



# SEVENOAKS RETREAT CENTER

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Dear Brian:

Thank you for saying YES to Sevenoaks.

We have received wonderful comments from members and friends worldwide who have been unanimous in affirming our decision to pursue a sustainability plan for the retreat center. Here is an excerpt from a heartfelt letter from the Israeli Pathwork:

*"We are inspired by the healing process you went through... as we are grateful for the treasures of the Pathwork..., the helpers who periodically come...to teach us here, and the footsteps of those...whom we follow on our Path. We as a "young" community were moved to join in supporting you spiritually [and with] a modest financial contribution."*

We can look back at the past year as a spiritually meaningful crisis, a teaching and learning moment, and our decision as a response to an inner calling to give as much as we can to support human development — what the Pathwork lectures call the Great Plan of Salvation.

We said: YES! We know that personal growth will change the world – and we want to sustain the Center to carry out that work.

As a result, we have a credible plan for the future and the Board, staff and other volunteers are already executing the plan.

The best result so far? We have an energetic new Center Director, Paul Klinger. Paul started work in mid-October, and already has made great progress at Sevenoaks.

Our plan is a good one. But it depends on all of us to do what we can. **That is why I am writing you now.** We need your support, in whatever form or amount you can give.

I am asking you to give to the 2014 Fall Campaign so that we can continue to build our sustainability plan to benefit both the Pathwork programs and Sevenoaks Retreat Center.

A **yes now** and a financial contribution and will make this happen:

- Sevenoaks **will offer quarterly events** for better outreach to our neighbors in Madison County and Charlottesville (the first open house is scheduled for Dec. 18 and we want you to come!)
- We will develop new offerings at the Center and make it available for partner meetings and events as a way to build community.
- We will complete the back-up water system to ensure the Center will operate in the case of failure of our current very old operating well.
- We will make substantial improvements to Center Building (deck, siding), Corn Crib (siding, grading), Oak House (we've already primed and re-painted the outside!)
- We will add snazzy new painting throughout the Center.
- And, of course, we will go ahead with our plan to greatly expand rentals!