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## A Message from our Founder



Dear Friends,

As Covid-19 cases rise, and we are entering new restrictions, I hope that you and your loved ones are well. These are difficult and uncertain times for all of us. As you may know, the Mandala Center has been closed most of the year due to the pandemic, and this has given me time for much reflection. While the journey is still unfolding, it seems clear to me, our directors, and the board's executive committee that the Mandala Center will not try to open in 2021.

We know this is a disappointment to many. While the news is full of promise for a vaccine and things getting better, there is no clear indication that it will happen soon enough to plan on groups, individuals, and staff being able to safely be at the Mandala Center. The mission of the Mandala Center for the last 23 years has been to be "a peaceful place to refresh the mind, renew the spirit, and heal the body" by offering groups and individuals a safe place of refuge, healing, and learning. Trying to re-open too soon seems directly opposed to that mission if it is not safe and peaceful.

During this time of closure it has been time to consider the possibilities for the future of the Mandala Center. As Founder, I still have a passion for the work that has been done at the Mandala Center, and I hope that it will continue in the same vein for many years to come. At the same time, I realize that everything changes. Discernment is about considering all the possibilities. I also realize that I have a responsibility to enable a smooth succession to the next iteration of the Mandala Center. Perhaps it is time for another cause, another person, another group to become the stewards of this sacred space.

Whether you have been a participant in a retreat, an individual on your own, or a friend of the Mandala Center, you can be a great help during this time. Please...

1. consider if you know of an organization, group or individual whose good work could benefit from operating the Mandala Center and who would be able to sustain their work here, also
2. share with someone you may know the possibility of their being involved in what the Mandala Center is to become,
3. let us know of thoughts or ideas you may see as what the future for the Mandala Center might be.

Please stay safe and well during these strange and unsettled times!

All good wishes,  
Anna Wolfe  
Founder

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