

## **International Merit Box Project Distribution 2014**

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 those who have practiced generosity in 2014 and to the Merit Box Coordinators who have worked so hard to make this beneficial project a success.

The offerings distributed for 2014 from the Merit Box Project Fund amounted to approximately \$55,000. We received 18 grant proposals totaling \$117,245 from various centers, projects and initiatives, and have awarded 15 grants.

Center/Service	Project	Grant Amt
Gendun Drupa Center, Switzerland	Hayagriva Statue	\$1,555
International Mahayana Institute, France	Retreat Support for IMI Sangha	\$4,000
Jamyang Center/Community Courthouse Centre, UK	Repaying the Kindness	\$2,000
Kadampa Center, USA	Gompa Prayer Book Expansion Project	\$1,000
Karuna Hospice Services, AUS	Development of Spiritual Carer Training Program	\$5,000
Lamp of the Path Mongolia	Soup Kitchen (Feeding the Homeless)	\$4,000
Liberation Prison Project, USA	Mandala Magazine Subscriptions for Prisoners	\$1,000
Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive, USA	Big Love, Lama Yeshe: The Official Biography of Lama Yeshe	\$5,000
Lama Zopa Rinpoche Bodhicitta Fund	Grant for Ongoing Operations for Osel Labrang	\$8,000
Lama Zopa Rinpoche Bodhicitta Fund	Postage paid for Prayer Flags for Rinpoche's Long Life	\$8,311
Maitripa College, USA	Research Library Tibetan Language Program	\$1,000 \$1,000
Milarepa Center, USA	Paving the Way to Enlightenment	\$7,500
Online Learning Fund	Grant Covering Costs of Live Webcasts of Lama Zopa Rinpoche's teachings	\$2,877
Vajrapani Institute, USA	Lama Yeshe Statue Shrine	\$2,500

For additional information about the International Merit Box Project, please contact meritbox@fpmt.org. As part of the 2014 grant process, we are asking grantees to complete a progress report so we can rejoice in the latest Merit Box-funded successes with our friends throughout the year.