

My niece Dr Patricia MD became involved with Surya Ma some time in 2005. She is a physician, and had been practicing in the Middle West before her move to Montana.

Shortly after she moved she contacted me, as well as other family members, asking for a short term loan. I had just sold my house, so I was able to lend her the \$50,000 she asked for.

In November of 2005 she wrote: "I am pleased to let you know that our healing school, The Surya Institute for Systemic Healing and Living Waters Sanctuary, our residential waterfront healing community and holistic medi-spa project, is steadily taking form each and every day.

We are working around the clock, seven days a week and when I say we, I refer to a very special group of people who have become very near and dear to me, who are giving their all to launch this incredible "enlightened enterprise."

It became obvious that more than a "short term" loan was involved, so I asked for, and received, a promissory note. Surya Ma's name does not appear anywhere on the note.

In the 11/05 letter Dr Patricia MD also wrote, "Your seed money has joined with the funds of 35 generous and forward thinking souls to create our start up fund of over \$ 1.5 million."

I believe that in addition to the money collected from friends and family members, Dr Patricia MD, my niece, turned over all of her personal assets to Surya Ma.

I see Dr Patricia MD from time to time when she comes to visit her mother, but we don't talk about the loan. I love her and know she would pay me back if she could.