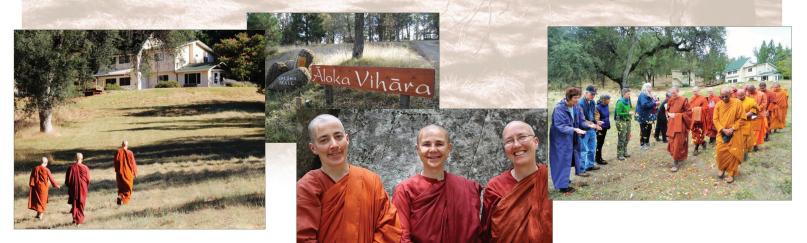
AN INVITATION TO

the Property Purchase for the Aloka Vihara Nuns Monastery



From aspiration to reality ...

We're happy to spread the news of the recent purchase of a beautiful 17-acre wooded property and house for the nuns of Aloka Vihara, located in the Sierra Foothills of California near the town of Placerville. This newly forming monastery is one of very few outside Asia where women can live and train as Theravada bhikkhunis (fully ordained nuns) and where the lay community can practice alongside.

In the first month after announcing its wish to purchase this unique and affordable property, the nuns' nonprofit stewardship organization, Saranaloka Foundation, was heartened to receive donations of over \$100,000 from supporters all over the world.

Since then, the momentum and energy behind this new monastery property has kept growing! The Foundation continues to accept donations to its "Founders Fund" and its goal of \$415,000 for the land purchase. We, the Friends of Aloka Vihara, have now formed to encourage support for this effort. We are inspired by the opportunity Saranaloka Foundation is providing for women to train as monastics—and to aspire to awaken. Please consider joining us "friends" by making your donation toward the new property for Aloka Vihara.

May we all nourish and support this community so that it may continue to thrive and grow for generations to come!



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