

Dear Friends all the Living/Dying Project,

Usually our only request for donations is a few sentences on the back page of our annual newsletter. This year however, our financial situation is much more precarious than usual. Earlier this year we were very confident of receiving a grant that would have covered more than half of our operating expenses this coming year, but much to our surprise, we just found out we would not receive this money. So for only the second time since the Project came back to California in 1986, I am making a special appeal telling you that we genuinely need your support. Please realize that any donation you make will be used well and will be received with gratitude.

Offering free-of-charge spiritual support to people with a life-threatening illness is not a very good business model. The Living/Dying Project supported over 900 direct client service encounters in the last calendar year. Most of our work is done by volunteers and our overhead is low. About \$55 would fund one of these support meetings with a client.

I always try to remember that this is not my Living/Dying Project, but God's, and that my work as the Director of the Project is my devotion expressed through selfless service. In the past, money has always appeared when needed in order to keep going. If you believe that our society is dealing with death in a damaging and fearful way and that healing our cultural fear of death is one of the most direct ways that we can heal the critical imbalances we see all around us, then please consider not only making a donation, but contacting one or several friends and encourage them to explore our website and join our mailing list. You might know someone for whom a connection with the Project would be truly beneficial.

Your support in all its forms is appreciated.

With love,

Dale Borglum