

2011

Starseed in Transition

Moving Towards Sustainability

Social Sustainability – core steward team

Financial Sustainability – powerful line-up of programs and retreats

Ecological Sustainability – live lightly on the land in harmony with nature

Spiritual Sustainability – connection to spirit and personal growth

Dear Friends of Starseed,

On the eve of 2011, we look forward with great anticipation to this year that is purported to be one of radical change and we set our vision to join together to co-create a more sustainable life.

2010 was a tough year for Starseed, but we have made it through. It is crystal clear that in order for Starseed to continue, there will need to be some big changes. Co-founder, Satyena Ananda is the only current resident, and Starseed requires a larger core team of stewards to care for it. Starseed also needs a powerful lineup of programs and retreats to better serve its mission of personal and planetary transformation and achieve financial sustainability.

2011 marks **Starseed's 25th anniversary** and we have dubbed it as the **Year of Transition for Starseed**. By the end of 2011 we hope to have a core team of stewards in place to care for the land and buildings and run programs and retreats.

It has always been a part of the vision for Starseed to be stewarded by a group, a community of dedicated people who resonate with Starseed's core mission. Many of you are a part of this community and have supported and offered your gifts and services to help sustain the sanctuary. We ask you to **join with us in this year by helping us find steward partners to live with us** on the land and move us toward our vision of making Starseed a self-sustaining center for personal and planetary transformation.

~We invite you to help Starseed in Transition in 2011~

We are looking for permanent community/steward partners to live at Starseed: Someone to co-direct with Satyena the program and administrative/organizational aspects of the center, as well as someone to head up repairs and maintenance of the buildings and someone to steward the gardens, grounds and sanctuaries. We realize that it may take some time to find the people we are looking for and so in the meantime we are looking for two interim people to **come on board immediately** to assist with the transition process in 2011. **Can you help connect us with these people by sharing the word?** Starseed will offer board and a stipend for these three month interim positions.

We have attached descriptions of these interim positions. **Could you please share this** information widely with anyone you think would be interested? Share, email, copy and post our descriptions to people and places where there may be interest. Speak to people you know about the two open positions as well as long term stewards. Together, we can create the change that will enable Starseed to thrive and be sustainable.

A core group of us have formed a transition team to guide this process in 2011. We welcome your help and support. If you would like to assist with this process in any way, help midwife in a strong and sustainable Starseed that can carry us forward for the next 15 years, we welcome your input.

If you are able to offer a monetary contribution to help the transition period, it would be greatly appreciated. 2010 was a very tight year for the sanctuary, as it may have been for some of you. With the economy being down, retreats have been down. We also lost one of our dear friends and fundraisers to cancer this year. Every offering - large or small - is greatly appreciated.

*Wishing you many Blessings in the New Year,
The Starseed Transition Team*