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In this season of thanksgiving, as I reflect on my blessings, I am especially grateful for our sangha and the many opportunities it offers to practice and realize the dharma.

Again this year our sangha was energized by those who give so generously to sangha development. In addition to the Thursday and Sunday evening meditations, we offer meditation classes, a monthly half-day retreat, and occasional one or two-day retreats. With the support of the sangha, Kathryn Turnipseed has completed the two-year Community Dharma Leader (CDL) program through Spirit Rock Meditation Center. We look forward to Kathryn joining with CDL Valerie Roth to provide many opportunities that support our development as practitioners. I'm pleased to note that the peer-led Bhavana Dana Presenters continues to mature and serve important dharma presentation and facilitation roles on many Sunday and Thursday evenings.

Looking ahead to 2013, our sangha will co-host residential retreats in January with DaeJa Napier and in November with Brian Lesage. Brian will also be here for an 18-day residency in September. In addition we will continue to welcome other visiting dharma teachers including Annie Nugent.

We benefit from those who follow tradition and offer the dharma free of charge, yet there are considerable costs associated with bringing teachers to Albuquerque and with hosting retreats and residencies. As a sangha we are committed to the practice of generosity and strive to offer programs regardless of a person's ability to pay, and to make regular gifts to the Wat.

The efforts of volunteers and contributors sustain the sangha. As we look toward 2013 we ask that you make a gift to sustain our work in the coming year.

With loving-kindness,

Ken Munoz

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