



Announcing the Campaign for the Great Accomplishment of the Southwest Buddhafield Endowment Fund & 37 Bodhisattva Practices Garden

Dear

Saga Dawa, June, 2014

You have been an important part of the success of the Endowment and have helped us reach our current value of \$800,000; thank you! The Garchen Institute has inspired and enabled countless connections between the Dharma and people from all over the world through the training and messages of selfless compassion & transcendent wisdom. The Endowment's goal is to preserve the sacred space of the Garchen Institute, the American seat of the great Kyabje Garchen Tulkus, for future generations and facilitate the profound experience of the peerless Drikung Kagyu teachings. We'll need your help once again for what will be the most important campaign the Endowment has undertaken since its inception, the Great Accomplishment of the Endowment.

During a meeting in November of 2013, Garchen Rinpoche said he wanted the Endowment completed in his lifetime. This was the first time he had ever mentioned a definitive timeline for the Endowment's accomplishment. Taking into consideration Rinpoche's advanced age of 78, it's prudent we all act quickly to raise the remaining \$1.2 million dollars.

In a one-year timeframe, this project seeks out just 50 donations of \$25,000. Each \$25,000 donation brings us closer to our goal and will sponsor a stone with a verse from the [37 Bodhisattva Practices](#), Garchen Rinpoche's heart transmission this lifetime. The garden's construction at the Garchen Institute will be a collection of stones forming a protective sphere and will make up the entire [37 Bodhisattva Practices](#) text, plus a special verse composed by Garchen Rinpoche specifically for this project. For those unable to sponsor a stone, we've created the Dzambhala Retinue, an online collective where you can donate any amount toward community sponsorship of one stone. Several donors have already given \$55,000 to help get the project started!

Contained within this packet Rinpoche has included his own personal plea for the accomplishment of the Endowment. Additionally, you will find an artist's rendering, further description of the [37 Bodhisattva Practices](#) garden, and condensed donor information. Donor names will be engraved on stones at the site, in a low-key fashion, so that friends and family may rejoice, and make a connection when visiting the Garchen Institute.

With gratitude and thoughts to the future,
Southwest Buddhafield Endowment Board Members

Will Evans

Jacki Elder

Bill O'Brien

The Thirty-Seven Bodhisattva Practices is the core of Garchen Rinpoche's transmission to us. The Endowment board members would like to engrave the verses of this precious text on stones, akin to mani stones, and place them on the hilltop beyond the dining hall at the Garchen Institute. When completed, the verses will be arranged in a circle; the 50 or so stones will have Hum syllables facing out, with the text of The Thirty-Seven Bodhisattva Practices facing in, so the installation will be like a vajra protection sphere. The space will be landscaped in a natural fashion, with stone benches. Rinpoche loves this idea, and commented on it as follows:

"Having the Hum syllables on the outside, like a protection sphere, and the verses of the text on the inside, is good. The Hum sphere is the ultimate truth, and the Thirty-Seven Practices are the relative truth. Or, you could look at it this way: the Endowment fund is relative truth, and practicing the Thirty-Seven Practices is the ultimate truth. Since your motivation is pure, it will bring great merit."

For visitors in the future, this meditation garden will be like meeting Garchen Rinpoche in person. There will be lifetimes of merit for those who create it, and a blessing and connection for those who encounter it in the future. Best of all, fulfilling the Endowment will sustain the Garchen Institute for the sake of others, for many generations after we're gone. During our recent meeting, Rinpoche said: "I hope all my disciples embrace the Center, and hold it as their own. This is my hope for everyone."

Rinpoche has composed a verse to accompany the Thirty-Seven Bodhisattva Practices, which will be engraved and placed in the circle. This verse from our guru will be incredibly precious.

Fundraising

It will cost about \$300 to purchase and engrave each stone with a verse from the text, plus the ancillary verses and donor names. With approximately 50 stones total, it will cost around \$15,000 for the stones, and perhaps another \$5000 for materials and moving the stones to the site. The stones will be installed by volunteers at no labor cost.

To sponsor a stone we are asking for a donation of \$25,000. Our goal is to completely fulfill the Endowment fundraising with this project, and \$1.2 million must be raised to accomplish this. If 50 people--50 of Rinpoche's disciples from around the globe-- each sponsor a stone for \$25,000, we will reach our goal. If every one of Rinpoche's disciples donates some amount, from the heart, it will happen. This is our sincere hope, and our request to you.

If this is within your means in this lifetime, please sponsor a stone!! If donating \$25,000 is simply not possible for you, can you stretch yourself in your offering? Creating an endowment as support for our guru and the Dharma is truly "investing for the long term" (as a Buddhist, "the long term" takes on a whole new meaning!) To accomplish Rinpoche's wish to complete the Endowment, we need generosity at this level.

Donors can also contribute any amount to what we're calling the Dzambhala Retinue, which is a team effort will be to sponsor one, or more stones. Every donation is needed and valued!

THANK YOU FROM THE HEART!!

You have invested a lot in the Southwest Buddhafield Endowment Fund-- through your donations, aspirations and patience with us as we fundraise.

Please help! Think of this as an offering to Rinpoche (which it is) and as an offering to the world which so desperately needs it. Think of this as setting the karma in place for vast, future benefit; our efforts will make a difference. Generations from now, the present Garchen Rinpoche will be renowned in our lineage as a supreme siddha of compassion. We are the fortunate disciples who have actually known him personally, and our legacy is important. By supporting the Garchen Institute, and highlighting Rinpoche's core teaching of The Thirty-Seven Bodhisattva Practices, we express our gratitude as a legacy of benefit.





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His Eminence D. K. Garchen Rinpoche

To My Disciples Around the World,

While I have opened many dharma centers throughout the world, the Garchen Buddhist Institute was my first outside Tibet and remains of special importance. The stupa and temple are inseparable from the Vajra Body of the Buddhas of the three times, consecrated with precious relics of the nirmanakaya. The speech of the Buddhas and the three vehicles have been transmitted with pure motivation here. This noble speech is subsumed in *The 37 Bodhisattva Practices*; this I have taught! Finally, the noble Sangha have blessed this land with their profound meditation and singular intent. Even the great lions of our lineage have journeyed here, including the incomparable mahasiddha Drubwang Konchok Norbu Rinpoche, whose final obstacles of liberation were extinguished on this land!

The stewards of the Southwest Buddhafield Endowment Fund have crafted a project to bring about the accomplishment of the original mission of the Endowment by enshrining each of the verses of *The 37 Bodhisattva Practices* on the land as an ornament of this accomplishment. When you make pilgrimage to this precious place, you connect with me in truth. When you read the enshrined 37 verses, you receive the essence of all my speech. When joined with meditation and contemplation, our minds are inseparable and the benefit of all sentient beings is ensured.

I am very old now, and it is my wish to accomplish the Endowment before I pass. The Endowment board members and myself are calling out to the worldwide sangha and anyone who has faith in me to support this effort without hesitation. There remains \$1.2 million dollars to be raised, and I wish this to be resolved as a collective effort among all of you who love and have a connection with this great lineage and myself. In the beginning, the Endowment set out to raise \$2 million dollars for the long-term preservation of this container and its precious contents. Initially, there was no set date for its accomplishment, but after seven years of unceasing effort, I believe the time has come for its completion.

While all composite phenomena are impermanent, how noble the intent of the Endowment, which works to protect what has become the home to holy relics of the lineage, their blessings, and myself. All things precious typically require sacrifice and great effort; so too for the great accomplishment of the Endowment in my lifetime. Many centers have opened recently and their hardships are many. It is, however, of principal importance and my wish to accomplish the Southwest Buddhafield Endowment's goal with this project.

Please focus your support on this, the Endowment's Great Accomplishment. The blessings are truly unimaginable. We will enshrine the precious verses of *The 37 Bodhisattva Practices* into the land and accumulate the necessary funds to preserve and protect my home and heart, the Garchen Buddhist Institute. I hope you will consider my heartfelt call in this noble effort with your collective resources without delay or hesitation.

With my abiding love and aspiration prayers,
His Eminence Garchen Triptrul Gyaltzen Rinpoche

A handwritten signature in Tibetan script, likely the name of His Eminence Garchen Triptrul Gyaltzen Rinpoche, written in black ink.



The Thirty-Seven Bodhisattva Practices

Homage to Lokeshvara!

At all times I prostrate with respectful three doors of body speech and mind to the supreme guru and the protector Chenrezig, who through realizing that all phenomena neither come nor go, make single-minded effort or the sake of all sentient beings.

The perfect Buddhas, source of Every benefit and happiness, arise from

FUTURE SITE OF THE 37 BODHISATTVA PRACTICES GARDEN

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DONOR INFORMATION

The Accomplishment of the Southwest Buddhafield Endowment Fund & The Thirty-Seven Bodhisattva Practices Garden.

To fulfill the Endowment's original \$2 million goal, raising \$1.2 million by Saga Dawa, 2015. Each verse from the Thirty-Seven Bodhisattva Practices text will be engraved in stone, including a special verse composed by Garchen Rinpoche, totaling 50 stones. Donate \$25,000 to sponsor a stone. A “Dzambhala Retinue” is an open group effort for smaller donations to sponsor 1 stone for donations \$1 to \$1000.

HOW TO DONATE

Make the check payable to: Southwest Buddhafield Endowment Fund and mail it to Will Evans,
Will Evans 3721 Mead St. Fort Collins, CO 80526

or

Use a credit card to donate, at the Garchen Institute office or webstores donate page & select Endowment Fund
www.garchen.net/gbi-store/

PROJECT PROGRESS

You can follow our progress and Dzambhala Retinue's latest totals at www.southwestbuddhafield.org.

Please call or email Will Evans if you have questions!

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In order to clear away the suffering of limitless beings, through the wisdom realizing the purity of the three spheres, to dedicate the virtue attained by making such effort for enlightenment is the Bodhisattva's practice.

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