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Get to Give

2016 “Get to Give” Drive

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the 2016 “Get to Give” Drive?

The 2016 “Get to Give” Drive is our opportunity as a community to indicate how much money we will commit for 2016. Bodhi’s operational spending plan is based on what is committed and collected. By making a commitment, Bodhi has an indication of funding for 2016. Our commitment helps to fund the work of our spiritual community - transforming lives within, among and beyond Bodhi Spiritual Center through Sunday Celebration Services, Youth & Family Programming, Spiritual Education, Small Group Life and emerging Outreach.

What is the goal of this year’s 2016 “Get to Give” Drive?

\$854,486 and 300 Givers

How do I know what to commit?

We encourage stretching one’s comfort zone while trusting there is no big or small in Spirit. Some will choose a specific dollar amount while others choose a percentage of household gross income. We are a community of significant socio-economic diversity and depend on the support of our entire community at a level that is appropriate for each person and family. If we each stretch we know our 2016 “Get to Give” Drive will be fulfilled.

How do I make a commitment to the 2016 “Get to Give” Drive?

Complete a 2016 “Get to Give” Card and turn it in on Sunday in the offering basket, visit The Prosperity Team at the Information Station in Fellowship Hall or mail a completed 2016 “Get to Give” Card to: Bodhi Spiritual Center 2746 N. Magnolia, 60614.

Is there a deadline to turn in my 2016 “Get to Give” commitment?

The 2016 “Get to Give” Drive runs through November 25th. On Wednesday, November 25th during our Gratitude Potluck Dinner we will bless our 2016 “Get to Give” Drive Commitments. We will receive 2016 “Get to Give” Commitments during the Drive or anytime thereafter.

How does money I give to Bodhi differ from money I give to charity?

Giving as a spiritual practice is the conscious practice of giving to our spiritual nourishment. It is a way to practice the “Law of Circulation” in our lives and specifically to support our spiritual home so that our work and teachings may be available to others. All financial contributions are tax deductible.

Frequently Asked Questions - cont'd

What is committed giving and why does Bodhi practice 10% giving?

Committed giving invites us to put the Divine Presence first in our lives. Prioritizing spiritual nourishment enables us to serve ourselves and the world from a place of sufficiency and balance.

Bodhi practices and teaches giving 10% of gross income to where we are spiritually fed. 10% is a number that stretches most people such that faith is activated and consciousness must be brought to our finances and spending. We “Get to Give” to the vision of Building the beLOVED Community.

“To create the beLOVED community will take a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.” - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Where does the money I give to Bodhi go?

Our giving supports Bodhi’s general operating expenses. As our community matures we envision expanding our work in areas of Outreach throughout Chicago and beyond.

What if I give my time and service to Bodhi rather than a financial contribution?

Bodhi’s ability to operate requires financial resources AND our gifts of time and service. The decision to make a financial commitment is a personal one but know that our gifts to Bodhi, regardless of size, make a difference in fulfilling the vision of reaching more people with our teachings.

How much of Bodhi’s money goes to charitable causes or benevolence?

We practice the “law of circulation” and give 10% of all Bodhi receives to where our community is spiritually fed. A portion of these funds go to Centers for Spiritual Living, www.csl.org. The remainder of our giving goes to causes which support Bodhi’s mission and vision.

What if I only come to Bodhi occasionally, should I still make a 2016 “Get to Give” Commitment?

Any level of support given allows us to continue to serve the Bodhi community and to reach more people with our teachings.

Questions? Stop by the Information Station on Sundays, call us at 773.248.LOVE (5683) or email us at office@bodhispiritualcenter.org.



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— GOAL —

\$854,486 & 300 People



SUNDAY
BREAKDOWN

200 Attendees = \$82 / Person / Sunday

350 Attendees = \$47 / Person / Sunday

500 Attendees = \$33 / Person / Sunday

2016 "Get to Give" Drive



ADMINISTRATION
\$119,782

The exciting stuff...postage, paperclips, insurance, bank & credit cards fees, paper, copies, database!

14%



COMPENSATION
\$233,093

Our BRILLIANT and dedicated staff - full time, part time and contracted serving Sundays, Education, Youth & Family and Community Engagement!

28%



FACILITIES
\$253,833

Essentials like rent, construction loans, cleaning, toilet paper, paper towels, plates, cups and napkins. Let's keep the lights on, heat the place and shovel the sidewalks!

30%



MARKETING
\$41,028

So fresh and so clean...our web site is up to date, our print materials are hot and handy. Let's get the word out!

5%



SUNDAYS
\$47,844

Jump start the week with our powerful message, FABULOUS music and beLOVED community. The Bodhi House Band, Guest Artists and media bring Service to life!

6%



GIVING
\$83,450

Circulating our good in the world - local orgs and people, outreach efforts, spiritual leaders, teachers, and musicians.

10%



YOUTH & FAMILY
\$40,456

Supporting our AMAZING young people and families in their spiritual development.

5%



EDUCATION
\$35,000

Classes, workshops and special events...the AWESOME support we receive in expanding our consciousness!

4%

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