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Dear Friend,

On any given day this world appears to be filled with war and suffering, rooted in seemingly endless cycles of hatred and violence. Yet most of us continue to believe in the fundamental capacity of human beings to develop a sense of compassion and the skills to live together in harmony. Our eyes and hearts are open to the difficulties of the world, and at the same time we know a better world...

We know a world in which youth on three continents are using technology to talk about the meaning of happiness and peace in their lives, and to create educational materials to share with others, through **Project Happiness**.

We know a world in which friends on every continent have formed **Study Circles** based on the Dalai Lama's book *Ethics for the New Millennium*, to explore together what it means to lead an ethical and satisfying life.

And we know a world in which thousands of people have seen and been moved by **The Missing Peace**, a multimedia art exhibition bringing together 88 artists from 30 countries, with accompanying educational materials.


Your support in the past has contributed to making it possible for The Dalai Lama Foundation to reach out and work with so many people and projects already – the study guides, curricula, The Missing Peace Project, and Project Happiness – to mention a few in this short letter.

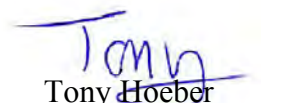
Now, more than ever, we need your help to take The Dalai Lama Foundation to its next level of effectiveness as a force for peace in the world. We see potential and limitless opportunities ahead of us, and we are dependent on the goodwill and support of all our friends and partners to fulfill them.

So, please send a gift to The Dalai Lama Foundation, and remember to visit our website at [www.dalailamafoundation.org](http://www.dalailamafoundation.org). Online donations are also welcomed.


Thank you for your support and friendship, and for all you do to create the better world that we all know is possible.

Sincerely,

  
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## Key Initiatives For 2008

Help us make the vision of a global movement for ethics and peace education a reality by supporting these key initiatives for 2008.

**Study Circles.** Our study circles based on the Dalai Lama's book *Ethics for the New Millennium* continue to thrive, with circles and leaders all over the globe. Our international coordinator, Emmanuel Ande Ivorgba, of Jos, Nigeria, has personally involved hundreds of high school students in local circles there – 12 new circles in 2007 alone. New this year is interest in prisons, and study circles in Washington and Texas have been launched. Versions of the *Study Guide* can be downloaded in English, Chinese, Portuguese and Spanish from our website. We're happy to report that as of September, 2007, the Study Guide had been downloaded over 27,000 times! Online at [www.dalailamafoundation.org/studycircles](http://www.dalailamafoundation.org/studycircles).

→ **Wish List:** Funding to print Study Guides and purchase copies of *Ethics for the New Millennium* to respond to the numerous requests we receive, especially from those who have limited or no access to the Internet.

**The Missing Peace Project.** With the Committee of 100 for Tibet, the Foundation has created a major art exhibition bringing together 85 artists from 30 countries. To date the exhibition has shown at the Fowler Museum in Los Angeles, the Loyola University Museum of Art in Chicago, the Rubin Museum of Art and the School of Visual Arts in New York, and the Visual Art Gallery at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. The exhibition opens at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco on December 1, 2007, before traveling to Europe and Asia in 2008. In conjunction with the exhibition, we have developed middle school and high school curricula, using art as a doorway to an exploration of peace. These materials are freely available for downloading from our website; we have had over 10,000 downloads to date. Online at [www.tmppp.org](http://www.tmppp.org).

→ **Wish List:** Funding to print the educational posters and curriculum guides and distribute them to educators, and funding to work with the Missing Peace artists to develop additional posters and materials.

**Project Happiness.** Project Happiness is a collaborative project which joins high school classes from the United States, Nigeria and India on the universal quest to find lasting happiness. Throughout the 2006-2007 school year, the students engaged in a cross-cultural dialogue on the relationship between ethics, values and happiness via blogs and video diaries. Following months of inner reflection and conversation, the students met face-to-face in India and had the opportunity to pose questions to the Dalai Lama. Director Randy Taran and the Project Happiness Team are making an impact by developing:

- A version of Project Happiness for New Technology High Schools that connects to their Social Emotional Wellness curriculum for Fall 2007;
- A *Guidebook to Happiness*, written "by youth for youth";
- An online presence at [www.projecthappiness.com](http://www.projecthappiness.com) that will continue to grow and leverage the power of the web through blogs, video diaries and podcasts;
- A feature length documentary film follows high school seniors from three continents in their year-long quest, including their transformative interview with the Dalai Lama.

→ **Wish List:** Funding for the book, website, and film.