

# Shumaker firm gives \$5K donation to tutoring organization

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The Toledo law firm Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick announced Wednesday that it has donated \$5,000 to a local tutoring organization while expressing concern about low Toledo Public Schools reading scores.

The firm said in a statement that it aims to help more local children with reading “after recent news that Toledo Public Schools earned a one-star rating for the Early Literacy component, which focuses on reading proficiency for students in kindergarten through third grade.”

Shumaker attorney Jack Kelly is a board member for the Toledo-area tutoring group, TutorSmart, which received the gift. An announcement of the gift said TutorSmart, which offers free tutoring services, has helped more than 1,000 students since launching in 2019.

The law firm said the donation is part of its newly-started “Make a Difference through Literacy Initiative,” which intends to improve literacy for more than 100,000 people by 2025 as part of the firm’s centennial celebration.