



## Diamond Way Buddhist Retreat Center Project

STEPS ON THE WAY  
WALK-A-THON 2007

Dear friends and family,

On Saturday September 15th, I'm going to be walking 10 miles (oh yeah!) as part of a fundraiser, called STEPS ON THE WAY, to raise money for the creation of a Tibetan Buddhist retreat and study center. The walk will happen simultaneously in many different cities across the US and Canada.

As you know (because I am sure I have talked excitedly about it to you) I have been practicing Diamond Way Buddhism, one of the four main schools of Tibetan Buddhism, for several years. Because the current political situation in Tibet prevents the practice of Buddhist traditions, the future of Diamond Way Buddhist teachings must rely on the tradition being preserved in the West.

Now we have found a property in Westcliffe, CO that will provide a unique opportunity to make these teachings more accessible to Buddhist, friends of Buddhism and all who wish to grow spiritually. It will be a place to support the preservation of 1,000-year-old Tibetan Buddhist teachings and methods. This beautiful land, a 188 acre parcel and an additional adjoining 58 acre parcel is perfect for building and creating a Diamond Way Buddhist Retreat Center and Library.

In order to purchase this land, we need to raise \$200,000 by November 1, 2007. Your generous donation will support me in my walk and make the retreat center a reality. With your help, Diamond Way Buddhist Centers North America will build the first North American Retreat Center to preserve and continue the teachings of the Karma Kagyu Diamond Way school of Tibetan Buddhism. Money raised will go to make purchase land and for the construction of the center.

All of your generous contributions are fully tax-deductible. Diamond Way Buddhist Centers USA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations can be made by credit card or check.

Credit card payments can be online. go to:

<https://ssl4.westserver.net/diamondway.org/retreatcenter/3donor.php> and type in the Comments section, "STEPS-ON-THE-WAY sponsor donation for [Your Name] of the [Your City] Center." If you make a donation online, please let me know so I can include you on my sponsor sheet.

If you wish to make a donation by check please make the check out to "DWBC USA" and write 'STEPS ON THE WAY' on the Comments line. You can mail checks to me at:

[Your Name]  
[Your Address]  
[City, State, Zip]

For more information go to the Diamond Way Retreat Center Web site:  
<http://www.diamondway.org/retreatcenter/>

Thank you so much.

Best,

[Your Name]