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THE SHADOW PROJECT RECEIVES GRANT FOR SCHOOLS *Two Portland schools will benefit from the nonprofit's goal-setting program in 2015-2016, with funding from the Reser Foundation*

Sept. 28, 2015 (Portland, Ore.) – The Shadow Project, a Portland, Ore., nonprofit helping children in special education set and achieve goals for academic success, has received a \$10,000 grant from the [Reser Family Foundation](#). The grant will support [The Shadow Project](#) at two schools during the 2015-2016 academic year.

The Reser Family Foundation was formed in 2010 as a legacy to honor the family values cherished by Al and Pat Reser. The Foundation makes transformational charitable contributions in the arts, education, environment, and health for broad public benefit, primarily in Oregon.

“Children with learning challenges have so much potential to learn,” said The Shadow Project Founder and Executive Director **Christy Scattarella**, M.A. “But only if they have access to the tools they need to learn in their own unique way. We are grateful to the Reser Family Foundation for their investment in resources, materials, and tools for this vulnerable population.”

The Reser grant will benefit about 100 children in special education at two high-needs Portland-area schools: Peninsula K-8 in north Portland, and Wilkes Elementary in East Multnomah County. The majority of children in these schools’ learning centers live below the poverty level and do not have access to reading and sensory materials suited to their unique learning challenges. Utilizing The Shadow Project’s innovative goal-setting program, children in special education at Peninsula and Wilkes will set and meet reading and other academic goals, earning books and literacy supplies to build confidence, courage, and critical thinking.

The Shadow Project

The nonprofit Shadow Project partners with schools and special education teachers to close the achievement gap that separates children with learning disabilities from their peers. As Oregon’s special education population has grown, and with students having increasingly diverse and complex learning needs, the role of community partners like The Shadow Project in schools has become even more critical. In 2014-2015, The Shadow Project helped improve educational outcomes for 1,500 Oregon children in 34 schools. A 501(c)3 since 2003, The Shadow Project is the only nonprofit of its kind in the country.

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