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## **NABISCO HONORS SHADOW PROJECT FOUNDER AS ONE OF “100 EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN”**

Christy Scattarella, founder and board chair of The Shadow Project in Portland, OR, has been chosen one of “100 Extraordinary Women” by Nabisco. Scattarella was selected from thousands of nominees for her collaborative work with educators, helping thousands of special education students to succeed in school.

Scattarella, whose son has learning challenges, started The Shadow Project in 1997 in two classrooms, naming the program after her son’s puppy. In classrooms that use The Shadow Project academic achievement, attendance and confidence have increased. The program serves 1,100 special education students grades K-8 in Portland and Yamhill County and is expanding to Hillsboro.

In April the **Oregon Education Association** named The Shadow Project and Scattarella its 2008 statewide “**Education Citizen of the Year**” for the program’s long-term impact on education.

“From helping military widows to raising money in support of ill children, it was amazing to learn what women in this country do to initiate positive changes in their communities and the lives of others,” said Sheldon Cummings, a senior brand manager for Nabisco. “Nabisco is privileged to honor these unique women in a way that will hopefully inspire others.”

“I’m humbled to be included among such dynamic, visionary women,” Scattarella said. “I’m hoping this will bring more attention to special education students. One in three teens with a learning disability drops out of school. But it doesn’t have to be that way. These kids have tremendous potential. We just need to reach them early.”

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