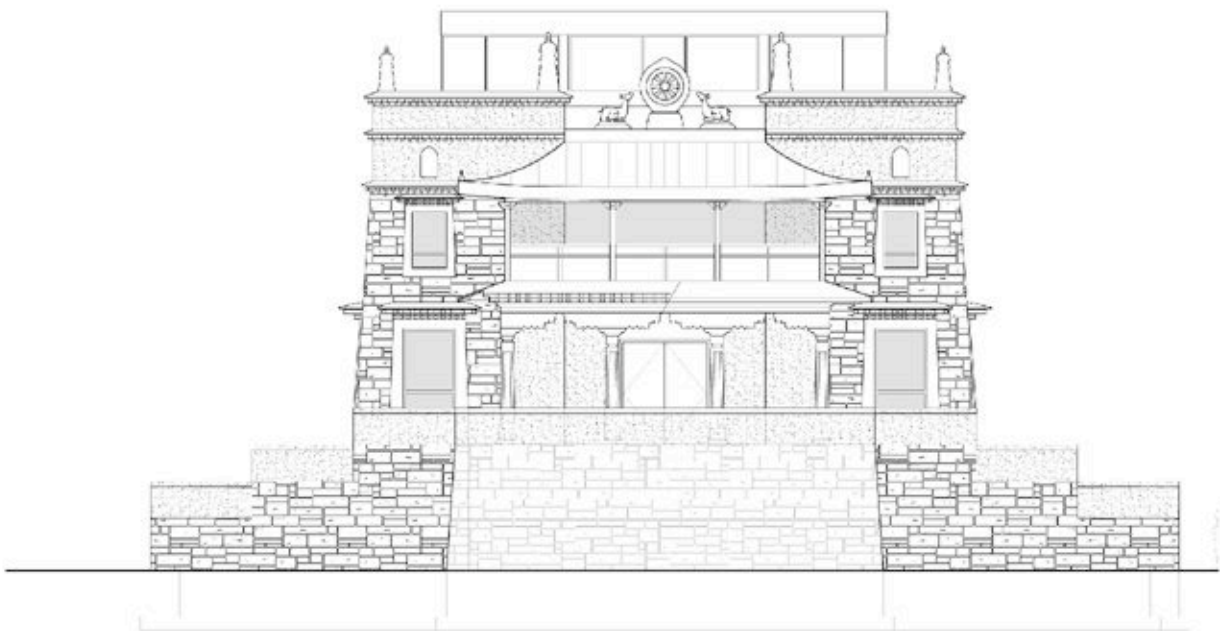


# THE TEMPLE PROJECT AT DEER PARK

*Case for Support*



**Deer Park Buddhist Center**  
Oregon, WI



## Deer Park Buddhist Center

Founded in 1975, current grounds acquired and consecrated in 1981 with the Kalachakra ceremony for World Peace by H.H. the Dalai Lama

Founder and Spiritual Director: Geshe Lhundub Sopa

Associate Teachers: Abbot Emeritus of Gyume Tantric College, Geshe Lobsang Tenzin  
Abbot Emeritus of Sera Je Monastery, Geshe Lobsang Donyo

*“A jewel in the heartland of America, where Tibetan Buddhism’s unique contribution to human culture, art and spiritual development prospers”*



*A watercolor rendering of Deer Park’s new Temple currently under construction*

## **Vision**

To ensure that Tibetan Buddhist teaching, art, and culture, and the monastic way of life remain available as a vibrant part of our common human legacy

## **Mission**

- ⌘ To support people's moral and spiritual growth as a means to bring about temporary and lasting peace, individually and throughout the world
- ⌘ To educate and inspire monastic and lay students in the philosophy and practice of Tibetan Buddhism
- ⌘ To serve as a monastery where people can experience Buddhism as a complete living tradition in a tranquil rural setting that is conducive to the contemplative lifestyle
- ⌘ To provide a sacred space for Buddhist teachings, literature, art and architecture
- ⌘ To sustain Tibetan culture in the diaspora

## **Unique Contribution**

Deer Park offers study and meditation programs under the guidance of a resident monastic community. As such, Deer Park is uniquely positioned to provide an experience of this integral part of the Buddhist path, and to teach by its example as well as by its words.



## Our Program Offerings

Deer Park teaches and practices Tibetan Buddhism through seven major areas:

- ⌘ Education and monastic training
- ⌘ Community Outreach
- ⌘ Interreligious Dialogue
- ⌘ Group Spiritual Practice
- ⌘ Service
- ⌘ Publication
- ⌘ Tibetan Art, Architecture, and Cultural Preservation





## Historic and Current Significance

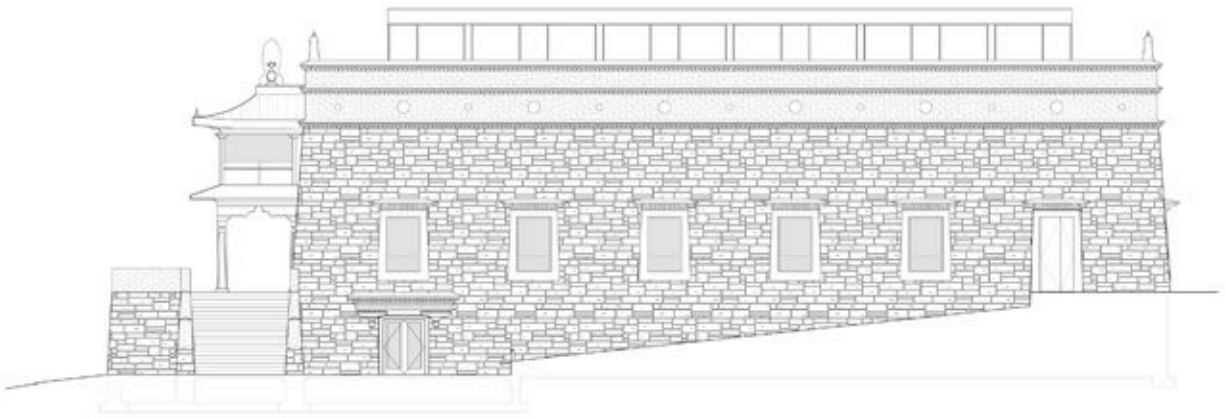
- ⌘ Deer Park is the only full-scale monastic and teaching center upholding His Holiness the Dalai Lama's tradition in the Midwest
- ⌘ Deer Park is the site of the first Kalachakra ceremony for world peace ever performed in the West by H.H. the Dalai Lama
- ⌘ Deer Park's guiding spirit, Geshe Lhundub Sopa, is recognized worldwide as one of the great living spiritual masters of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition
- ⌘ People travel from around the world to attend Deer Park's programs—from France, England, Mexico, mainland China, Taiwan, and more
- ⌘ Schoolchildren from across the region receive rare multi-cultural exposure on their annual field trips to Deer Park
- ⌘ Deer Park maintains an extensive archive of rare Buddhist teachings, Tibetan art, and cultural artifacts
- ⌘ Programs are offered to the public free of charge, reflecting a commitment to offering universal access

## To Actualize Our Vision

Step One: Constructing a New Temple

Step Two: Restoring the Old Temple and Stupa Monument

Step Three: Building an Endowment Base



## **Project Benefits**

### **The new temple will:**

- ⌘ Increase capacity for Buddhist education, group spiritual practice, outreach, and interreligious programs
- ⌘ Create classroom space, so Tibetan children can study their native language and Buddhist cultural traditions
- ⌘ Offer much-needed resources for a growing community, with several thousand visitors per year
- ⌘ Provide ample space to display Deer Park's collection of Tibetan art, cultural artifacts, and sacred literature, including the Buddhist canon
- ⌘ Showcase the visually striking traditions of Tibetan architecture, supported by modern, environmentally sensitive and sustainable construction technologies
- ⌘ Spiritually inspire people of all faiths

### **Restoring the old temple and stupa monument will:**

- ⌘ Reinvigorate sacred structures that are of historical significance and spiritual meaning
- ⌘ Offer additional space for smaller, more intimate community activities

**Building an endowment base will:**

- ⌘ Ensure financial health and stability in order to underwrite and grow high-quality programs and services
- ⌘ Allow programs to be offered to the public at no charge
- ⌘ Sustain the pure tradition of Tibetan Buddhism, and make it accessible to all



## Scale of Giving

### ***I. Building Capital – \$6.1 Million***

*(This includes the Tibetan Art Projects (TAP))*

Gift Size	Number of Gifts	Total	Cumulative Total
\$1 million	1	\$1 million	\$1 million
\$500,000	3	\$1.5 million	\$2.5 million
\$250,000	4	\$1 million	\$3.5 million
\$100,000	6	\$600,000	\$4.1 million
\$50,000	8	\$400,000	\$4.5 million
\$25,000	15	\$375,000	\$4.875 million
Other	Many	\$1.225 million	<b>\$6.1 million</b>

### ***II. Old Temple Renovation \$500,000 & Operating Costs \$500,000***

**Total \$1 million**

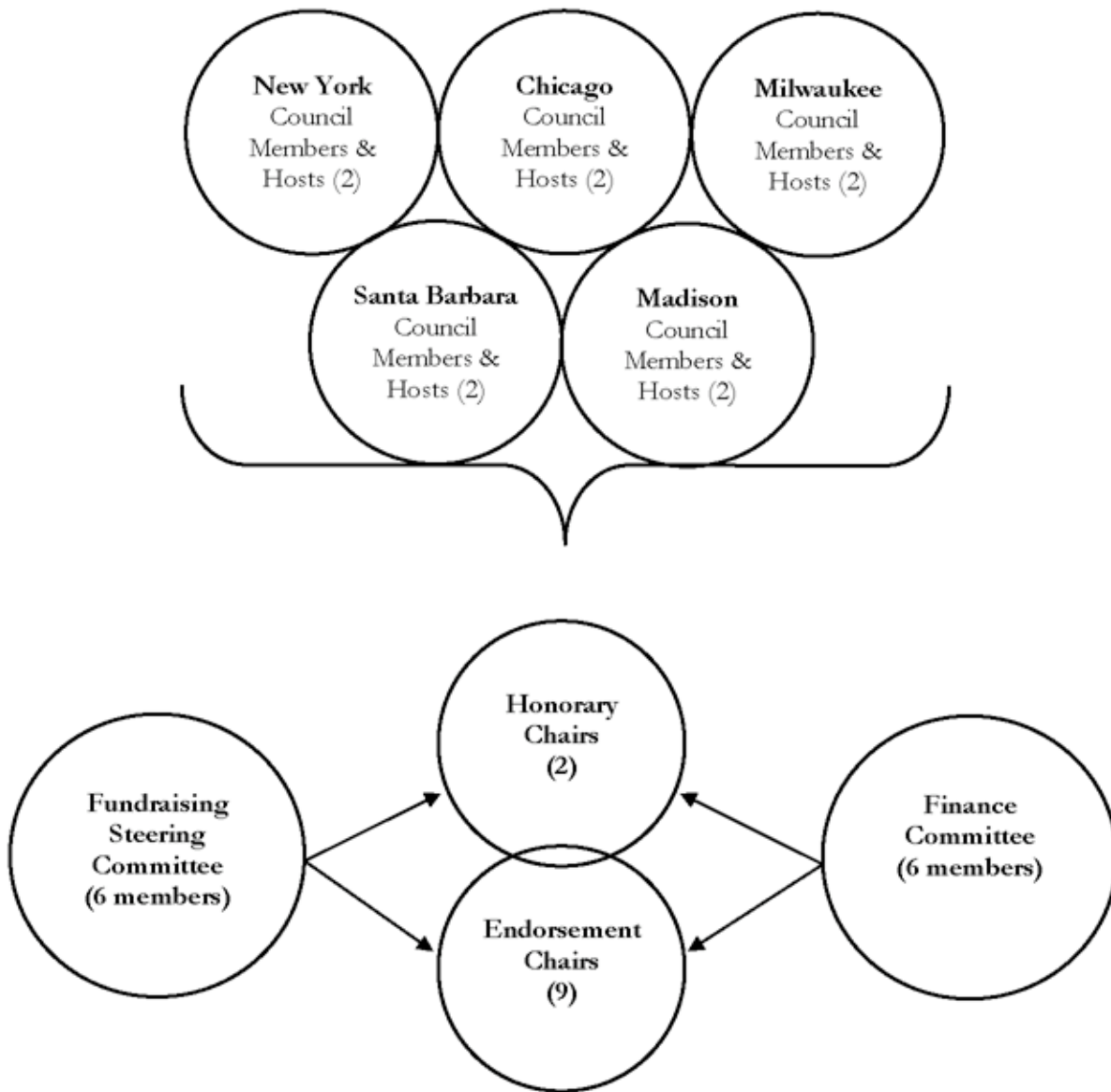
### ***III. Endowment Capital – \$10 Million***

Gift Size	Number of Gifts	Total	Cumulative Total
\$3 million	1	\$3 million	\$3 million
\$1 million	3	\$3 million	\$6 million
\$500,000	5	\$2.5 million	\$8.5 million
\$250,000	6	\$1.5 million	<b>\$10 million</b>

**\$1.6 million in gifts has been received. \$900,000 has been pledged.**

**To be raised: \$4.6 million (Parts I & II)  
\$10 million endowment (Part III)**

# Campaign Organization Chart



## Leadership

### *Corporate Officers*

- ⌘ President: Geshe Lhundub Sopa, Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- ⌘ Vice President: Geshe Lobsang Donyo, Abbot Emeritus of Sera Je Monastery
- ⌘ Secretary: Rodney Stevenson & George W. Chesrow
- ⌘ Treasurer: George Propps

### *Honorary Chairs*

- ⌘ Geshe Lhundub Sopa
- ⌘ Geshe Lobsang Tenzin, Abbot Emeritus of Gyume (Lower Tantric) Monastery

### *Endorsement Chairs*

- ⌘ Lama Zopa Rinpoche  
(Spiritual Director, Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition, San Jose, CA)
- ⌘ Thomas and Margot Pritzker  
(Chicago, IL)
- ⌘ Ed Bastian, Ph.D.  
(President, Spiritual Paths Foundation, Santa Barbara, CA)
- ⌘ Frederick and Anne Vogel and Family  
(Art Historians and Museum Trustees, Milwaukee, WI)
- ⌘ Richard Gere (President, Healing the Divide Foundation, New York, NY)
- ⌘ Jessica Lange (Actress, New York, NY)
- ⌘ Frank Tsou and Helen Du  
(QVS Incorporated & Du International, Las Vegas, NV)
- ⌘ P. Jeffrey Hopkins, Ph.D.  
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- ⌘ Sister Joan Chittister, OSB  
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- ⌘ Robert Gore
- ⌘ Ani L. Jampa (Alicia H. Vogel)
- ⌘ Frank Barone
- ⌘ Valerie Thrush
- ⌘ Mary Bennett
- ⌘ Michael Hernke

### *Building Committee*

- ⌘ Geshe L. Sopa
- ⌘ Ani L. Jampa (Alicia H. Vogel)
- ⌘ Michael Atkins
- ⌘ Penny Paster
- ⌘ Christopher Goodrich



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*May the teachings that are a true medicine  
for the suffering of sentient beings,  
and the source of permanent peace and joy,  
be materially supported and appropriately honored.  
May they abide for a long, long time.*

*—Shantideva*



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