

# WINNICK FAMILY *Foundation*

## **Karen Winnick Appointed Chairwoman of Winnick Family Foundation**

- Published author and illustrator, the Foundation's new chairwoman is also a member of the Board of Commissioners at the Los Angeles Zoo.

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BEVERLY HILLS, CA – March 18, 2009 – The Winnick Family Foundation has announced the appointment of [Karen Winnick](#) as chairwoman of the foundation's board of directors.

The [Winnick Family Foundation](#) was founded in 1983 by Karen and her husband, financier and philanthropist [Gary Winnick](#). Grants and gifts from the family and foundation focus on education, literacy, health care, art, culture, animal welfare, the environment and the needs of the worldwide Jewish community.

Mrs. Winnick received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Syracuse University. She also studied in Florence, Italy; at New York University; at the School of Visual Arts; and at the University of California, Los Angeles.

She is the published author and illustrator of nine children's books. Mrs. Winnick visits Los Angeles schools to read to young students and encourage literacy. Her books include *Lucy's Cave*, *Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers*, *Sybil's Night Ride*, *A Year Goes Round*, *Barn Sneeze*, *The Night of the Fireflies*, *Cassie's Sweet Berry Pie*, *Sandro's Dolphin* and *Patch & The Strings*.

Mrs. Winnick serves as a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Los Angeles Zoo, the Board of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and is a Trustee Emeritus at Brown University.

## **About the Winnick Family Foundation**

The 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
- 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

Gary and Karen 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 Mr. Winnick's alma mater Long Island University.

They have also funded the transformation of the on-campus 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.