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## **THE SHADOW PROJECT RECEIVES FUNDING FROM THE OREGON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

***The nonprofit, that makes school more accessible and engaging for children with learning challenges, is the recipient of \$35,000***

June 1, 2016 (Portland, Ore.) – [The Shadow Project](#), a Portland, Ore., nonprofit serving children with learning challenges at 35 area schools, has received a \$35,000 grant from the Fred W. Fields Fund of [The Oregon Community Foundation](#) (OCF).

The first year of potentially two years of funding will help reduce the achievement gap for children with disabilities, by bringing together principals, special education teachers, regular classroom teachers, and parents to provide wrap-around full-day support for kids with disabilities, a population that is at the greatest risk of school failure.

“The Shadow Project has historically supported children within the special education classroom,” said Founder and Executive Director **Christy Scattarella**, M.A. “But with 73 percent of Oregon’s special education students spending 80 percent of their day in a mainstream class, there is a driving demand from our partner schools for full-day services.”

Under the grant, The Shadow Project will maintain its core goal-setting program, while piloting, evaluating, and codifying a comprehensive program. With OCF funding, Shadow hopes to achieve proactive equity practices that reflect an increasingly diverse population, 14 comprehensive and 24 core schools in the next three years, and an independent evaluation showing increased, measureable student efficacy at comprehensive schools.

“We are grateful to The Oregon Community Foundation for recognizing the need to improve outcomes for children at risk through wrap-around services that will boost family engagement, equity, and time in the mainstream classroom for children with learning challenges,” said Christy.

The mission of The Oregon Community Foundation is to improve life in Oregon and promote effective philanthropy. OCF works with individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to create charitable funds to support the community causes about which they care, awarding more than \$60 million annually in grants and scholarships.

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