



Changing Lives for Children with Learning Challenges

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Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund makes reading more engaging for children in special education

Students in Portland and Yamhill County schools will receive tailored books and reading tools through a grant awarded to The Shadow Project

December 3, 2018 (Portland, Ore.) – [The Shadow Project](http://TheShadowProject.org), a Portland, Ore. nonprofit that partners with primarily low-income schools to foster academic success 1,600 students with disabilities, has received a \$7,000 grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund.

The Siletz gift will enable The Shadow Project to distribute more than 3,000 books that mirror the cultural and learning backgrounds of diverse learners, whose challenges include dyslexia, ADHD and autism. The Shadow Project will also equip select schools with audio-visual libraries designed for readers who struggle with print text, making books come alive for children who do not read the traditional way.

Shadow Founder and Executive Director **Christy Scattarella**, M.A., received the grant at a November 2 ceremony at Chinook Winds. "School should not be a place of shame and frustration," said Scattarella. "The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund is ensuring that students in special education have access to the books and reading technology tailored to the way they learn, so they can read and achieve."

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund is the philanthropic arm of The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, distributing grants to non-profit organizations and local governments in 11 counties, and to Native American organizations and activities. Since its inception in 1999, the Siletz Charitable Contribution Fund has distributed more than \$11.3 million in grant awards.

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