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Windy Row Learning Center

A tutoring program for dyslexic children

Special points of interest:

- Windy Row offers a sliding scale based on income and has scholarship funds available. We're ready to help your child read.
- We now offer the Lindamood-Bell "On Cloud Nine" math program if your child is one or more grade levels behind in math.
- Giving back is fun at Windy Row Board Meetings. Email us at info@windyrow.org to find out how you can join.

What Happens at Windy Row?

Two times a week, after school, Jill and Jon (not their real names) come to Windy Row for an hour of tutoring. Jill is 10 and has attended Windy Row for a year now; Jon is 5 and just starting.

Jill shares a smile and joke with her tutor; Jon is a little shyer. Each tutor has designed a lesson around the child's individual struggles with reading.

The lessons go in easy, careful, proven steps. The tutors use touch, sight, sound, and motion to guide Jill and Jon through their own neurological barriers to reading.



Dyslexia is a neurological disorder. Without help, Jill and Jon would never read beyond 2nd or 3rd grade. Each visit to Windy Row brings them closer to the true joys

of reading. For more information about our program, please phone 924-7198 or email info@windyrow.org.

Photo of Windy Row tutor and child by Marilyn Weir.

Thank You to... *You!*



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Our wonderful donors have come through again with more than \$3,000 from our annual appeal and over \$1,000 from our sale of wreaths, plus many individual donations. With these gifts, and

with recent grants from the Keith M. Sullivan Foundation of Greenfield, Speedway Children's Charities, and People's United Bank Community Foundation, we have reached two important

goals: our scholarship fund has reached \$12,000 and our math program for children with dyscalculia is up and running.

Thank you all!



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How Puppies Help Kids to Read

The following excerpt from an article by Lisa Collier Cool is reprinted with permission, from Yahoo! Day in Health.

Boo, a 12-year-old black Lab mix, isn't very smart, but he's helped disabled kids learn to read....Boo volunteers at the Mahopac Public Library's Animal Reading Friends (ARF) program, in which kids—many of whom are dyslexic, stutter, or are painfully shy—read to therapy dogs.

When Erich Schneider started in the program, the then 8-year-old

would get so embarrassed and discouraged by the mistakes he made that he'd end up close to tears, says his mom, Maurene, a registered nurse. "He felt the pressure was on and hated to read aloud."

When Boo met Erich, he instinctively knew what to do. He sniffed the boy's shoes and tickled his ear with his whiskers and wet nose, making him giggle and dissolving the tension. Thanks to the dog's encouragement, Erich

decided that reading was fun—and returned month after month.

"Sometimes Boo would put his nose on the book, like he wanted to know what happened next," recalls Erich. "He's very kind and helped me be a better reader."

READ WITH TOVEN AT THE PETERBOROUGH LIBRARY

Toven the dog comes once a month to the Peterborough Library. Each child has up to 15 minutes to read to Toven—just child and dog together.

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Librarian Lisa B. at 924-8040.