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Winnick Family Foundation Lauded for Ten Years of Support for Literacy Programs in L.A. Schools

Foundation chairman and children's book author, Karen Winnick, continues to encourage reading for kids

LOS ANGELES CA – October 18, 2010 – The [Winnick Family Foundation](#) was congratulated by the California Readers program, a not-for-profit organization of teachers and teacher-librarians dedicated to providing library books and living authors to elementary schools in California, for the Foundation's decade-long support of literacy in Los Angeles schools.

Said Karla Forbes, President of the Board of California Readers: "Uniting children with books – and with the real authors and illustrators who create them – is one of the most powerful tools in strengthening literacy and stimulating young minds. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation for the Winnick Family Foundation's latest donation to California Readers and use the opportunity to thank the Foundation for its ten year support of our efforts to promote literacy and reading in California public schools."

Said [Gary Winnick](#): "Since 1996, California Readers has provided more than 4,000 books to budget-starved California school libraries and brought living authors to meet in person with students at nearly 50 schools, changing the lives and attitudes towards reading of 30,000 young Californians. We are proud to support California Readers and its success in inspiring the love of books among California's youngsters."

Added Ms. Forbes: "In her many visits to elementary schools across Los Angeles, Foundation Chairman [Karen Winnick](#), a successful author of nine children's books, has seen how the magic of reading brings life into the eyes of children, particularly in these tough economic times. Through its decade-long support of California Readers, Gary and Karen Winnick have made a real and lasting difference in the lives of children and young adults across Southern California."

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.

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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
- 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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