



WHAT'S THE Word?

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT MY SPECIAL WORD

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Hello Friends & Partners,

Happy Holidays! It has been an incredibly exciting year for My Special Word because of you, our wonderful partners! Earlier this year I reached out asking for your support to fund the next level of growth for My Special Word. We recently announced the fruits of this generosity — an exciting new partnership with Worldreader, an amazing organization that works globally with partners to support vulnerable and underserved communities with digital reading solutions that help improve learning outcomes, workforce readiness, and gender equity.

Through this partnership, we will expand access to My Special Word books and associated activities across digital platforms, and translate and adapt our book collection for global use. This will allow us to expand the depth and breadth of the population of children we serve, and we couldn't be more thrilled to collaborate with such a highly regarded and impactful organization. The full announcement from Worldreader can be found [here](#).

This is an incredible game changer for the My Special Word program and accelerates our trajectory in a powerful way. I am deeply grateful for your support, and thank you for changing the lives of children around the world.

Wishing you and your family a beautiful and blessed holiday season!

With gratitude,



Dwight Smith
Founder, My Special Word



Christine's C·H·R·I·S·T·M·A·S

My Special Word Awarded Christine's Christmas Grant

My Special Word is honored to be a 2021 grant recipient from the annual Christine's Christmas event hosted by the Christine Wilson Foundation. Since 2003, Christine's Christmas has raised more than \$1,100,000 for children's charities across Central Ohio. Christine's Christmas is dedicated to the legacy of Christine Wilson and how out of the most dire circumstances, one person's life can make such an impact on a community. They are a beautiful reminder that we all can make a real and lasting impact. We are deeply grateful for their work and support.



SCHOOL ROCKS FOR SPECIAL CENTRAL OHIO CHILDREN

Tia Gannon, Founder of School Rocks Party Box is making school rock for thousands of Central Ohio students. My Special Word is proud to support their work with the donation of MSW curriculum resources, books, wristbands and book markers. These resources will be used to bring the MSW program to two additional Central Ohio schools with kick offs planned for January 2022.

"I am so thankful for the My Special Word program, and am excited to bring an easy and simple way to incorporate social and emotional learning into the curriculum to these students, teachers and administrators," said Tia.

Founded in 2016, School Rocks Party Box provides students with the necessary items and programs that support their educational and social emotional needs, making school a positive and rewarding experience. They have grown to serve four elementary schools with over 1,200 children in the Columbus area. They provide students with their own school supply kit, basic personal hygiene items, access to books at home, classroom activities and holiday parties, as well as funding and supporting the school's programs that support positive behavior, attendance and being a good school citizen.



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