

*A Short Campaign.....For A Precious Space*  
May through August 2008

May 18, 2008

Dear Noble Sangha,

Phuntsok Choling is the seat of Mangala Shri Bhuti in Colorado, where many significant programs take place, such as Nyingma Summer Seminar, Shedra, Words of My Perfect Teacher and the Guru and Dakini Drupchos. Phuntsok Choling is our home, and the care we show for it reflects our appreciation of the Three Jewels, creating an environment in which the dharma flourishes. Composed of the original log cabin and new construction (now eight years old), maintenance on the buildings of Phuntsok Choling has reached a critical point.

Recently, the center was adorned with a lovely, new entrance way. The expansion has added much needed “elbow room” to the heavily-used post meditation hall leading to the shrine room, enhancing a sense of meditative presence as we enter the main building of Phuntsok Choling. Included in the expansion is a place to sit and reflect on the beauty of the land, a place for boots and coats that creates a buffer between the outer elements and the inner space, as well as much needed additional storage room adjoining the entry itself.

Many of you may recall that, within a decidedly cramped Drupcho last fall, Rinpoche initiated a spontaneous fundraising effort to “raise the roof” and expand the shrine room at Phuntsok Choling. Inspired by our closely-felt togetherness, almost \$25,000 was committed by sangha in attendance to improve our precious space. Rinpoche, touched by the sangha’s generosity, told us to put the contributions back in our pockets. Although we are not expanding the shrine room at Rinpoche’s urging right now (and that may arise in the future!), this letter hopes to *rekindle your inspiration* to support the precious physical space of Phuntsok Choling.

We are asking you to please consider a contribution to the *Short Campaign...For a Precious Space*. Everyone’s contribution counts. Our fundraising goal is \$23,500. You may choose where you would like your contribution to be dedicated towards, or you may choose to let your contribution float to its most kindred project.

We hope to have the \$23,500 pledged or raised by the end of NSS, so it is a rather Short Campaign. We hope to have all the projects completed by the end of the summer, so the work of caring for and improving our precious space can happen swiftly.

Listed below are the many improvement projects and estimated costs for your consideration.

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Projects		I would like to contribute....
Entranceway	\$10,000	_____
Log Chinking	\$ 3,900	_____
Roof Repair/Skylight	\$ 2,000	_____

Exterior Paint	\$ 2,500	_____
Landscaping	\$ 2,000	_____
Electric Upgrades	\$ 2,000	_____
Suite Stair Carpet	\$ 550	_____
Gravel for road/paths	\$ 300	_____
Vinyl Flooring	\$ 400	_____
Laundry Room Storage	\$ 400	_____
Benches for NSS	\$ 300	_____

Total \$23,500

Wherever Most Needed \_\_\_\_\_

A tremendous amount of volunteer effort is also needed to do the necessary work. If you live close by and can help out, please contact Andrew Shakespeare or Mary Albrittain. If you do not live near by, imagine being at Phuntsok Choling this summer for NSS or this fall for Shedra, and please make as generous a donation as you are able.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Yours in the dharma,

R. Scott Gallagher  
President, MSB

Mary Cobb  
formerly Coordinator, Splentacular Emptiness  
of Phenomena Garageless Sale

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Name\_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make a contribution of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ installments and payable by \_\_\_\_\_

I am sending a check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ .

I wish to charge my credit card Credit Card Visa MC # \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

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