



The Shadow Project

Volunteer Opportunities

The Shadow Project empowers students in special education to succeed in school. Since 2003, the Portland-based nonprofit has teamed with teachers to unleash the potential of nearly 12,000 children in grades K-8 whose challenges include dyslexia, ADHD, autism and communications disorders.

Because every child deserves dignity, respect, and the opportunity to thrive. That's our bottom line.

Employee Volunteerism

plays a key role in student success. Through our programs, children learn to set and meet goals, develop critical thinking, and catapult as much as two years in their reading ability. This would not be possible without our volunteers.

Individuals and groups can volunteer in [our 36 partner schools](#) engaging with students or at [our facility preparing program materials](#) that help students develop strong academic habits and deepen their connection to school.



“Motivating these kids to realize their potential is a very special experience.”

- Timber Joey, Volunteer Reading Mentor

The Harvard Business School Association of Oregon found that every \$1 invested in The Shadow Project returns at least \$26 in benefits to students and the community.

Let us set up a volunteer experience that matches employee interests. Please email us at serve@shadow-project.org.

How Employees Make a Difference

In the Classroom:

Classroom Presentations & Reading Engagement

Come read with our students or provide a learning opportunity related to your business. For example, our students love learning about financial literacy and sharing how they earn “Shadow Bucks” for making progress toward their educational goals. **1 hour (Oct-May)**

Reading Mentoring

Using assistive reading technology, our trained volunteer mentors motivate students to set reading goals and champion their progress. **2 hours a week, when school is in session. (Oct-May)**

Family Reading Celebrations

Help out at these annual school events where parents see their children’s reading progress honored, often for the first time. Attend one or more celebrations. **2 hours (March-May)**

Share Your Story

Employees with dyslexia or other learning challenges who share their story have a deep impact on our students, who are hungry for positive role models. **1 hour (Oct-May)**

At our Facility:

Prepare Program Materials

Prepare materials for classroom use, which includes sorting books and assembling school supply kits. **2-4 hours (Tuesdays, year-round. Other dates by request.)**

Deliver Materials to Special Education Teachers

Package and/or deliver teacher orders of student supplies to our partners schools, empowering teachers to equip their students for success. **2-3 hours (October, December, February, April)**

