



Barre Center for Buddhist Studies • Completing the Vision

## A New Vision

Our initial vision called for \$2 million to build and endow:



An addition to the Farmhouse for a library.



An addition to the Dharma Hall for a classroom.



The new vision calls for \$1.25 million to build and endow a single project:



What we accomplish by this is:

- a larger library holding 14,000 volumes (compared to 4,000 now)
- a great room in the library that can be used either as a reading room or as a classroom
- 4 new student rooms with bathrooms and a shower
- 3 offices, allowing existing rooms to revert to student bedrooms

*PLUS*

- additional space for book storage, laundry and computers
- a beautiful, large outdoor terrace facing the mountains
- finish sooner and at a lower cost.

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Dear Friends,

When is it better to do more with less? Whenever possible.

As we finalized the design for our new library this spring, we began to see how we could achieve in one project all the things we were trying to accomplish in two. So instead of adding to the Farmhouse this year and the Dharma Hall next year, we now intend to finish the entire project by the end of this year—and save a lot of money in the process.

The key has been to create four spacious, well-lit rooms (along with two bathrooms and a shower) below the library, and to concentrate the books in one area so that most of the library's reading room is open enough to use as a comfortable classroom when needed.

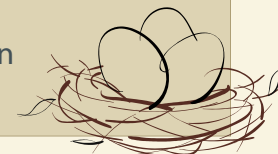
I hope you like what you see here, and that you can help us finish it off thoughtfully and in a way that will serve us all well for many years to come.

Sincerely,

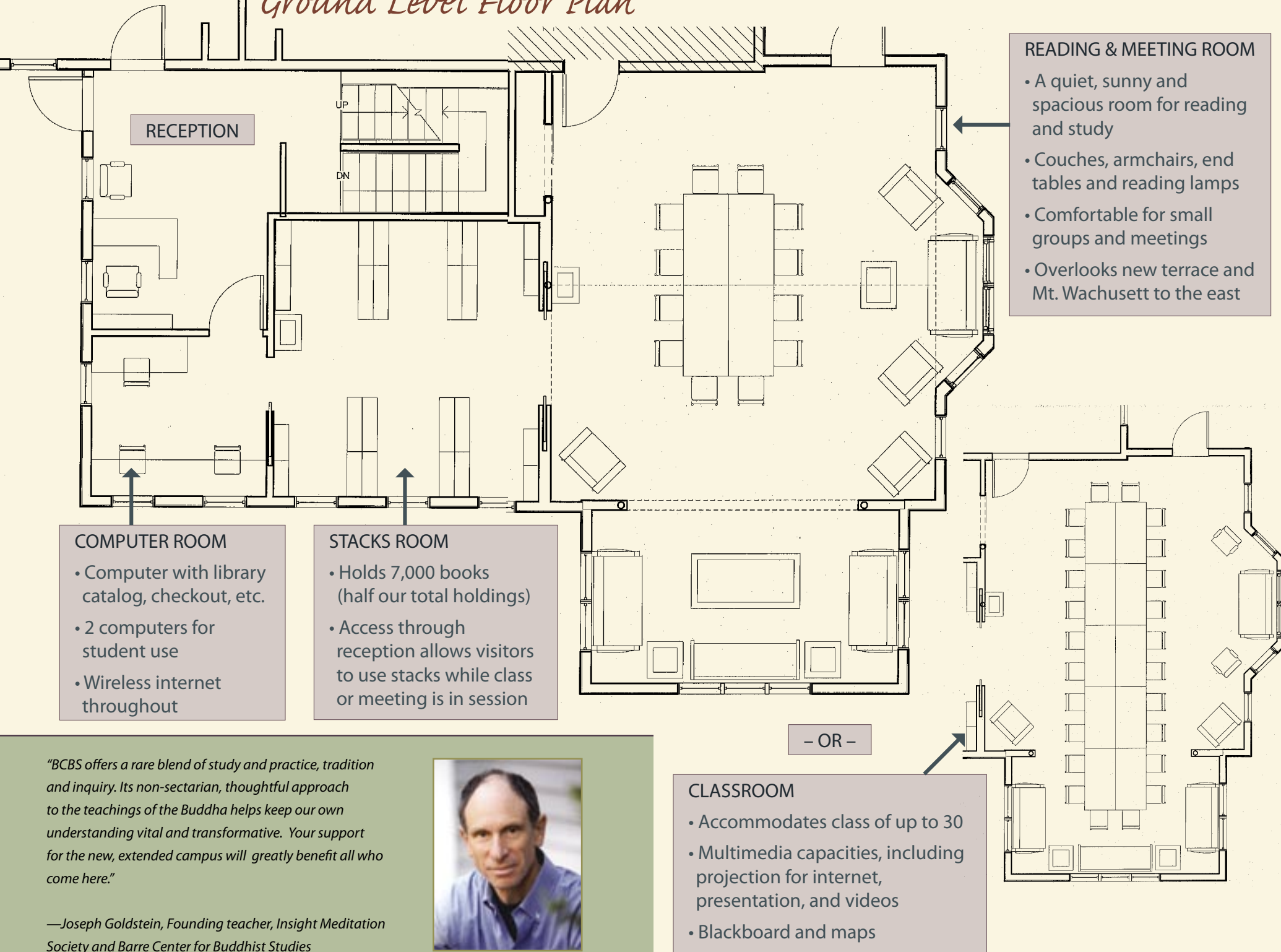
Andrew Olendzki  
Executive Director  
& Senior Scholar

### \$500,000 Endowment Supplement

With a 3,000 ft<sup>2</sup> addition to the campus, the bills for heat, electricity, water, and even cleaning will go up. As a non-profit organization, our income and expenses are delicately balanced. A modest supplement to the endowment will provide \$20,000 a year to help maintain this new facility well into the future.



# Ground Level Floor Plan



**READING & MEETING ROOM**

- A quiet, sunny and spacious room for reading and study
- Couches, armchairs, end tables and reading lamps
- Comfortable for small groups and meetings
- Overlooks new terrace and Mt. Wachusett to the east

**COMPUTER ROOM**

- Computer with library catalog, checkout, etc.
- 2 computers for student use
- Wireless internet throughout

**STACKS ROOM**

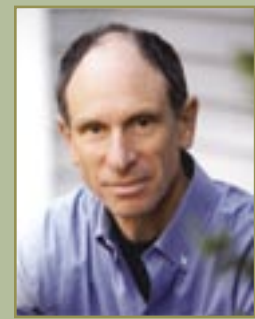
- Holds 7,000 books (half our total holdings)
- Access through reception allows visitors to use stacks while class or meeting is in session

**- OR -**

**CLASSROOM**

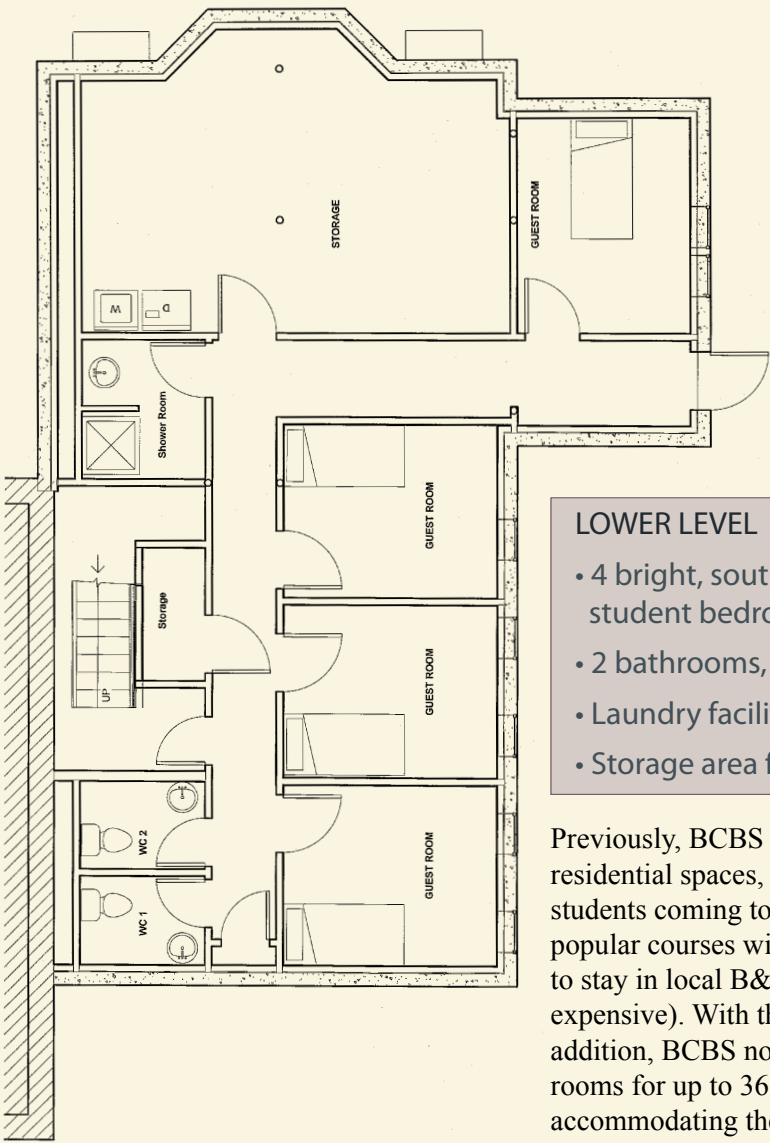
- Accommodates class of up to 30
- Multimedia capacities, including projection for internet, presentation, and videos
- Blackboard and maps

*"BCBS offers a rare blend of study and practice, tradition and inquiry. Its non-sectarian, thoughtful approach to the teachings of the Buddha helps keep our own understanding vital and transformative. Your support for the new, extended campus will greatly benefit all who come here."*



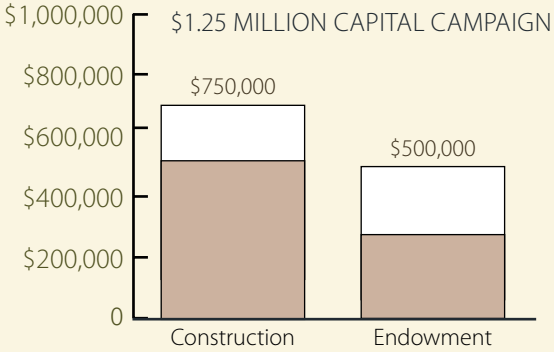
—Joseph Goldstein, Founding teacher, Insight Meditation Society and Barre Center for Buddhist Studies

# WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!



- LOWER LEVEL**
- 4 bright, south-facing student bedrooms
  - 2 bathrooms, 1 shower
  - Laundry facility
  - Storage area for free books

Previously, BCBS had just 18 residential spaces, leaving many students coming to our more popular courses with no choice but to stay in local B&Bs (which are expensive). With the Farmhouse addition, BCBS now has 25 rooms for up to 36 people, thus accommodating the housing needs of almost all of our courses.



**CONSTRUCTION**  
 \$750,000 allows us to build this addition with attention to quality materials and construction. Includes new terrace and stone walls, as well as furnishings (beds, couches, computers, etc.).

**ENDOWMENT SUPPLEMENT**  
 Provides \$20,000/year to cover the new facility's electricity, water, heating, etc., preserving this beautiful library well into the future.

Thanks to you, our students and friends, we have raised \$850,000. This inspiring project cannot be completed properly without your support. Please consider making a generous donation toward the remaining \$400,000 we need to pay the final construction bills, furnish the space properly, and fulfill the endowment.

*If you would like to talk to the Executive Director about how you can help, please contact Andrew Olendzki at [andrew@dharmabuddhist.org](mailto:andrew@dharmabuddhist.org) or (978) 355-2347.*

*"How often do dreams come true—early? The prospect of completing our library, classroom, and residences a year ahead and significantly under budget is yet another credit to our resourceful director and his talented building team. Now we must do our part. Please help us to pay the remaining bills and increase our endowment to sustain this beautiful facility. You will feel even more proud each time you visit."*

—Christopher Queen, President of the Board, Dean and Lecturer on Buddhist Studies, Harvard University



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*The new terrace, overlooking Mt. Wachusett.*



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