Holiday Greetings from Tibetan Aid Project!

Our Annual Benefit Gala, Taste & Tribute, on November 16th at the Four Seasons Hotel San Francisco paid tribute to Tibetan Aid Project’s 50 years of humanitarian service including a special photo exhibit, “A Tribute to Tibet.” With deep appreciation to our chefs, wineries, auction donors and guests who honored the five decades by their presence, joyful participation and most generous contributions.

Because of your generosity, this year we are shipping and freely distributing 112,000 books in January 2019 at the 30th Annual World Peace Ceremony in Bodh Gaya, India.
Dr. Richard and Peggy Schmotter and David Leventhal (left). A big thank you to Dr. Schmotter, Peggy and their son Dr. Alex Schmotter, both practicing dentists in Marin County, and their team of six assistants who will be offering free dental services to Tibetans attending the 30th Annual World Peace Ceremony in Bodh Gaya, India in January 2019, sponsored by Dr. Schmotter’s dental team and Tibetan Aid Project. And appreciation to David Leventhal for donating a four night stay at the luxurious Playa Viva Eco-Resort on the Pacific coast of Mexico for our Live Auction.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Highwayman Wines, Sonoma Exclusive Reception Winery Sponsor for Taste & Tribute

Upcoming 50th Golden Anniversary Event
An Appreciation Garden Party in 2019 for Tibetan Aid Project’s Friends and Supporters

Enjoy an afternoon with friends and new acquaintances at Tibetan Aid Project offices located in the Berkeley hills at the Nyingma Institute. The beautiful redesigned Padmakara Garden is sure to make everyone feel at home, a peaceful and inspiring garden and courtyard, a perfect place to say thank you.

We look forward to sharing with you this gesture of gratitude and deep appreciation.

The Padmakara Garden is currently under construction with an event date TBD.
Dear Friends,

Fifty years is a remarkable milestone for any non-profit, but particularly remarkable for one with an all-volunteer staff. The continuity of purpose within this collective effort from volunteers and heartfelt donors for five decades is truly amazing.

With Sincerity, Heart, Energy, Generosity and Effort . . . together we have been preserving a culture, educating the next generation of Tibetans in exile, and sharing with the world what this wisdom tradition has to offer humanity.

Understanding the Tibetan heritage and its meaningful, peaceful way of life, is in its infancy in the West. We have yet to scratch the surface of how to integrate this knowledge that has been realized over 1400 years of dedicated study of mind. Mind is often viewed from a Western perspective as intellect. However, this profound understanding of life, human nature and mind is a revelation beyond our intellect, a true treasure, with universal value.

None of us know what the next 50 years may bring. But we do know with sincere intention and energy we have the ability to realize and live our deepest wishes and values. Let us continue our efforts to keep this wisdom tradition alive, to study and share this most precious gift that has been given to us in our lifetime. Maybe we can create new milestones, in our hearts and minds, in our daily lives, milestones defined by new realizations of what it means to be a human being and how this knowledge can be of benefit to others.

With warmest wishes,
Susan Lemieux
Executive Director

The great teacher Padmasambhava, who is recognized as the second coming of the Buddha, and who brought Buddhism into Tibet in the eight century predicted:

“When the iron bird flies and horses run on wheels, the Tibetan people will be scattered like ants across the face of the world, and the Dharma will come to the land of the red-faced man.”

We all recognize the need for kindness and equanimity in our world. At this time in our human history, we have an opportunity – by helping to preserve this knowledge and enable its transmission, we can have a genuine impact on the future of our world. Please join . . .

**Tibetan Aid Project’s $300,000 Golden Anniversary Campaign**
*a two-year effort commencing January 2019*

Let us realize this opportunity and begin to lay the foundation for the next 50 years. With your support our efforts will include:

**CONTINUING** to sponsor the essential text preservation and distribution project.

**PROVIDING** humanitarian health services and education, in Tibet and to Tibetans in exile across the Himalayan region, including the preservation of their native language which is at risk.

**SHARING** Tibet’s wisdom tradition with the West and teaching how it can enrich our daily lives by sponsoring Tibetan teachers, web-based courses, conferences and sacred art.

Visit our website at www.tibetanaidproject.org and click on “Support our Work” for ways you can participate in our Golden Anniversary Campaign.

Thank you for holding our mission in your heart.
UPCOMING 50th GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY EVENT

An Afternoon Sail on the San Francisco Bay

on the Newly Constructed Matthew Turner,
a Traditional Wooden Tall Ship

June 23, 2019

This 50th Golden Anniversary Fund Raising Event is hosted by Alan Olson, Founder of Call of the Sea and visionary and Project Director for the Matthew Turner. All proceeds will go toward furthering the mission of Tibetan Aid Project, the first organization founded by Tarthang Tulku Rinpoche when he arrived in America fifty years ago.

Michelin star Chef Peter Armellino of Plumed Horse in Saratoga and a Taste & Tribute chef for 18 years, along with other celebrated chefs, will be serving small plates paired with fine California wines beginning at the Bay Model Visitor Center, during a brief program, and aboard the ship. Tickets are $1000 per person. Our goal is to raise $50,000 for 50 years. Get your tickets early as the ship has limited capacity. Wouldn’t want it to sail without you!

Some Interesting Facts:
Length Overall: 132 ft
Length on Deck: 100 ft
Height of Main Mast: 100 ft
Sail Area: 7,200 sq ft with 11 Sails
Berths for Voyaging: 38
Constructed of Douglas Fir

Produces her own energy and propulsion needs through a state-of-the-art hybrid system using wind power to produce electrical generation.

Designed after the ship Galilee, built by renowned Bay Area Ship builder, Matthew Turner, in the late 1800’s. Her stern is permanently on display at Fort Mason in the GGNRA.

Be one of the first to board this spectacular ship, with her maiden voyage only a couple months prior to our Golden Anniversary Event.

The Matthew Turner, docked in Sausalito at the Army Corps of Engineers, Bay Model Visitor Center