

2009-2010 Duniway PTA Proposed Budget Notes

Shadow Project \$400

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Duniway PTA

Dear Duniway PTA board and members:

Thank you for your continuing support of The Shadow Project, a program that helps students with learning and other disabilities build confidence and become engaged learners.

This is our 13th year at Duniway, where 32 special needs students participate through ERC teacher Kathleen Domingue. We currently serve 1,400 Portland area students with a waiting list within Portland Public Schools and throughout western Oregon.

We are so pleased that your PTA has supported The Shadow Project since its founding at Duniway in 1997. We are requesting a donation of \$400 from the Duniway PTA. Our program costs \$100 per child per year, or \$4,000 per year at Duniway.

Started in 1997 by an Eastmoreland mom whose son has special needs, The Shadow Project partners with special educators, providing program that helps students working toward goals such as improving attendance, turning in homework and making good choices. Honored statewide by the Oregon Education Association, this program offers real-life lessons in saving, giving and self-sufficiency. Students develop perseverance and take pride in their accomplishments as they work toward earning books, school supplies, educational toys and gift items to give family members in their classroom's monthly Shadow Store.

We would be happy to do a presentation at any of your upcoming PTA meetings to introduce parents to our program.

The Shadow Project is a 503(c)(3) non-profit, #65-1166066. Donations can be mailed to: The Shadow Project, 6663 S.W. Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy, #108, Portland, OR 97225.

Please call if you have any questions about our program or would like a presentation. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Christy Scattarella

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P.S. A forthcoming children's book telling the Shadow story – *The Boy Who Learned Upside Down* (Arnica, 2010) is set at Duniway.