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SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation Receives Grant of \$20,000 from The Fred Meyer Foundation
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Dayton, OH – May 9, 2007 – The SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation announced today it has received a grant totaling \$20,000 from The Fred Meyer Foundation for the Kids In Need Teacher Grants program that provides funding to teachers for innovative classroom projects.

The Teacher Grants program is in its 10th year of providing funds to teachers to conduct special classroom projects that would otherwise not take place because of limited school budgets. Fred Meyer was the first sponsor of the program and has sponsored the program every year since. Teachers in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington are eligible to apply for Kids In Need Teacher Grants through funding from the Fred Meyer Foundation. Teacher grants awarded since 1997 sponsored by Fred Meyer total nearly \$165,000.

"We continue to be impressed by the successful track record of the SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation and its programs," said Glynda Brockhoff, philanthropy coordinator for Fred Meyer Stores and The Fred Meyer Foundation. "We hope this grant will help Kids In Need continue its important work in the education community."

“We are grateful to The Fred Meyer Foundation for their longtime support of this program,” said Dan Legg, Royal Consumer Products, chair of the Kids In Need Teacher Grants Committee. “The funds donated by The Fred Meyer Foundation this year will enhance the learning of several thousand students. These children would not have these exceptional classroom experiences without this funding.”

The Fred Meyer Foundation is funded mainly by Fred Meyer employees and assists nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping children and reducing hunger in communities served by 127 Fred Meyer stores in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Idaho. The Fred Meyer Foundation has awarded more than \$6 million in grants since it began awarding grants in December 1998. The Foundation is the company’s way of continuing the tradition of social responsibility and community involvement started by Fred G. Meyer when he founded the company in the 1920’s.

The SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation is a national 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1995 by the School, Home, & Office Products Association (SHOPA). The Foundation’s mission is to ensure that every child is prepared to learn and succeed by providing free school supplies nationally to students most in need. The National Network of Kids in Need Resource Centers includes 23 facilities that allow teachers from low-income schools to obtain free school supplies for their students. In addition, Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for students. The SHOPA Kids in Need Foundation has distributed more than \$250 million in school supplies since its founding, directly benefiting 1.5 million students and 100,000 teachers annually, and has awarded more than \$771,000 in grants to teachers. For more information, visit www.kidsinneed.net.

SHOPA, founded in 1991, is a nonprofit trade association representing nearly 800 manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, retailers, wholesalers, distributors, commercial/contract stationers, and service companies involved in the production, distribution, and sale of school supplies and office products. The Association also produces SBTS (SHOPA Buyer-to-Seller) Marketplace events, which facilitate pre-scheduled and one-on-one meetings. For more information, visit www.shopa.org.

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