



## Screen Actors Guild Foundation Helps Students “Shine On” in the Classroom

ORLANDO, Fla., May 31, 2010 – An end-of-school-year celebration at Catalina Elementary School became even more festive with a surprise presentation from Walt Disney World! Natalie Rogers with Screen Actors Guild Florida Foundation was pleased to accept a \$5,000 Disney Helping Kids Shine Grant to support *Florida’s Junior BookPALS program*, a multi-faceted effort that addresses literacy skills and inspires Central Florida children with a love of reading and writing.

Established in 1993 by actress Barbara Bain (*Mission: Impossible*), BookPALS currently engages over 2,000 volunteers (many of them professional actors) in reading aloud to over 100,000 preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students weekly at public schools, hospitals, cultural institutions, and shelters across the nation as well as online through their interactive website, *Storyline Online* ([www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)) – which has, by the nature of the Internet, extended the campaign for literacy to homes and classrooms around the world.



Learn more about the Screen Actors Guild Foundation by visiting <http://sagfoundation.org/node/981>, and the BookPALS program at [www.bookpals.net](http://www.bookpals.net).