

Winnick Family Foundation Funds New Field-Trip Grants for Lincoln Presidential Museum

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Los Angeles, CA – November 12, 2010 – Grants for field trips to the Abraham Lincoln Museum in Springfield, Illinois have been awarded to 19 schools and youth groups in 16 cities across three U.S. states as a result of Winnick Family Foundation grants.

Each year the museum hosts more than 75,000 school children who experience the Lincoln legacy through the museum's unmatched high tech exhibits and "you are there" immersive learning environments.

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[Gary Winnick](#) stated: "Our grants reach out to teachers of grades 4 to 12 in U.S. public and nonpublic schools with low income populations and help offset the cost of bringing the youngsters to the presidential museum in Springfield, Illinois. The effect of a visit like this is electric on a young scholar and can inspire a lifetime of learning and historical discovery."

Jan Grimes, Director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation, agreed: "Children and young adults visiting our unique museum can deeply immerse themselves in Lincoln's life and times. It is an educational experience unlike any other in the nation. The generous grants from Karen and Gary Winnick have now allowed us to expand the range of sponsored visitors beyond Illinois state borders. Within the first year of receiving these funds, we have subsidized student visits for the first time from schools in Missouri and Indiana."

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 for those having an international component.

Foundation naming grants include:

- Winnick Family Clinical Research Institute at Cedars Sinai Hospital
- Winnick House at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University
- 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

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- Arnold & Blanche Winnick Popular Library and Karen Winnick Children's Gallery at the Los Angeles Central Library
- Winnick Hillel House at Syracuse University
- 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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