

A Partnership in Peace Realized...

Your help and shared intention have made this invitation of peace and freedom more fully available than ever before. Here's how....

Volunteer/Donor Report 2009

Gangaji's 2009 World Tour

Through the inspiration and perspiration (!) of volunteers around the world, Gangaji could say "yes" to many heartfelt invitations. This year she met in person with thousands of people all around the world, traveling to 24 cities in 7 different countries.

New Video Offering

Atmara Cloe created a powerful new video compilation. After reviewing material from dozens of videos, she gathered the best material on the theme of self-hatred. The new piece will be released shortly and is called *The Heart Can Bear It All: Moving Through Self-Hatred to True Love*.

"We are eternally grateful, personally, to all of you for your dedication to supporting the Truth. You have revolutionized our lives."



New Website New Focus

After many months of detailed work, the Foundation staff launched Gangaji's new website in April. We are now getting about 25,000 visits each month. As we move forward into 2010, the primary development focus of the site will be on new media. New conferencing and webcasting technologies can connect us all and create more global gatherings. Gatherings that are more affordable, but still offer the opportunity of deep inquiry.

The first new program, *With Gangaji*, will launch in February 2010. Gangaji has designed a new monthly program that includes monthly telephone conferences, exclusive online materials, and a special weekend/webcast gathering. The feedback on the new conferencing technology has been excellent.

Freedom in Prison

Chris Mohr and Bev Collins are managing the administration of the Gangaji Foundation Prison Program. Bev responds to all the requests from inmates across the country. With the support of donation dollars, Bev has shipped hundreds of books to those living behind bars this year. She has also made sure that all the prisoners who want to join the correspondence program are matched up with a volunteer.

Chris is now offering a training program to support those who are ready to offer videos to prisoners in their local area. There is such a great need, and this work has been so powerful for both inmates and volunteers. With this new support we hope new volunteers can come forward to offer in-prison visits

Michael Malone has been steadily offering videos in Folsom and is working diligently to expand the program there. Please let us know if you are interested in working with Michael.



Our new "home" office in Ashland, Oregon

"It's hard to contain my excitement of the birds and trees and plants, and natural beauty that exists in a place also surrounded by razor wire!

I've gotta tell though, I simply see it less and less. The more I am here, the more it all just dissolves in silence." —Inmates letter

We Made the Move

The Gangaji Foundation's office lease ended in November. That brought a great opportunity to significantly reduce overhead and bring the Foundation offices into a beautiful new place. Over the last few months, Ashland volunteers helped the staff make the big move. It was really something to watch such a FULL basement steadily empty out. As well as raising funds with a moving sale, some generous donations were made to a few Ashland community groups including the Ashland Food Bank, Oregon Shakespeare Theatre, and the Ashland Art Bank. The staff and office volunteers are happily situated in a new "cottage" office pictured above, where we also hold Gangaji's Small Group Retreats. Please write to us now at The Gangaji Foundation, PO Box 716, Ashland, Oregon, 97520.

At the Grassroots

Over 170 local video hosts opened their homes and hearts for regular gatherings.

Werner Weissenfels has just established an online video group, so anyone can attend from anywhere in the world!

Hillary Brenner in Australia launched a Gangaji group on *Facebook*, which now has about 1400 members. It is a great way to connect and stay in touch.

55 PATV hosts have made Gangaji's videos available to their community, putting out this invitation to peace to many thousands of people across the United States.

Gangaji is now writing blogs for the Huffington Post, Intent.com, and Care2.com.

Our office shipping and fulfillment team, including George Cook, Meera Censor and Bernardina Ideler have shipped out over 2700 individual orders for books, videos and audios.

Michael Byers leads an awesome team of transcribers. Every meeting with Gangaji is transcribed for use in articles, web materials, emails, etc. The transcribers report they really love the job, and we all really love the result.



Taking Good Care

The Loving Gift of Scholarships

Our donations provided full and partial scholarships to many grateful recipients. Those on fixed incomes, facing disabilities or medical crises, or who recently lost their jobs, were deeply supported this year. It is an important opportunity to be in retreat, but not all have the resources. The scholarship program ensures that the opportunity to be retreat is shared with others. The cost of the scholarship program this year was \$21,000.

"When I applied for a scholarship...I felt the great desire to spend a peaceful week in retreat. When I was notified that I'd received a scholarship to attend the retreat as well as be fed and have a room I was in awe. Ultimately, this retreat has lead to great freedom for me and deep love. Thank you all so much for your service and for the gift that has been extended to this one."

Sustainability in Tough Economy



Simply Responding

Just like every non-profit, we've been hit by the economic storms. The GF Board and staff have taken important steps to respond.

Expenses have been reduced across the budget including staffing, direct expenses and lowered overhead.

Through the website, new online programs are being developed that require fewer resources from all of us, while continuing to make events with Gangaji fully available.

You can also play a role in creating sustainable solutions. By using the new interfaces on the website for video groups, public access TV, orders and registrations, you support streamlined office systems which directly support the staff and office volunteers.

Yes, Your Donation Matters

Every donation counts. Large or small, every donation carries with it an earnest intention—to serve the recognition of peace. And that intention carries with it a transmission of peace. Every one of our donation dollars translates into an offering that touches our lives as well as others.

If you aren't a donor already, please consider becoming a monthly sustaining donor or making a one-time donation this year. And if you have made a commitment as a donor already, we ask that you continue your support. You can make a donation online or use the enclosed envelope.

Shoring Up the Gap

It is tough for everybody in this economy. The GF Board recognizes that and asks **if you are in a position to help close the Foundation's year-end shortfall, your help is needed.**

Lower attendance at events and fewer bookstore orders has created a year-end loss estimated at -\$74,000. As financial stewards, the Board has increased the annual donations goal from \$225,000 to \$299,000 to cover the shortfall. *(See a full financial report on the website/About the Foundation section.)*

Together, we have already raised \$147,000. To make this new annual goal, we now need to raise an additional \$152,000.

If we can meet this goal, there will be a healthy financial foundation for our partnership in peace to move forward into 2010.

Stay Connected

- *Volunteer at Gangaji's events*
- *Offer a local video group in your area*
- *Put Gangaji videos on your local public access TV channel*
- *Transcribe audios*
- *Offer a video program for prisoners in your area*
- *Join the Gangaji Facebook group*
- *Share your inspirations and reports in online discussion forums on Your Gangaji Network. (Be sure to add your photo!)*