



CHARLOTTESVILLE T'AI CHI CENTER

International Cheng Ming Martial Arts Association, East Coast

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Dear Friends of Charlottesville T'ai Chi Center,

As 2024 approaches, CTCC is getting ready to celebrate our 20th anniversary as a nonprofit internal martial arts school. A lot can happen in twenty years! Since its establishment in 2004, CTCC has introduced the wonders of Taiji, Xing Yi, and Ba Gua to thousands of people in the Charlottesville area and beyond. A very generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. Kluge helped launch our dojo. Their intention was to help make the benefits they experienced from practicing Taiji and Qigong more accessible to people throughout the community. Today you have a chance to do the same.

To mark our 20th anniversary, this year's "20 for 20" campaign has set a goal of raising \$20,000. Yes, it's a big number, but it is one we can achieve together. As you know, class fees only begin to cover CTCC's expenses. We depend on donations and grants to do the rest. That's where you come in! If you have studied the 100-step Taiji form, you probably remember how distant the goal of learning the entire form seemed at the beginning. But by persisting, step by step, the goal came into view. A donation campaign is a little like that. Whether large or small, any contribution you make is a step that keeps CTCC moving forward.

Keeping a nonprofit martial arts school going in this modern day and age can be challenging. Over the past 20 years, we have had to be as nimble and adaptable as the moves we teach our students. CTCC has shifted locations many times. Our current dojo on Stewart Street is our 16th home. Since 2007 we have hosted Grandmaster Wang for a total of 24 workshops. In 2014 CTCC founded its annual Respect the Elderly Week, when we send out instructors to senior facilities to offer a "taste of Taiji" at no charge. Our community-based programs with special needs groups and seniors are going strong.

Of course, some of the most important accomplishments are the ones no one can count. Whenever you practice Taiji in the park or find a quiet spot in your day to sink deeper into a form, your body settles and your heart-mind begins to change in ways that cannot be numbered. The internal part of internal martial arts comes to the fore. Like a Wood Dragon--the sign for the upcoming year in the Chinese horoscope--you get in touch with your strength, creativity, expansiveness, generosity, and resilience. Wood Dragons encounter many challenges, but they persist. They never give up. A fitting symbol for CTCC after 20 years!

I would like to personally thank each of CTCC's volunteers, students, and donors for helping us go through the ups and downs of our journey, especially during the pandemic. Without you, truly, there is no CTCC.

With gratitude,

Hiromi Johnson, Director

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If you wish to donate to this year's annual campaign online, please use the QR code below or go to <https://donorbox.org/annual-donation-campaign-2023-20-for-20>.

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