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Our mission is to rebuild, preserve, strengthen and perpetuate the cultural and spiritual heritage of Tibet for the benefit of Tibetan people and all humanity.

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A Letter from the Tibetan Aid Project:



Patrul Rinpoche, a great nineteenth century Tibetan teacher.

***Do not take lightly small good deeds,
Believing they can hardly help:
For drops of water one by one
In time can fill a giant pot.***

Dear Friend,

This profound text comes from the great Tibetan teacher Patrul Rinpoche, whose collected works will be among the books distributed at the 2012 World Peace Ceremony in Bodh Gaya, India. Tens of thousands of Tibetan refugees gather at this ceremony each year to receive texts and sacred images essential to the survival of their culture.

The next few years are a critical time for the Tibetan community to receive these important books. While the books are treasures in themselves, the full potential of the wisdom they contain can only be brought out by masters who have devoted their lives to rigorous traditional training in Tibet. The only such teachers remaining are fading quickly: most are in their 70s and older. They are a precious resource, and it is imperative that the books be available now for these learned masters to transmit their subtle, deeper meanings to the next generation.

For over 40 years, the Tibetan Aid Project has worked to help fund the production, shipment and distribution of Tibetan texts to Tibetan refugee communities throughout Asia. With the help of generous supporters like you, our efforts have contributed to the building of libraries and rising literacy rates. The sense is growing that Tibetan culture will survive. Now we must

make sure that it flourishes, not only for the sake of the Tibetan people, but for all humanity.



*Books benefit all segments of the Tibetan refugee population.
They are the key to a precious legacy that will be passed on to the next generation.*

For 2012, the plan is to distribute the collected works of Dudjom Rinpoche, Jigme Lingpa and Patrul Rinpoche, great teachers of recent centuries whose writings represent the high point of Tibetan civilization. These masters played a vital role in the nineteenth century Ri-mey Movement, which deliberately embraced teachings from all Tibetan schools. This amazing flowering of great masters produced works of great depth and wisdom, cherished by all Tibetans. We will also distribute works on language that include poetry, dictionaries, and works on linguistics. What a rare privilege to be able to help assure that these beautiful and profound teachings will continue in our world!

These are difficult times for many of our long-term supporters, and we appreciate whatever you can do to help. In such times, we are reminded that your donations truly come from the heart. Please know that even the smallest contribution makes a big difference.

Best regards,

Rosalyn White
Executive Director

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A Special Time

This year is the 2,600th anniversary of the Buddha's enlightenment. At such special times, the power of every action is said to be multiplied. It is an especially auspicious time to celebrate these profound teachings, works that can guide us toward living with wisdom and compassion, bringing happiness to all.

Blessings In the Wind



Imprinted with sacred images and mantras, prayer flags are traditionally flown to spread blessings and to transmit healing energy into the world. The Tibetan Aid Project offers high quality hand-sewn prayer flags designed in a unique large format by Tarthang Tulku. They are printed annually during Sagadawa (Buddha's birthday month, celebrated because it encompasses three major events of Buddha's life: Birth, Enlightenment and Parinirvana) to enhance their power. The Tibetan Aid Project and its sister project, Nyingma Trust, are the only suppliers of these large flags. Visit our online store to check them out!

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Upcoming Events

The Tibetan Aid Project is excited to present **MUSICAL EVENTS**, a **HEALING RETREAT** and a **BENEFIT GALA**. We cordially invite you to attend!

Musical Events



Friday, August 26th 6-7:30 p.m.

Healing Sound of Himalayan Sacred Bells with Karma Moffett

A Downtown Berkeley MusicFest Event

Tibetan Aid Project Offices

2210 Harold Way, Berkeley

\$10-\$20 recommended donation



Friday, September 9th, 8 p.m.

World Music Journey

Celtic Harps, African Kora & Hindustani Ragas:

An Evening with Diana Stork, Diana Rowan, Daniel Berkman, Teed Rockwell, Peter van Gelder and Michael Lewis

Freight & Salvage

2020 Addison St., Berkeley

\$22.50 advance / \$24.50 at door

Visit www.thefreight.org to learn more and purchase tickets.

A Healing Retreat



Friday, September 30th - Sunday, October 2nd
***Healing, Mindfulness & Compassion:
A Retreat Uniting Western & Eastern
Approaches to Healing***

Ratna Ling Retreat Center
35755 Hauser Bridge Rd., Cazadero

Shared Deluxe Cottage:

\$375 per person

Private Deluxe Cottage:

\$475 per person/\$650 per couple

Visit ratnaling.org to learn more and purchase tickets.

A Benefit Gala



Friday, November 18th

***The Eleventh Annual Taste & Tribute
San Francisco***

Four Seasons Hotel

757 Market Street, San Francisco

\$350 per person

Visit tasteandtributesf.com to learn more and purchase tickets.

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