



Merit Box Distribution 2009

The International Merit Box Project brings together an international community of practitioners who wish to foster their daily practice of generosity while helping Lama Zopa Rinpoche fund beneficial projects worldwide. The international success of the Merit Box Project is reason for great rejoicing and a true testament to the collective generosity of the FPMT community.

“When we practice generosity, we are applying the exact antidote to attachment.”
-Lama Zopa Rinpoche

Genuine heartfelt appreciation goes out to all who have practiced generosity in 2009 and to the Merit Box Coordinators who have worked so hard to make this beneficial project a success.

The offerings distributed for 2009 from Merit Box Project Fund amounted to \$70,000. Of the 18 grant proposals we received from various centers and projects, 15 have been awarded grants.

Below is a list of the projects that received funding from the 2009 Merit Box Project campaign.

Center/Project and Grant Amount (in alphabetical order)

Center/Study Group/Project	Project Name	Grant Amount
Chagtong Chentong Centre	Golden Buddha	\$3,000
Chenrezig Institute	Enlightenment Project and Art Workshop	\$5,850
Foundation for Developing Compassion and Wisdom	Essential Education for Places of Conflict	\$5,000
FPMT Translation Fund	Manjushri Mountain & Other Pilgrimage Translations	\$4,000
International Mahayana Institute	Lama Yeshe Sangha Fund	\$4,000
Kurukulla Center	Painting the Center	\$2,000
Loving Kindness Peaceful Youth	Loving Kindness Peaceful Youth Programs	\$5,000
Liberation Prison Project	Liberation Prison Project Newsletter	\$4,000
Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive	Big Love (Lama Yeshe's biography)	\$5,000
Mahamudra Centre	Buddha Houses and Mandala	\$4,000
Maitripa College	Library Development	\$8,000
Milarepa Center	Guru Rinpoche Statue	\$3,000
Vajrapani Institute	Lama Yeshe's Tara Thangka	\$2,400

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Vajrayogini Institute	Thangka Art Studio	\$10,700
	Total Disbursements	\$70,000.00

For additional information about the International Merit Box Project, including how to apply for 2010 funding, please contact meritbox@fpmt.org. As part of the 2009 grant process, we are asking grantees to complete periodic progress reports so we can rejoice in the latest Merit Box-funded successes with our friends throughout the year.