

## BRING US TO OPENING DAY!

Thanks to the commitment and dedication of many friends and supporters over the years, the Maitreya Center is at last nearing its most anticipated moment—its opening! Our aspiration is to celebrate the center's grand opening in time for the North American Kagyu Monlam, a special prayer gathering that Kagyu Thubten Chöling will host in the summer of 2016. We are so close to fulfilling our goal, and we urgently need your help in order to bring it to fruition.

While our construction crew has made steady progress on the interior of the Maitreya Center, a number of items still need to be installed or completed—from doors, to flooring, to appliances and amenities for living quarters and public spaces.



Lights on inside the Maitreya Shrine Hall!

Lama Norlha Rinpoche inspects the freshly painted interior.

Preparation for the grand opening and the Kagyu Monlam includes hiring Tibetan artists to paint and create designs for the intricate detail work inside the Maitreya Shrine Hall, as well as sponsoring a lama from Palpung Sherab Ling Monastery, India, to come to America and oversee filling the many statues. We are in the process of printing the *zungs*—mantra prayer scrolls—and rolling them to fill the statues. Workers will be hired to assemble the larger statues, among other tasks. Of course, we also need practical items for the shrine rooms, including meditation cushions, prayer tables, and shrine cabinets. In addition, the monastic living quarters need to be furnished and ready to host visiting teachers.

Your contribution is what will give many fortunate students the opportunity to gather in this sacred space, where we all can study, contemplate, and practice the Dharma before the sacred image of Maitreya, the buddha of loving kindness. The enclosed donation form provides options for general contributions as well as a list of specific items you may sponsor.

All donors are encouraged to include names for dedication prayers for the upcoming Kagyu Monlam in Bodh Gaya, and your list will be shared with His Holiness the Gyalwang Karmapa. Also, we will include these names for prayers at the 2016 North American Kagyu Monlam! With deepest gratitude, thank you so much.

### **BE AN OPENING DAY SPONSOR!**

# Donate any amount to one or more of these items to help us open the Maitreya Center to the public in 2016.

If you donate \$1,000 or more, you will be honored with a permanent plaque in the Maitreya Center.

Lama from Palpung Sherab Ling, India, to fill statues

Tibetan artists to paint and design shrine halls

Workers to assemble statues

Printing of *zungs* (mantra prayer scrolls that will fill the statues)

Painting base colors inside shrine halls and rooms

Acoustical ceiling tiles

Gold Leaf for Maitreya statue, Shakyamuni Buddha statue, and Guru Padmasambhava statue (on the accompanying donor form, specify the statue for your gold leaf donation)

**Entrance Lobby of Four Guardian Kings** – Light fixtures

Maitreya Shrine Hall - Seats for His Holiness Karmapa, Kenting Tai Situpa, Lama Norlha Rinpoche, and other Lamas

Maitreya Shrine Hall - Shrine cabinets and tables

Maitreya Shrine Hall – Light fixtures and four chandeliers (if you would like to be the main sponsor of one of the chandeliers, please inquire)

Maitreya Shrine Hall - Flooring

Maitreya Shrine Hall - Prayer tables

Maitreya Shrine Hall - Meditation cushions

Maitreya Shrine Hall - Hanging Tibetan brocades

Mahayana Shrine Hall - Shrine cabinets and tables

Mahayana Shrine Hall – Light fixtures

Mahayana Shrine Hall - Flooring

Mahayana Shrine Hall - Prayer tables

Mahayana Shrine Hall - Meditation cushions

**Upper Level** – Furnishings and beds for visiting teachers and monastics

Lower Level - Kitchen hood and exhaust system
Lower Level - Kitchen countertops, sinks, and tables
Lower Level - Walk-in refrigerator, freezer, dishwashers, and stoves

#### MAITREYA CENTER - BRING US TO OPENING DAY!

Your donation is tax deductible, less the fair market value of any gift received. Please print clearly on this form. Questions? <a href="https://ktrace.org/ktrace.or

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### **DEDICATION PRAYERS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

We invite sponsors of all levels to submit requests for dedication prayers for living and deceased family and friends. In addition to personally praying for your loved ones, Lama Norlha Rinpoche will arrange to have your list of names blessed at the annual Kagyu Monlam (prayer festival) in Bodh Gaya, India, which is attended by the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa and about 5,000 monks and nuns; and at Korche and Kala Rongo monasteries in Tibet, which house 200 monks in the monastic college and 300 nuns, respectively.

We also will include these names for prayers at the 2016 North American Kagyu Monlam, hosted at Kagyu Thubten Chöling!

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