



# ZONE OF AHIMSA

## PEACE CELEBRATION

### 2008

IN COMMEMORATION  
OF 14TH DALAI LAMA  
NOBEL PEACE PRIZE



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**Scottsdale, AZ (September, 2008)** - Emaho Foundation, a Scottsdale-based 501(c)3 non-profit Tibetan Buddhist group, will present its annual Zone of Ahimsa fundraising celebration on Saturday, December 6, 2008. Taking place at the New Vision Spiritual Growth Center in Scottsdale, the festivities will commemorate the 1989 awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the Dalai Lama, the world's best-known Tibetan Buddhist leader and international figurehead in the cause for peace on our planet. This will be a time for peace-loving people of all faiths, and those outside of any faith tradition, to gather in the name of non-violence, compassion and universal harmony.

**Ahimsa** is the Buddhist term for the doctrine of non-harming. And the Zone of Ahimsa will be a daylong celebration comprised of three separate but related events:

---From 3:30 to 5:30 PM the Venerable Za Choeje Rinpoche, Spiritual Director of the Emaho Foundation, will lead a Peace Empowerment/Blessing. In Tibetan Buddhist tradition, an empowerment is a ritual which grants the participant permission to practice specific forms of meditation. The Peace Empowerment is non-denominational, open to everyone and aimed at awakening latent seeds of compassion in all who take part in this illuminating and inspiring ceremony.

A direct disciple of the Dalai Lama, Za Rinpoche is renowned for his gentle good humor and skill in presenting Buddhist wisdom in a way that touches the hearts and minds of Westerners. Author of *The Backdoor to Enlightenment*, Rinpoche will guide us in cultivating the intention and power to create a new kind of peace in our hearts, our homes, our communities and the world at large. All attendees will receive a personal peace blessing/transmission from Rinpoche and a traditional Tibetan blessing cord. This is a rare opportunity not to be missed.

---From 5:30-7:30 PM, following the Peace Empowerment, the courtyard of the New Vision center will be transformed into a colorful Tibetan Bazaar. In addition to Prayers for Peace offered by representatives of various religious traditions, the Emaho Peace Store will offer traditional Tibetan art, handicrafts, jewelry and other items of beauty and devotion for sale---just in time for Holiday gift giving.

---From 7:30 to 9:30 PM the daylong celebration will end with the Wish Fulfilling Jewel Concert. The event will open with a dedicatory poetry recitation by Za Rinpoche. Then Spirit Voyage recording artist Sat Kartar Khalsa will lead us in chants to awaken compassion and joy. A noted singer in the Sikh tradition and Kundalini yoga instructor now resident in Phoenix, Sat Kartar is deeply versed in the practice of Naad Yoga, the yoga of sound. Yoga Journal magazine has praised Sat Kartar's "crystalline voice...an instrument imbued with a welcoming, almost maternal warmth and an evocative style of phrasing."

Other, very special musical guests will be announced as the Zone of Ahimsa Celebration draws near. Tickets for the Peace Empowerment/Blessing and Wish Fulfilling Jewel Concert will be sold separately. The Tibetan Bazaar is free to the public. Information on purchasing tickets will be available soon.

The New Vision Spiritual Growth Center is located at:  
9659 North Hayden  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258