



International Merit Box Project Distribution 2010

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 2010 and to the Merit Box Coordinators who have worked so hard to make this beneficial project a success.

The offerings distributed for 2010 from the Merit Box Project Fund amounted to \$78,200. We received 20 grant proposals from various centers and projects and have awarded 17 grants.

Below is a list of the projects that received funding from the 2010 Merit Box Project.

Center/Project and Grant Amount (in alphabetical order)

| Center /Project/Service | Project | Grant Amount |
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| Editions Vajra Yogini | Publishing <i>Steps of the Path to Enlightenment, Volume One</i> by Geshe Lhundup Sopa in French | \$5,000 |
| Foundation for Developing Compassion and Wisdom | Art and Ethics, a program for young people | \$5,000 |
| FPMT Education Services | <i>Service as a Path to Enlightenment</i> and <i>Lama Chopal Jorcho</i> | \$4,000 |
| FPMT International Office | Most Secret Hayagriva Statue | \$1,684 |
| FPMT Puja Fund | Ongoing Pujas for FPMT | \$2,000 |
| Istituto Lama Tzong Khapa | Masters Program | \$12,000 |
| Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive | Big Love (Lama Yeshe's biography) | \$5,000 |
| Land of Calm Abiding | Retreatant Support | \$3,000 |
| Loving Kindness Peaceful Youth | Online HABITS Program | \$3,500 |
| Maitripa College | Library Development | \$5,000 |
| Milarepa Center | Stupa Ornamentation | \$3,000 |
| Mandala Publications | Magazine Subscriptions for Prisoners | \$4,200 |
| Online Learning Center Fund | Video Teachings Development | \$2,000 |
| Osel Education Fund | Osel's Education | \$10,500 |
| Repaying the Kindness, a project of Jamyang Buddhist Centre | Meditation for Carers Program | \$5,000 |
| Vajrapani Institute | Lama Yeshe Statue | \$5,000 |
| Ven. Freeman Trebilcock | New Youth Program Research | \$2,316 |
| | Total Disbursements | \$78,200 |

For additional information about the International Merit Box Project, including how to apply for 2011 funding, please contact meritbox@fpmt.org. As part of the 2010 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.