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SPIRIT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FUND SUPPORTS SHADOW PROJECT PROGRAM EXPANSION

The Portland, Ore.-based nonprofit will use a \$38,000 grant to advance equity for children with learning challenges

March 15, 2017 (Portland, Ore.) – [The Shadow Project](http://shadow-project.org), a Portland, Ore., nonprofit committed to making school more accessible and engaging for children with learning challenges, has received a \$38,000 grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund. Shadow Founder and Executive Director **Christy Scattarella**, M.A., received the grant in a March 15 ceremony in Grand Ronde.

“The Shadow Project can be the difference between a struggling child finding the way to success, or finding themselves left behind,” said the Spirit Mountain Community Fund in a statement. “Their innovative approach makes a demonstrable difference in the lives of children. Spirit Mountain Community Fund is grateful for their passion and dedication, and are proud to support their vital work.”

The one-year grant will support The Shadow Project’s expansion of services beyond the special education classroom to provide full day, wrap-around support for students with disabilities such as dyslexia and autism at eight high-needs schools. The goal is to close the opportunity gap by increasing access to innovative materials and strategies that [address unmet learning needs](#), and build teacher capacity to support these promising students.

“The need is staggering,” said Scattarella. “Portland teachers rank support for special education students their number one unmet professional development need. We appreciate Spirit Mountain’s investment in reducing disparity for our overlooked children so they can achieve their potential.”

The [Spirit Mountain Community Fund](#) is the philanthropic arm of The Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde, distributing grants to non-profit organizations in 11 counties, government agencies in Polk and Yamhill counties, and the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon, to improve the quality of life in Northwest Oregon.

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