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Windy Row is a 501(c)3 nonprofit established in 2003.

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# Windy Row Learning Center

READING IS WHAT WE DO.

One-on-one tutoring for children 1- to 2-years behind grade level.

## Special points of interest:

- It's time for summer fun! Ask about our 4-4-4 program and individual summer tutoring for your child.
- Visit Windy Row on Twitter and read our blog at [www.windyrow.org](http://www.windyrow.org) for more information about reading challenges.
- Look for Windy Row's booth at the Wellness Festival in downtown Peterborough in September. Details to come.

## Tutor Training at Windy Row

The tutors at Windy Row are not volunteers, but paid professionals, most of whom work or have worked as educators.

To become a professional, capable of tutoring a child independently, trainees must undergo 45 hours of seminars and 100 hours of closely supervised tutoring.

During the supervised training, trainees tutor 2 students a week (2 hours for each student) using the multisensory, phonics-based Orton-Gillingham method. Additional training is available in other programs.

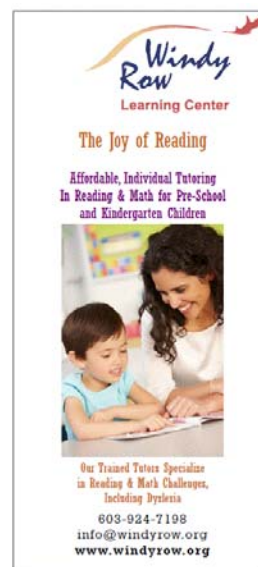
The training and supervision are under the direction of our Executive Director, Dr. Cheryl Orcutt, who has led Windy Row since its founding in 2003.

Our tutor training program qualifies many participants for 6 continuing education credits from Keene State College.

Dr. Orcutt will begin another tutor training course this summer at the Windy Row site in West Peterborough. Supervised tutoring will occur during the school year for 4 hours each week.

If you or someone you know is interested in

learning the Orton-Gillingham method, please call 924-7198 or email [info@windyrow.org](mailto:info@windyrow.org) for more details.



## Volunteers Welcome

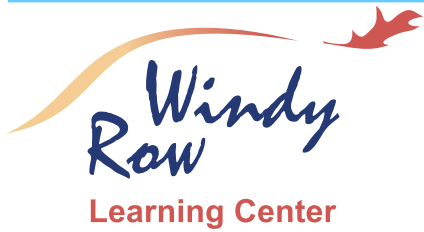
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Although our tutors are not volunteers, we do have volunteer positions that you can step into right away, as a member of the Windy Row board of directors. We have plenty of ways you can help without

any financial or other obligation; we want you to be comfortable in the role you choose.

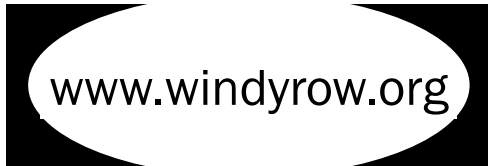
What we need most on the board are people who believe deeply in the gift of reading and are willing to give just

2 hours a month to that cause. The Windy Row board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:15 to about 6:30 p.m. Please email or phone 924-7198 for more information.



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## “I Have to Read His Textbooks to Him.”



At the age of most 9th graders, Karl (not his real name) read at the level of a 2nd grader. Along with his siblings, he had been homeschooled by his mother for the last five years. She found that the only way he could learn the 9th grade curriculum was if she read everything out loud to him. Although he had no trouble mastering the material, he could not read it for himself.

When Karl came to Windy Row, he was so

self-conscious that he refused to take off the hoodie he wore everywhere. He hid his feelings of being different and his fear of failure by huddling into the hood.

During two years of Orton-Gillingham tutoring at Windy Row, two times a week, Karl made tremendous progress in reading—and in self-esteem. In fact, after six months of tutoring, he finally came to Windy Row and pulled back his hood!

A year after his last tutoring session, we received a message from his mother. Karl, the boy who used to read at a 2nd grade level, had been accepted into a college-level theological program, with the goal of becoming a minister for his church.

In the years since, Windy Row has also helped two of Karl's cousins—but that's another success story for another time.