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Hello Dharma Friends!

Please join me for a special fundraising event designed to celebrate and support a member of the sangha who will enter the Community Dharma Leader (CDL) program at Spirit Rock in California, in September of this year. That member is Kathryn Turnipseed, who has generously given her time and skills to the sangha in a variety of ways, from multiple years of board service to leadership in curriculum and evening presentations. She is now moving on to even greater service.

To celebrate Kathryn's acceptance into the CDL program, a brunch will be held from 10:30–12:30 on Sunday, August 8th at my home. The brunch proceeds will be used to help defray the expenses involved in Kathryn's CDL venture.

The CDL program is a selective and rigorous two-year program that requires candidates to have a nominating teacher working with them throughout the duration of the program. Kathryn's mentor will be Ajahn Thanasanti of Awakening Truth. Candidates attend five one-week retreats located across the U.S., where they learn how to fulfill a community teaching role. The CDL program is not easy to get into; for the 2010 program there were more than 200

applicants for 100 spaces. The estimated costs for one candidate are \$5,000 to \$9,000 for the two-year period.

Albuquerque Vipassana Sangha is extremely fortunate to have skilled and dedicated members who offer Dharma resources to our spiritual community in many ways. For example, Valerie Roth, who completed the CDL program in 2008, has dedicated her retirement years to making the Dharma accessible, within both the sangha and the larger community. In addition to her major contributions to the sangha core curriculum and evening programming, Valerie teaches meditation to inmates at the Los Lunas Detention Facility and through UNM Continuing education, and she also offers regular beginner classes through the sangha. Kathryn Turnipseed is seeking to follow a similar path of dedicated service. The sangha board of directors is committed to supporting Kathryn in this endeavor, including sharing in the expenses. I hope you can attend the brunch and make an investment in the sangha through your support of Kathryn. She has undertaken a serious commitment on our behalf, so please join me on August 8th to recognize and contribute to her journey.

With loving kindness,



Kempton Lindquist
President, Board of Directors

P.S. Our fundraising goal for this event is \$1200. If you can attend, please RSVP to me at 299-1631 or kemptonl@yahoo.com. (I'll send directions how to get here). Thank you!