



*Dear Friends,*

Since its opening in 2000, Deer Park Monastery has grown quite rapidly. The energy of our spiritual and land ancestors had and continues to help the monks and nuns of Deer Park grow in the wonderful teachings of the Buddha and share effective practices to many people in society. Deer Park Monastery has become the spiritual home for so many practitioners who regularly participate in our weekly Days of Mindfulness and monthly retreats for children, teens, families, and college students/educators.

Due to the great thirst for spiritual practice and the fast growth of our spiritual family, Deer Park Monastery has a project to build a nunnery, a central living place for the nuns to live and practice together and to renovate the remaining buildings as guest accommodation for lay women practitioners, couples or families who wish to practice with the nuns. Currently the nuns are spread out in two separate areas in Clarity Hamlet and the remaining rooms have only enough space for 8 to 12 lay women practitioners but no space for families or couples.

We already had the wish to build a nunnery since the opening of Deer Park and Thay had often reminded us of it. It seems that there may be enough conditions to move forward to build the nunnery now and only with the protection and support of our spiritual ancestors, of our land ancestors and of our spiritual family members as yourselves, can Deer Park Monastery quickly realize this project to completion. Contributions, large or small, will be of much help. Please send your correspondence to:

*Sister Abbess Trung Chinh  
Nunnery Building Project  
2499 Melru Lane  
Escondido, CA 92026*

*You can also find information and make donations online:  
[www.dpweb.org/giving](http://www.dpweb.org/giving).*

*May you and your family continue to have good communication, loving and understanding each other more everyday.*

*Sister Abbess Trung Chinh  
Clarity Hamlet – Deer Park Monastery*