give this gift of the Dhamma through the use of online technology. As the founding and guiding teacher of The Mountain Hermitage, I offered weekly sitting meditations and Dhamma talks and a series of monthly mini-retreats on a Dana/donation basis to the substantial international sangha that arose. In addition to these online offerings, I and other teachers offered five-day to ten-day silent meditation retreats on a Dana basis.

Over time as this pandemic has continued, TMH has been experiencing financial strain. Dana offerings in general have decreased while our basic operating costs have remained very close to the same as they have been in the past.

As we carefully, slowly and sensitively begin to move towards transitioning into offering in-person retreats, we need your help. With joy, commitment and deep gratitude we have been walking this Path together during the 18 years of The Mountain Hermitage's presence on this planet, and now we ask that you help us in this special appeal for donations. Please follow the Buddha's invocation and make a donation today to The Mountain Hermitage. Together we can make that most generous gift of the Dhamma to others.

Please mail your donation check (or money order) to The Mountain Hermitage PO Box 807 Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557-0807. Or if you choose to give by credit card, please go to this link which will take you to our online donation site Network For Good: <https://www.networkforgood.org> This site offers options for supporting our scholarship fund, teacher fund, and general operating costs on a one time or monthly giving basis.

We greatly appreciate your help to change hearts and minds and to change the world. May you be very well and happy.

With a deep bow of gratitude and much metta,

Marcia Rose  
The Mountain Hermitage Founder & Guiding Teacher