

Dear New York and New Jersey Tibetans,

As many of you may be aware, after many years of hard work and dedication by various individuals, the Tibetan Community of New York & New Jersey (TCNYNJ) is closer than ever to purchase a property that we all can call our cultural center. The Tibetan Community Center ("TCC") will provide a self-sustaining facility where current and new social services and educational programs for the Tibetan community can be brought under one roof.

Over the years, the TCNYNJ has been able to secure approximately \$2.4 million for the project. We are now in a process of looking for a suitable property in Queens, NY. As majority of the Tibetans reside in Queens, we hope to find a property that is at a very convenient location to them.

We have estimated that the cost for the property will be around \$4.75 million. We feel that in order to be sustainable, we need to raise more money so that we could minimize taking loans. As this is a huge project, we are requesting our local Tibetans to donate amount greater than \$500 (We will offer tax deductible receipts). We hope to raise \$750,000 in the next few months. We are also excited to learn that we will have a matching donor (70 cents to a dollar), up to \$500,000. That means if you donate \$500, an additional \$350 will be matched and thus, total contribution will be \$850! All who donates \$500 and over will also receive a certificate of thanks and will have their names listed on a plaque.

In addition:

\$500 Donors: Will have 5-year free membership.

\$1,000 Donors: Will have 10 year free membership and one time, 10% discount on hall rental.

Life time membership for the following donors:

Bronze Donors (\$2,500 to \$4,999): 10% discount on hall rental (can be used two times).

Silver Donors (\$5,000 to 9,999): 15% discount on hall rental (can be used three times).

Gold Donors (\$10,000 to 99,999): 20% discount on hall rental (can be used four times).

(\$100,000 and up): To be honored with a room or hall named after them.

We are happy and encouraged to see active participation by our local Tibetans and kyiduks. Over the past couple of months, with their help, we've so far received pledges of almost \$450,000 from our local Tibetans! Now, we're \$300,000 away from our fundraising goal. This clearly shows that our Tibetan community believes a community center is of urgent need.

Please visit our website at www.tcnynj.org/comcenter.html for further information. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please call our TCC project coordinators, Karma Khedup at (646) 469-1048 or Jigme Gorap at (347) 575-7424.

Sincerely,

Board members, Tibetan Community of NY & NJ

"Invest in our Center, Invest in the preservation of our rich cultural heritage"