

November 17, 2016

EBMC “State of the Center” Report

FROM DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR CASSANDRA SHAYLOR:

Dearest Sangha,

Deep bows to all of you for all you do to keep EBMC a place of refuge for so many, which is a true gift, especially in this particularly difficult moment for our communities.

Our commitment to a radical model of Gift Economics at EBMC continues to manifest the resources we need to keep our doors open and to inspire other organizations to consider our approach for their own communities.

Some recent highlights and news about what is on the horizon:

- Our summer matching grant was a tremendous success: we raised over \$20,000 purely from donations from our community!
- On October 28, 2016 we organized a fundraising event featuring Joanna Macy and Ty Blair about the liberatory power of the Dharma. The program included Sangha members A.M. Davis reading her beautiful poetry and Amana Johnson leading us in energizing mindful movement, and helped to remind us of the ways the community we are co-creating can be a shining light in the darkness of what Joanna Macy has called “the Time of the Great Unraveling.” The event raised more than \$10,000 for EBMC. An audio version of the event will be available soon for a sliding scale donation. Please contact Cassandra@eastbaymeditation.org if you are interested in purchasing the link to the recording.
- Now that it’s November, we are entering our 2016 Season of Gratitude at EBMC and we will be asking for your financial support as we end the year. Our goal is to raise \$17,000 in this period, and we ask for your help to reach that goal. Look out for some incredibly powerful stories from members of the Sangha about the transformations EBMC has helped to bring about in their lives.

Finally, stay tuned for information about our 10 Year Anniversary celebrations in 2017. We have some exciting things planned and look forward to celebrating ten years of EBMC with you!

FINANCE UPDATE FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR XIAOJING WANG:

For 2016, EBMC’s Leadership Sangha (Board) approved a budget that included \$420,000 in expected income and \$414,107 in expenses. By the end of September 2016, we have raised approximately \$28,000 less than budgeted for income. At the same time, our expenses are

\$42,500 below budget. This means we currently have a net income in 2016 of almost \$27,000, and are on track to have 3 months of operating reserves by the end of 2016.

The Finance Committee, consisting of members of the Leadership Sangha and staff, are hard at work finalizing a 2017 budget by December of this year. Next year's budget will include opportunities to celebrate our 10th year anniversary.

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to the sangha for sustaining our gift economics model, and co-creating this special space for refuge and growth.

