



Sawasdee!

Greetings, San Fran Dhammaram Community Members! March is already here, so we wanted to send out our first quarter newsletter to share a bit about what San Fran Dhammaram Temple has been working on this year, and what projects and events we have planned in the coming months.

As always, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support – it is you, our members, that enable us to be a thriving community for the practice and preservation of Buddhism in modern times.

Recently Completed Fundraising Project

Fundraiser complete!



Carpet Fundraiser

Total Amount Needed: \$945.44

Total Raised

\$4,020 (\$2,426 + 56,000 THB)

When we asked for support replacing the worn-out rugs in our Buddha Room, donations came pouring in. Our cozy new rugs provide warmth and cushioning for monks, nuns, and temple visitors while helping reduce our heating bills.

Thank you all for helping us exceed our fundraising goals. Excess funds are being allocated to other capital projects, including fixing our damaged pipes.

Security Cameras & Lights

Total Amount Needed: \$1,949.61

Total Raised

\$2,185 (\$1,701 + 17,000 THB)

Cameras have already been installed in the building in order to increase monitoring, protection, and safety for our monks, nuns, and members.

The temple belongs to the community and we are deeply grateful for the contributions of the entire community to ensure our safety with the help of a new security system.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank Bim Tech (Khun Bim and her team) for their donation of cameras, labor, and supplies; this is a tremendous donation and we anumodana with them.

Upcoming Projects – A New Chance to Make Merit

As the temple building ages and building needs arise, we are undertaking additional capital projects. Below are some of our upcoming projects: If you would like to make merit, and help support any of these, see the bottom of this newsletter for ways to give. You can Venmo us at [@watsanfran](https://www.venmo.com/watsanfran) or simply click below to make a gift.

PayPal

Replacing Damaged Entryways

Give the gift of access to the temple

Goal:

estimated cost \$18,000

Total received so far: \$13,520
(\$12,322.50 + 42,000 THB)

Amount left to raise:

\$4,480



During recent rain storms the ceiling of the temple's classrooms began to leak. We traced the issue to our front stairs, finding dry rot in the wood that supports the stairs and entryway. Given the danger these structural issues present, we had no choice but to remove and replace the pillars and stairs. Please, give a gift to help the temple make these structural repairs to the entryway.

Make it easier for good things to enter your life by helping replace the entryway of the temple.

Fixing Damaged Pipes

Help to free the temple from obstruction:

Goal: \$6,200

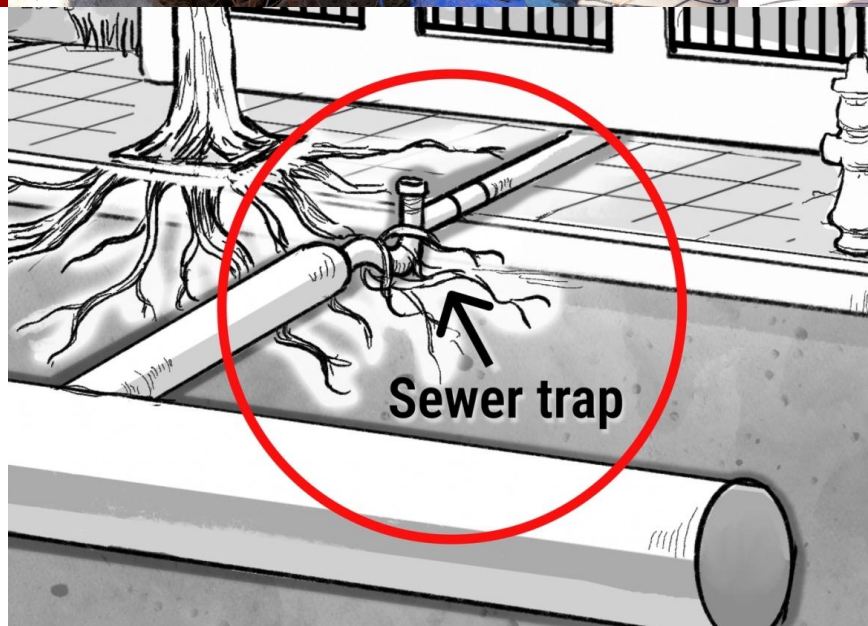
Total received so far: \$3,309.95

(allocated from carpets and security camera fundraisers)

Amount left to raise: \$2,890.05



For years, the temple has had difficulty with backups in the sewage system due to roots pushing against outdoor pipes. Though in the past, the city has been able to help flush the pipes, blockages have become so severe that we were forced to replace the pipes in order to prevent further clogging and dirty water leaking onto the sidewalk. Help cover the cost of these plumbing repairs and allow good merit to flow through your life as easily as flowing water and for bad things to flow away from you without obstruction.



Ways to Give

Checks made payable to:

San Fran Dhammaram Temple
2645 Lincoln Way
San Francisco, CA 94122

Venmo to: @watsanfran



PayPal Giving Fund



[paypal.com/us/fundraiser/
charity/1902037](https://paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1902037)

If donating through Venmo or PayPal, please include a note/memo about which project you wish to donate and send your transaction receipt to LINE: @watsanfran or Email: watsanfran@yahoo.com. For more information, call (415) 753-0857.

*We are a 501(c)(3) charity, so your donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Supporting Buddhism Overseas

Let your merit making have no bounds.

San Fran Dhammaram regularly contributes to Buddhist charitable projects all over the world. We search for worthy causes and support them as needed.

Below is an opportunity to help us support our sister temple, Khippapañño Dhamma Practice Center to complete the construction of its main hall (sala).

Your donations to our temple are fully tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Anumodana and may all good blessings be yours.



Khippapañño Dhamma Practice Center in Trang

Presently, the main hall floor is in the process of being tiled and there are 224 sq. meters, at a cost of \$50 per 1 sq. meter, that still need sponsorship. The main hall will be used for many things, such as an ordination hall, a place for offering Kathina robes, and various other ceremonies.

Upcoming Opportunities to Practice and Learn

Annual KPY USA Retreat



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June 5 - June 11, 2023

Every year since our teacher, Acariya Thoon Khippapañño, came to the USA, our community has held pañña (wisdom) style retreats. In these retreats, we gather and discuss real-world problems, learning how to fix them using wisdom, while also learning to address the underlying views that give rise to our issues.

In the past, we held a large annual retreat every year at KPY USA retreat center in Redwood Valley. However, we lost the retreat center in the large Northern California wildfires in 2017 and have since been holding smaller annual retreats at the temple.

Reserve your spot now by contacting us at watsanfran@yahoo.com or (415) 753-0857

Pali Chanting

(In-person or Zoom) every day
at 6:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. PST



Zoom Meeting ID: 723 6811 8913
Password: dhamma



Join us for Eight Precept observance

April 14-16, 2023
May 19-21, 2023
June 2-4, 2023

Eight Precept Observance

You will formally receive the Eight Precepts when you arrive. You will participate in daily chantings, lunch offerings, hear sermons, and read Dhamma books. If you have any questions, the monks and nuns are happy to guide you in your search for answers. Participants are allowed to spend the night at the temple (men) or Akaliko (women).

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Updates From the Wat San Fran School



Our Wat San Fran School offers Thai language, Thai culture, and Thai music lessons for both kids and adults, available in both group and private sessions.

For more information, please email us at watsanfranschool@gmail.com or check out our [brochure](#). You can also get to know us better by following us on social media platforms such as Facebook [@WatSanFranSchool](#) and Instagram [@WatSanFranSchool](#) and Wat San Fran's YouTube channel at [Wat San Fran School](#) playlists.



Application
due date
May 20, 2023

SUMMER SEMESTER

- **Sunday - Thursday**
- **June 5 - August 5, 2023**
- **Placement test required for new applicants**
- **Age 5 and above**
- **Tuition fee \$150**

[Application Form Click Here](#)

Now hiring

Spring & Fall semester
(Sep - May) Sat & Sun

Summer semester
(Jun - Aug) Sun - Thu

Wat San Fran School is now looking to hire a Thai teacher to join our team. The teacher will be expected to help teach children ages 5-15 Thai language and culture, Buddhism, and to help prepare for school events.

Requirements

- Fluency in Thai
- Conversational English
- Ability to create course/teaching materials to enhance Thai language skills
- Calm, quick-witted, adaptable and able to quickly solve problems on the fly
- Ability to get along with children ages 5-15 years old
- Prior teaching experience or certifications will be given priority
- Authorization to live and work in the U.S.
- We have a teaching curriculum that you can use as a guide for teaching activities
- Pay: \$16.99/hour

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (415) 753-0857 or email us at watsanfran@yahoo.com

“The virtues of giving are bound to be great
and enable the religion to continue to thrive and prosper”

Sermon 032

Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño

Save the Dates

- April 14-16, 2023 Eight Precept observance
- April 16, 2023 Songkran Festival at Wat San Fran
- May 19-21, 2023 Eight Precept observance
- June 2-4, 2023 Eight Precept observance
- June 4, 2023 Visakha Puja ceremony
- June 5-11, 2023 Annual Retreat

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