



The Shadow Project

Sponsor a Local School

Support Student Success
During the Pandemic

The Bright Light of Reading Mentors

In Oregon, 4 in 5 children with disabilities do not read proficiently, quadrupling their risk of school-drop out. **With your school sponsorship, these promising students can become confident, engaged readers.**

The Shadow Project partners with 26 local schools to close the achievement gap for students with learning disabilities like dyslexia and ADHD. Since 2003, the Portland-based nonprofit has teamed with teachers to unleash the potential of 12,500 children in grades K-8.

BECOMING JOYFUL READERS

Shadow Project’s Reading Mentors program pairs volunteer mentors with discouraged readers to set goals and celebrate progress. Schools also receive assistive reading technology designed for children with learning disabilities. The results: improved reading proficiency, deeper connection to school, and kids bursting with confidence.

NATIONAL READING CHAMPIONS!

In 2019, Shadow’s mentored students ranked as high as the **top 5% of students from nearly 1,000 elementary schools** in a national contest for nontraditional readers. Every day, we are inspired by our courageous kids!



Avid readers Esnoy (left) and Eric are honored at their school’s Family Reading Celebration.

Mentored students are gaining up to 2 years in their reading ability.

To sponsor a local school, please contact Executive Director
Christy Scattarella at christy@shadow-project.org or 503-502-7833.

SPONSOR READING MENTORS AT A LOCAL SCHOOL

\$2,000 sponsors one school

\$4,000 sponsors two schools

Benefits include:

- Opportunities for **safe, virtual employee volunteering**. Let us design a volunteer experience that matches employee interests and schedules.
- Your business **featured in our newsletter** and in **social media posts** on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- Your corporate **logo displayed on our website**.
- **Chance to engage with students** at your sponsor school, including virtual reading and end of year celebrations.

Our courageous kids are proud that local organizations believe in their potential!

Your fellow supporters include **Les Schwab Tires, Oregon Cultural Trust, Hampton Family Foundation of Oregon Community Foundation, Spirit Mountain Community Fund, Robert D. and Marcia H. Randall Charitable Trust**, and many more. **The Oregonian** honored Reading Mentors as 1 of 10 programs for its 2018 *Season of Sharing*.



“Helping these kids realize their potential is a very special experience.”
—Timber Joey, Reading Mentor

Anjell is Reading at Grade Level for the First Time



Like all children, Anjell loves stories. But the 3rd grader was never able to read them. While her classmates zipped ahead, Anjell, who has learning disabilities, stayed stuck on the same sentence. “Every time I read, it didn’t make sense,” she said.

Shadow Project provided Anjell’s school assistive technology designed for children who need a different way to read and paired her with a caring mentor. Soon this determined learner was skipping recess to read. Today, Anjell reads at grade level. **Your sponsorship fills a critical gap, setting promising students like Anjell on a path to school and life success.**