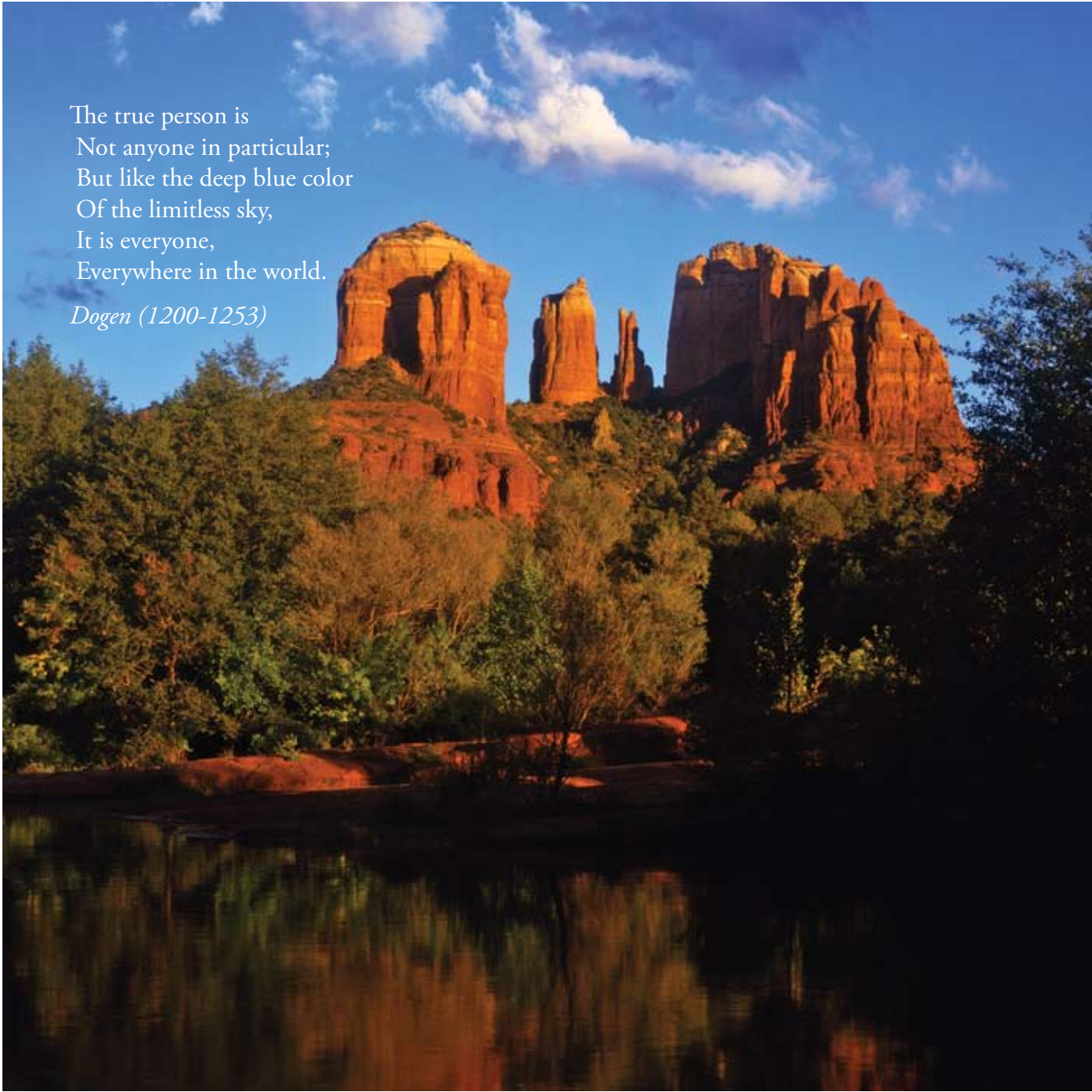




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The true person is  
Not anyone in particular;  
But like the deep blue color  
Of the limitless sky,  
It is everyone,  
Everywhere in the world.

*Dogen (1200-1253)*

## Letter from the Co-Founder

*There is much argument over whether or not drug and alcohol abuse and addiction are caused by the environment and culture, bad choices of the individual or genetic pre-disposition. This is a debate that will take place for years to come.*

*What we do know is this: Alcohol and Drug addictions are a symptom of emotional and spiritual pain. Even so called recreational use of drugs and alcohol is a cover-up for uncomfortable feelings or emotions. We use drugs and alcohol as a cure all for feelings of low self esteem, fear of what other people will think of us, fear of being humiliated, rejected, judged or ignored and so on. Unless these painful emotions and their causes are addressed, the more likely the symptoms of drug and alcohol abuse will reappear.*

*The statistics of adolescent recovery are discouraging but indicative of the fact that we have put a disproportionate amount of resources treating the symptoms without teaching young people how to read, understand, and constructively deal with their emotional aches and pains.*

*You see, in our society students are encouraged to master the SAT's, PSAT's, ACT's, and LM-NOP's of academic life. And little or no importance is given to the importance of emotional or even spiritual literacy.*

*We believe at least one of the causes of this emotional illiteracy lies at our feet. We do all we can to equip our young people with a language for professional success while failing to provide them with providing a language for life. The language that empowers them to cope with stress, fear, feelings of low self esteem and on and on.*

*In his book, "Poetry Language and Thought", the philosopher, Martin Heidegger, says that "Language is the house of being." In other words, what one is as a human being, where one resides spiritually and emotionally is dependent on the words and the language with which one learns to think.*

Charles F. Harper  
*Co-Founder & Executive Director*



## There's no Place Like the Zia Transition Home.

The Zia Home's exceptional professional staff, enchanting Sedona location, holistic program and luxurious facilities provide an enriched therapeutic transitional learning environment for students from all over the world.

At the Zia Home students further their academic education while learning and reinforcing the processes and techniques for maintaining and strengthening a healthy balance between their physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual selves. The result is a student who is ready and able to be a world citizen with the tools to live a healthy, happy and sober life.

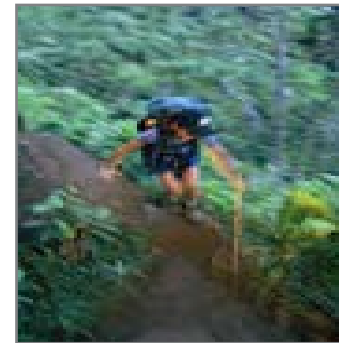
## Where is Zia Located?

Located in Sedona, Arizona the Zia is a nurturing, holistic healing program that serves an international population of high school age (13-17 years of age) individuals working on substance abuse/addictions and other life/health issues Zia serves up to six teenagers who actually live on the luxurious and beautiful setting that is the Zia Transition Home.

Zia's students are generally successful graduates of therapeutic and/or short-term recovery programs. They are at a stage in their recovery where they are ready and willing to become engaged as students and as citizens of the community.

## Who does Zia Serve?

Since Zia serves such a small community of students each student's schedule is custom designed to meet them where they are academically, emotionally, spiritually and physically. After an initial assessment and orientation period, students who live at Zia go to school during the day. After school and on weekends students participate in activities that touch on the emotional health, the physical well being, the spiritual growth and the intellectual development of each student.





## How is Zia Staffed?

Zia's proprietary program is staffed by individuals representing disciplines ranging from a nutritionist to a psychologist, masseuse to an outdoor therapist and educational consultant to a spiritual director. There are four full time and eight part time staff members. A minimum of four staff people will be on premise during the day and a minimum of two staff people living at the home at night.

In addition to its outstanding staff, Zia's co-founder, Rev. Charles F. Harper and his wife Barbara live as resident managers and counselors at the Zia Home.

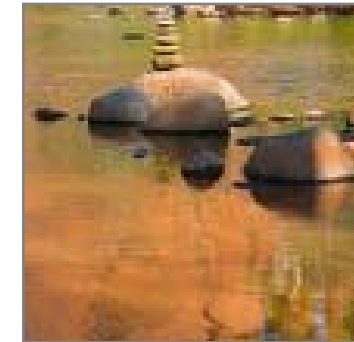
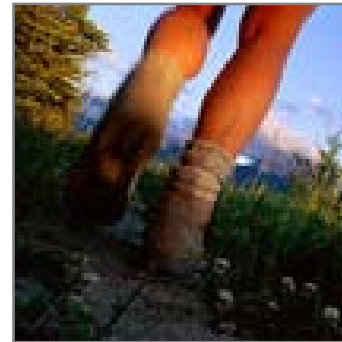
## Who Founded Zia and Why?

The Zia Transition Home was founded by Charles F. Harper and John W. Rosso. John and Charlie met when Charlie worked with John's son who was in recovery.

As a parent of a child in recovery John searched for a program that would provide his son with emotional and spiritual support while he transitioned into a mainstream educational program from a wilderness program. John found none.

As a counselor Charlie witnessed first hand the struggle teenagers in recovery had when they returned to their old neighborhoods or educational settings where there was little or no support for their sobriety and emotional well being.

Together they determined that there was a need for a program that would meet young people where they are in their recovery and customize a program that would empower them to transition into mainstream educational or occupational programs while practicing the tools and techniques of living healthy, happy and sober lives.



## Who do we contact?

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