



# Matagiri Sri Aurobindo Center

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Dear Friend of Matagiri,

This has been an especially full and expansive year, with progress and outreach on many fronts, but with a special effort to work on beautifying our land and forest.

We had a very successful All USA Meeting in July with over 100 participants from throughout the US, Europe and India in a wonderful collaboration with the California Institute for Integral Studies. Many participants came to Matagiri as part of the program and heard Sam, Narad, Dakshina, Wendy and me speak about our work in America on the West and East coasts.

This year brought a particular focus on our infrastructure and safety:

- A number of dead and dying trees throughout the lower property were removed.
- The entrance to Matagiri was cleared and graded for better visibility of oncoming traffic.
- Earth taken from the entrance was used to expand and level the lookout, which was then re-seeded.
- A team of volunteers working with Narad cleared brush, removed branches and stumps burning them in a bonfire worthy of Auroville.
- A tractor with a front-end loader loaned by a neighbor allowed this team to triple the size of the parking lot.

Unfortunately all this progress was punctuated with some major expenses including:

- Replacing our 30 year-old furnace
- Emergency clearing of the septic tank that failed during the AUM meeting.
- The repair of two roofs.

**In short, our expenses substantially outweighed our income. We very much need your help in restoring funds for operating expenses and emergencies. We have set a goal of \$10,000.**



As you know, our center is run by volunteers. Sam and Eric are present every day of the year to greet and spend time with visitors. They plan and oversee the maintenance and repair of the buildings and driveway. Wendy and I work on all our nonprofit work along with mailings and various programs as a service. Our Board and Advisors take time out from their busy lives of work and family to help our center progress.

Richard (Narad) Eggenberger, grew up in the Northeast and is trained as a landscaper. He received direct instruction from Mother on the plans for the Matrimandir Gardens and spends part of his year working in Auroville and the Ashram. He has pledged to visit us a few times each year to help work on the land, which is a great boost to us all.

When anyone comes by and lends a hand in our cleanup and karma yoga efforts, even if it is only for a couple of hours, it makes a great deal of difference. Your physical, emotional and financial support is critical to the health of our center.

With your help we can continue to preserve, maintain and beautify and expand Matagiri. This valuable land dedicated to Sri Aurobindo and Mother benefits us all. We need you to keep this center alive and growing.

**Please be as generous as possible.**

Warmly,

Julian Lines  
on behalf of the Matagiri Board and Board of Advisors

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