



Winnick Family Foundation Completes \$25,000 Grant to Library Foundation of Los Angeles

The grant helped to fund 1,140 training sessions organized by the Los Angeles Public Library, attracting 21,955 children and 15,648 adults for an average attendance of 19 children and 14 parents or caregivers per session. Each parent or caregiver is trained by the librarian about pre-literacy skills and how to incorporate them into reading with a child.

Los Angeles CA -- December 24, 2009 -- The Winnick Family Foundation has completed a \$25,000 grant to the Library Foundation of Los Angeles. The grant was used to operate Read to Me L.A., a Los Angeles Public Library program that teaches parents the importance of reading to their young children and how to do so in a way that encourages the child's development of pre-literary skills.

[Karen Winnick](#), chair of the Winnick Foundation, said: "We are proud to support READ TO ME LA, a wonderful program that benefits both children and their parents and has such a far-reaching and positive impact on improving literacy in Los Angeles."

Training sessions are a unique part of the Read to Me L.A. program, comprising a series of special story times where the parent or caregiver is trained by the librarian about pre-literacy skills and how to incorporate them into reading with a child. Between September 2008 and June 2009, 1,149 Read to Me L.A. training sessions took place, attracting 21,955 children and 15,648 adults for an average attendance of 19 children and 14 parents or caregivers per session.

About the Winnick Family Foundation

The Winnick Family Foundation encourages project-specific programs but also selectively supports capital campaigns and unrestricted gifts to grantee organizations. There is a preference for projects in Los Angeles and New York - or those having an international component.

Foundation naming grants include:

- Winnick Family Clinical Research Institute at Cedars Sinai Hospital
- Winnick House and Arnold S. Winnick Student Center at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University
- Winnick International Conference Center at the Simon Wiesenthal Center / Jerusalem
- Winnick Children's Zoo in Los Angeles
- Winnick Faculty Scholar at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University
- Winnick Hall at the Skirball Cultural Center
- Arnold & Blanche Winnick Popular Library and Karen Winnick Children's Gallery at the Los Angeles Central Library
- Winnick Hillel House at Syracuse University



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- Winnick Board Room at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City
- Winnick Winners Mentoring Program for the Los Angeles Unified School District
- Winnick Fellows at UCLA School of Medicine
- Winnick Gallery at Yeshiva University Museum, Center for Jewish History

Karen and [Gary Winnick](#) and the Foundation have endowed university and high school literacy and scholarship programs at Brown University, at Mrs. Winnick's alma mater Syracuse University, and at Gary Winnick's alma mater, Long Island University.

They have also funded the transformation of the on-campus C.W. Post mansion administrative center - renamed Winnick House - as well as the main cafeteria which is now named in honor of Mr. Winnick's late father.

In California, the Foundation has supported educational programs at the California Science Center, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, KOREH L.A., the Los Angeles Zoo, L.A.'s Best Afterschool Program, the Wonder of Reading, the Fulfillment Fund and Noah's Ark at the Skirball Center.

Among the many other Foundation grantees are the Special Olympics, The Center for Jewish History, Children's Scholarship Fund, Partnership for Better Schools, Teach for America, The Gettysburg Foundation, The National Parks Foundation, Best Friends Animal Society, The Los Angeles Police Foundation, Shoah Foundation, and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University.

The Foundation also supports charities operating outside the United States, including the International Medical Corps, Flora and Fauna, World Wildlife Fund, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, the Israel Museum, the Israel Philharmonic, the Jerusalem Zoo, Heifer International and the Bloomfield Science Museum at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. For more information on the Foundation and its work, visit <http://www.winnickfamilyfoundation.com> on the Web.

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