



Foundation Project
Caracas Kagyu Center
Activity Report 2019

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1. Description of the Object

Buddhist Center Caracas

Venezuela, Caracas. Urb. La Floresta, Av. El Samán, Quinta Los Marques.

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Registration Number:

- Property Register of Caracas: Registro Público del Municipio Chacao del Estado Miranda. Nro register: 2012-668, Tomo: 240.13.18.1.8451. Asiento Registral #1 land parcel 3, parcel 112, size 630 m2, recorded on 27 March 2012.
- Day of purchase: 27 March 2012
- Purchase price: 321,000 \$

It is a classical frame house with 2 floors.

The Buddhist Center in Caracas functions since 2002, back then a group of friends managed to rent a house under proper conditions for living and meditating together, this place became the first Live-in Center in Latin America.

This house was shared with a family, who lived in the upper floor since before; we did rent the ground floor for the Live-in center. Time after the family moved and we were able to rent it completely.

In April 2012 the purchase of the place was concreated, thanks to the help and support from many Venezuelan friends and also from friends around the world and the International Foundation.

During the year 2011 the foundation registration was submitted as *Buddhismus Stiftung Diamantweg Der Karma Kagyu Linie in Venezuela* under Merchant registration Number 36 Tomo 1.

The house has six bedrooms, two of them with private bathrooms.

One of the rooms is for guests (5 guests in beds), it has a bathroom also which is shared by the guests. There are two kitchens, one in each ground due to the fact that the house was divided into two units by the former owners, now upper kitchen is used only for weekend courses and special events, and the ground kitchen is for daily use. Also the house counts with a social area, reading area and library, 2 tool rooms and garage place for 12 cars.

Currently the Gompa has an area of 50 m2.

FACADE TOWARD THE AVENUE



FACADE INSIDE THE CENTER





SOCIAL AREA BEFORE MEDITATION SESSION



LIBRARY AND READING AREA



KITCHEN ON THE GROUND FLOOR



THE GOMPA





2. Buddhism Foundation Diamond Way locally

Live-in Center Caracas is situated at the central region, Caracas - Capital District of Venezuela.

It is located in the east side of Metropolitan Area, in a Housing complex named La Floresta, The Saman Street, Los Marques.

The friends who lived in the center during 2019 were the following:

1. Hildybel Valera.
2. Isabel Morfe (Young teenager, Hildybel's daughter).
3. Rosbely Rojas.
4. Frank Correa.
5. Viviana Aluicio.
6. José Gregorio Ramirez.

3. Routine Activities of the Buddhist Center in Caracas

Group: Number of members in organization: 10 members.

Group: Number of members participating in activities: 25 members.

Activities:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 6:30 p.m. 16th Karmapa Meditation.

Saturdays: 11:20 a.m.: Introductory talk for new people, 10 minutes talk, 16th Karmapa Meditation.

Saturdays: 3:00pm. – 6:00 pm.: Ngöndro Practice.

1st Tuesday of each month 5 p.m.:

Loving Eyes Meditation as a recommendation by Lama Ole.

Last Thursday of each month 8 p.m.:

The America's Meditation. We connected with Sangha friends in North, Center and South America and meditated together.

Last Fridays of each month, 6 p.m.:

Monthly organization meeting and 16th Karmapa Meditation before begin.



Eat and share:

Every fortnight we share a delicious soup on Wednesdays, after regular 16th Karmapa Meditation.

4. Dharma Activity 2019

30th Anniversary of the Diamond Way Buddhism in Venezuela:

Events:

- **We celebrate the 24th of march the 30 years since Lama Ole & Hannah visited us for the first time.** We start the celebration with a national meditation on the “The 16th Karmapa” via zoom with all centers in the country, then each center shared an activity with friends such as Ngöndro, eat together & dancing.





- As a **tribute to Hannah Nydahl and the 30 years of activity in the country** we organized a presentation of “Hannah The Film” on the **17th of April** in one of our most popular cultural halls in the city. The place was full and 108 persons enjoyed the movie.
- **Presentation of Hannah the Film in Caracas Buddhist Center on July** where friends from other centers in the country came and we shared many activities such as auctions, raffles, food and joy.



- **Ngöndro practices** for one day or during the weekend, once a month.
- In November, we invited our friend and travel teacher Dilia Navarro as part of the celebration of the 30 years of activity in the country for a **National Course**.



