



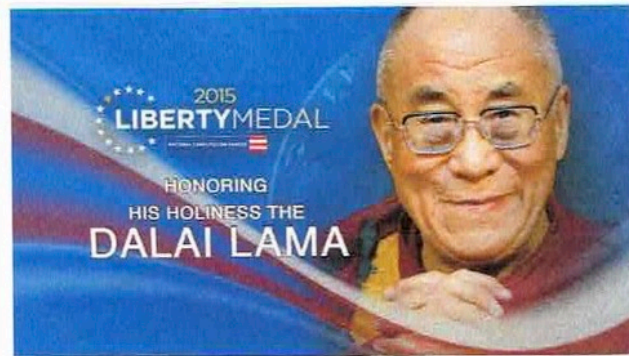
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TIBETAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA



Tibetan Cultural Center Campaign

Overview: Worldwide, there are only 6.5 million Tibetans. Approximately 150,000 live in exile. Tibetan refugees must continually work to preserve their language and culture despite Chinese occupation, political oppression and human rights violations inside Tibet and the challenges of life in exile. As a community of Tibetan exiles, the Tibetan Association of Philadelphia (TAP) would like to share exciting news with you. We are undertaking a **fundraising campaign to raise \$450,000 for a Cultural Center**. We have already raised \$136,000, including \$35,272 in contributions from virtually every Tibetan living in the Philadelphia area.

Organization History: Established in 2002, TAP has become an integral part of the **flourishing multicultural community of Philadelphia**. TAP has collaborated with the City of Philadelphia for a *Day of Kindness* and participates every year in Philadelphia's 4th of July Parade. In 2015, TAP was the sponsor organization nominating the Dalai Lama for the National Constitution Center's Liberty Medal and TAP's members performed for Pope Francis's visit to Philadelphia. In 2017, TAP began performing annually for Philadelphia's NBA 76ers and a video of our dance program on November 20, 2019 went viral internationally. In 2018, TAP was visited by a Representative of the Dalai Lama and received a letter from the Office of Tibet in support for the Cultural Center.



Cultural Center Objectives: We envision that the Cultural Center will contain space for classrooms, office space, and an assembly hall for TAP members which can also be used by other local Philadelphia organizations. In addition, it will serve the purpose of: 1) a home for Tibetan language, cultural, and performing arts classes, 2) cultural education, youth mentorship, and resources for connecting new immigrants with supportive services, 3) a social and care center for the elderly, and 4) cultural exchange between the Tibetan community and the wider Philadelphia community.

Be a part of a legacy that lives on and transforms the lives of Tibetans in Philadelphia for generations to come: As a founding donor, your gift will be recognized on the **building, plaque or paving tile** at the Cultural Center, as well as in our publications, signage, and online platforms. There are several naming opportunities to recognize the generosity of supporters including a permanent way to honor one's loved ones in perpetuity. **Donations of any size are appreciated and meaningful.** TAP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all gifts are tax-deductible.

Please consider supporting our efforts with a generous gift: TAP's members and Board of Directors **respectfully request a personal or business donation** from you to make the Cultural Center a reality. With your support, the Cultural Center will fulfill **Tibetan educational, economic, health and social needs and will help preserve the Tibetan language and culture.** For more information or to make a donation, please visit www.phillytibetans.org, email TAP President Thupten Chonyi at phillytibetans@gmail.com or contact Cultural Center Committee Chairman Tsering Jurme at (215) 715-6754. Thank you in advance for your kind support.

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