

## Sunshine Foundation awarded literacy grant

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Women Helping Others Foundation, an organization established in 1993 to encourage women everywhere to help others through volunteer service, has awarded a \$5,000 Education and Literacy grant to The Sunshine Foundation Inc.

This past year alone, The Sunshine Foundation presented more than 2,000 "You Are My Sunshine" books to kindergarten students in 17 schools throughout St. Tammany Parish. The latest grant will be used to support the printing of 4,000 more copies of The Sunshine Foundation book on self-esteem, for distribution to kindergarten students in public schools in the Greater New Orleans area.

"We are thrilled that the WHO Foundation will support our mission to provide 'You Are My Sunshine' to kindergarten children and their caregivers to reassure that there is value in every child despite challenges in their young lives," said Shirley L. Porter, The Sunshine Foundation President, Founder and Author.

Founded in 1998, The Sunshine Foundation provides 35,000-50,000 books annually to kindergarten children to promote self-esteem, character building and educational opportunities for children, their caregivers and teachers. Volunteers of the Louisiana National Guard distribute and read to kindergarten children and provide positive role models.

"After reviewing this organization's grant submission, it was clear that this is an organization that is truly helping the community," said Cindy Turek, executive director of the W.H.O. Foundation. "In the spirit of W.H.O.'s mission, and by the grace of the power of its many contributors, we are pleased to help make a difference -- one organization at a time."

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