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SMART® RETURNS FOR OREGON'S CHILDREN
Oregonians Can Help Young Readers by Selecting Code 5 on State Tax Forms

PORTLAND, Ore. – Citizens across the state are looking for ways to support public education. By selecting Code 5 on this year's state tax forms, Oregonians can help the state's children get SMART (Start Making A Reader Today), a proven, effective nonprofit book and reading program for kindergarten through third graders throughout the state.

As explained in the Oregon tax booklet, taxpayers can contribute a portion or all of their refund to SMART. Citizens may elect to make a contribution directly on their tax form, by entering Code 5 on line 60 of Form 40, or on line 30 of Form 40S.

SMART gives thousands of Oregon children the one-on-one support they need to learn to read and build brighter futures. SMART delivers the two things K-3 students need most to learn to read: adult attention and books. Volunteers read with two children for one hour a week in public elementary schools, and the children receive two books each month to keep and read with their families.

“SMART takes pride in being a good charitable investment, said Mary Jubitz, CEO of SMART. “This is a great opportunity for Oregonians who want to give a little extra to help our schools and local children.”

Since 1992, SMART has served 90,000 Oregon children, donated 1.3 million books, and coordinated 2.1 million volunteer hours. No other literacy program in Oregon has the proven success, volunteer base, and book distribution of SMART.

To learn more about SMART, visit www.getsmartoregon.org or call 1-877-598-4633.

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