



Dear Friend of Auroville,

Wednesday, August 15th, 2001

We bring to your attention a special opportunity for you to dramatically further the development of Auroville's body (land purchase) and soul (construction of the Matrimandir), and to help build a stronger affiliation between Auroville and the United States (start building the USA Pavilion).

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, contributions made till the end of this year towards the Auroville Land Fund, the Matrimandir Inner Skin, or the USA Pavilion in the International Zone will be double matched. All you need to do is make a tax-deductible donation to any one of these three projects, and the anonymous donor will give that same amount to each of the other two projects. This gives you the chance to triple your donation to Auroville this year!

The anonymous donor is willing to donate a total of \$200,000. This means that, in order to fully accept the anonymous donor's generosity, all of us together must raise a total of \$100,000 before December 31st, 2001. Since the All USA Meeting in July 2001, when this program was initiated, Auroville International USA has received over \$28,000 in contributions that qualify for this special matching program.

We give our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have already contributed at the All USA Meeting, and at the Los Angeles fundraiser. To those of you who have not yet taken advantage of this unique opportunity to have your tax-deductible donation tripled, we extend an invitation for you do so now.

We look forward to your generous support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Nilauro Markus".

Nilauro Markus
Executive Director, Auroville International USA

The Body of Auroville – The Land

Securing the land for Auroville is not just another project. It is the physical foundation, the Body of Auroville, which is essential for the very realization of Auroville itself as envisaged by the Mother.

The land that still remains to be purchased in the planned Auroville area can be divided into three categories: land for the City, land along the access roads and land for the Green Belt.

In the City area, Auroville still needs to acquire 200 acres. Without these crucial lands, a coherent infrastructure planning and construction of the city, as envisaged in the Auroville Township Master Plan 2000 – 2025, will be impossible. Another necessity is to secure the extremely critical plots along the access roads that run through the Green Belt to the city. Otherwise, Auroville faces the risk of a strip development that would leave these roads too narrow for a future township of 50,000 people. This would also adversely affect the Green Belt, which plays an important role in creating an ecological balance for the entire bioregion. In order to consolidate Auroville's environmental restoration work, about 800 acres in the Green Belt are needed on a priority basis.

Your contribution will help to secure these urgently needed lands for Auroville. With the \$100,000 that are to be raised for the Land through this matching program, Auroville will be able to purchase 20 acres, or about 10% of the land still needed in the City Area.

Guy Ryckaert - landfund@auroville.org.in

The Soul of Auroville – The Matrimandir

When the Mother involved herself personally in designing the Matrimandir, there were certain points where she said, "I do not see clearly what it looks like" and certain points where she was very specific and clear. One of the points she was clearest on, was that there should be salmon-orange-pink glow inside the main Matrimandir building (not the inner meditation chamber). To make sure that the color would be correct, she gave Roger Anger (Matrimandir's architect) a piece of cloth that was the color of the Auroville hibiscus.

Roger Anger, who had received the Mother's instructions regarding this aspect of Matrimandir, has worked out the technical details: The diffuse sunlight behind the golden disks should shine through the 800 portholes in the ferrocement skin, illuminating 800 translucent orange-pink triangles, which form the Matrimandir's Inner Skin. Although the shape and size of these translucent triangles is determined by the triangular beam structure, the beams and portholes should not be visible through the Inner Skin. The whole inside of Matrimandir should be filled with this orange-pink glow, coming from all sides, and no design-element or detail behind the orange screen should disturb the peaceful impression.

After five years of research, we have developed a process of how to manufacture and install the desired safety-glass triangles in the correct size, color and transparency. Our research has shown, however, that although the entire manufacturing process can be done locally, all the glass, coloring agents, laminating resins, aluminum fixtures and high-grade silicon needed for the project must be imported from Europe.

We have worked out all the details, and are ready to begin the manufacturing process. All that is needed now is the money for the imported materials.

Each of the 800 triangles will cost about \$1,500, a sum of \$1.2 million for the entire project. With the \$100,000 that you can help us raise by the end of this year, we will be able to manufacture 66 of the triangles, an auspicious 1/12th of the entire Inner Skin Project.

Michael Bonke - matrimandir@auroville.org.in

The link between Auroville and the USA – The USA Pavilion:

A seed has been planted in the Americas Area of Auroville's International Zone - a seed that seeks to grow into an expression of the soul of the United States. We need your help to literally "supply the earth" in which that seed can grow, and with which we can build the first structure of the USA Pavilion.

Mother has a vision of Auroville that includes a vibrant International Zone, in which buildings and programs represent each nation. The Pavilions will offer a space for the expression of each nation's search for its genius and soul, and its true place in the world. They will be multi-functional and will host varieties of educational programs, research and cultural activities.

After many years of discussion and initial fund raising for the Pavilion of the United States, we are now prepared to establish a permanent presence in the International Zone. This coming winter, 37 students and 4 faculty members from the University of Washington will live and work in Auroville. They will complete the design and construction of the USA Pavilion's first building: a dormitory based on sustainable architectural and environmental design principles. These students and faculty are donating their labor and paying their own costs to come – a donation of over \$200,000!

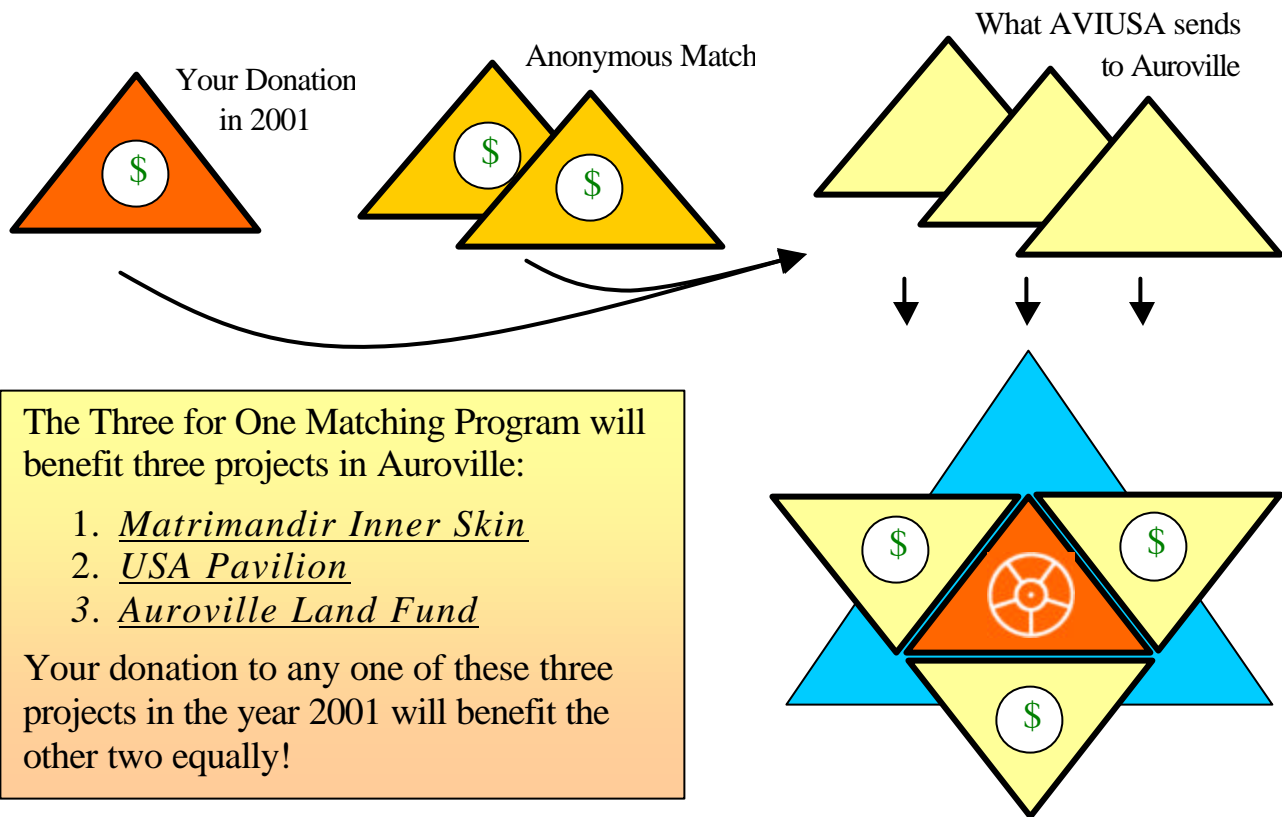
To complete the project (including infrastructure, gardens and furnishings), we need to raise \$150,000 for the materials and local artisans. The \$100,000 that is being raised in this matching effort will ensure the completion of the actual building. We need your help to buy the pressed-earth bricks and other items that will make the building a model of beauty, simplicity, functionality, and cooperative, efficient construction. We hope that the construction of this dormitory will inspire other nations to start their own work in the International Zone, so that Mother's vision will be realized as a living embodiment of a true human unity.

Bill Leon - billleon@geoeducation.org

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The Three for One Matching Program

An Anonymous Donor is inviting you to help channel the Universal Force of Money-Power for Her works.



The Three for One Matching Program will benefit three projects in Auroville:

1. Matrimandir Inner Skin
2. USA Pavilion
3. Auroville Land Fund

Your donation to any one of these three projects in the year 2001 will benefit the other two equally!

Example:

If you make a donation of, say, \$250 to the Matrimandir Inner Skin project by the 31st of December 2001, the anonymous donor will match your donation with \$250 for the USA Pavilion and another \$250 for the Auroville Land Fund. Your initial donation of \$250 to one of the three projects will result in a total of \$750 being sent to Auroville. The same process will occur if a donation is given to the USA Pavilion or to the Auroville Land Fund.

In this way, your donation will be tripled and all three of the projects will benefit equally!

Up to \$100,000 in donations from the collective will be matched through the end of 2001. If donations are given up to \$100,000, the anonymous donor will give \$200,000 so that the total given is \$300,000.

Please make tax-deductible donations payable to AVIUSA, with a memo specifying to which of the three projects your donation applies, and mail to:

AVIUSA, P.O. Box 877, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-0877

(831) 425-5620, info@aviusa.org, <http://www.aviusa.org>



TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION FORM

I would like to make the following tax-deductible donation now, so that it can be tripled before being sent to Auroville:

Specific Project: <input type="checkbox"/> Auroville Land Fund \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Matrimandir Inner Skin \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> USA Pavilion \$ _____	Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (also possible by phone/online):
Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard Expires: ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> Discover Name on Card: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> AmEx Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__
Please make checks or money orders payable to AVIUSA. Credit card donations can also be made online or over the phone. Auroville International USA is an educational non-profit organization, registered under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.	<p style="text-align: center;">Auroville International USA PO Box 877 Santa Cruz, CA 95061 (831) 425-5620, info@aviusa.org, http://www.aviusa.org</p>



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**An anonymous donor is willing to triple
 certain donations made to Auroville before Dec. 31st, 2001.
 Look inside to see how your tax-deductible donation
 can make a big difference!**