Merit Box Distribution 2009

The Merit Box is a wonderful practice to develop our practice of generosity and help Lama Zopa Rinpoche to fund valuable projects which fulfill Rinpoche's amazing vision. This provides the opportunity for rejoicing on many levels!

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

The Merit Box Project continued to evolve by completing the translation of the practice into 11 different languages. Merit Box is continuing to request grant proposals from all the FPMT centers, study groups, and projects. We sent kits to coordinators and participants around the world in 33 different countries.

Genuine heartfelt appreciation goes out to all who have participated 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 \$53,500.

18 different centers submitted 21 grant proposals. 10 centers and projects will be receiving grants. Below is a list of the projects that have received funding from the 2009 Campaign.

| Center | Project | Amount |
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| Foundation for Developing Compassion and | Wisdom Essential Education | \$5,000 |
| International Mahayana Institute | Light of the Path Sangha Retreat | \$5,000 |
| Lama Zopa Rinpoche's International Office | Hayagriva Statue | \$4,500 |
| Lama Zopa Rinpoche's International Office | Lama Tsongkhapa Statue | \$4,000 |
| Kadampa Center | Light of the Path Retreat | \$5,000 |
| Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive | Big Love Book | \$5,000 |
| Maitri Leprosy Center | General Support for the center | \$5,000 |
| Maitripa College | Library Fund | \$5,000 |
| The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion | Jade Statue Tour | \$5,000 |
| FPMT Puja Fund | Pujas for all of FPMT as needed | \$5,000 |
| FPMT Spain | Spanish Translation Group | \$2,500 |
| FPMT Brazil | Brazil Translation Group | \$2,500 |

PLEASE REJOICE STRONGLY FOR THESE VIRTUOUS PROJECTS AND THE PEOPLE THAT DONATED TO SUPPORT THEIR SUCCESS!

For additional information, please contact The Merit Box Project.

^{*}Information about the Merit Box Project and many other projects can be found at http://www.fpmt.org/projects/