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Dear Friend:

You may recall receiving in August a copy of *Start Early, Finish Strong: How to Help Every Child Become a Reader*, which highlighted many innovative child literacy projects. Because we lacked space for many programs worthy of attention, I'm happy to send you the companion volume, *Ideas at Work*, which spotlights a remarkable cornucopia of ideas and projects—including yours.

This directory outlines more than 100 innovative projects, programs and proposals at the federal, state, and community levels. *Ideas at Work* also presents creative and effective programs in the nonprofit and private sectors. Each entry has complete contact information, making it a useful, updated networking tool for the professional committed to child literacy.

If you haven't already joined the President's Coalition for America Reads, I'd like to invite you to do so. The Coalition is a network of businesses, schools, religious groups, and non-profit organizations helping to ensure that every child is a good reader by the end of third grade. Members receive regular updates from America Reads on research, resources, events, meetings, and other news. Members also will be listed in our new web site's national directory, allowing us to shine more light on your good work. I've enclosed a short membership form for your convenience.

Ideas at Work is published on the web at www.ed.gov/pubs/ideasatwork. Please contact me at Pamela_Hughes@ed.gov if you wish to suggest corrections or updates to your entry. I also hope you will consider linking your web site to America Reads' new site at www.ed.gov/americanreads.

Sincerely,

Pamela Hughes

Single copies are available for free from the U.S. Department of Education by calling (877) 4ED-PUBS (TTY: (877) 576-7734) and by ordering online at www.ed.gov/pubs/. For bulk orders, please call America Reads at (202) 401-8888.



The President's Coalition for the America Reads Challenge

Mission Statement

The President's Coalition for the America Reads Challenge is made up of organizations committed to reaching the goal of every child being able to read well and independently by the end of the third grade. Members of the Coalition commit time and resources to building community coalitions for literacy by supporting existing literacy programs and developing new ones where needed, and by recruiting learning partners to work on reading with America's young children from birth through third grade.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ORGANIZATION AND MISSION:

CURRENT LITERACY COMMITMENTS: My organization currently supports the America Reads Challenge by:

FUTURE LITERACY COMMITMENTS: My organization commits to provide the following time and resources to support the America Reads Challenge:

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address : _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

**PLEASE FAX THIS FORM
PRESIDENT'S COALITION FOR THE AMERICA READS CHALLENGE
(202) 260-8114**

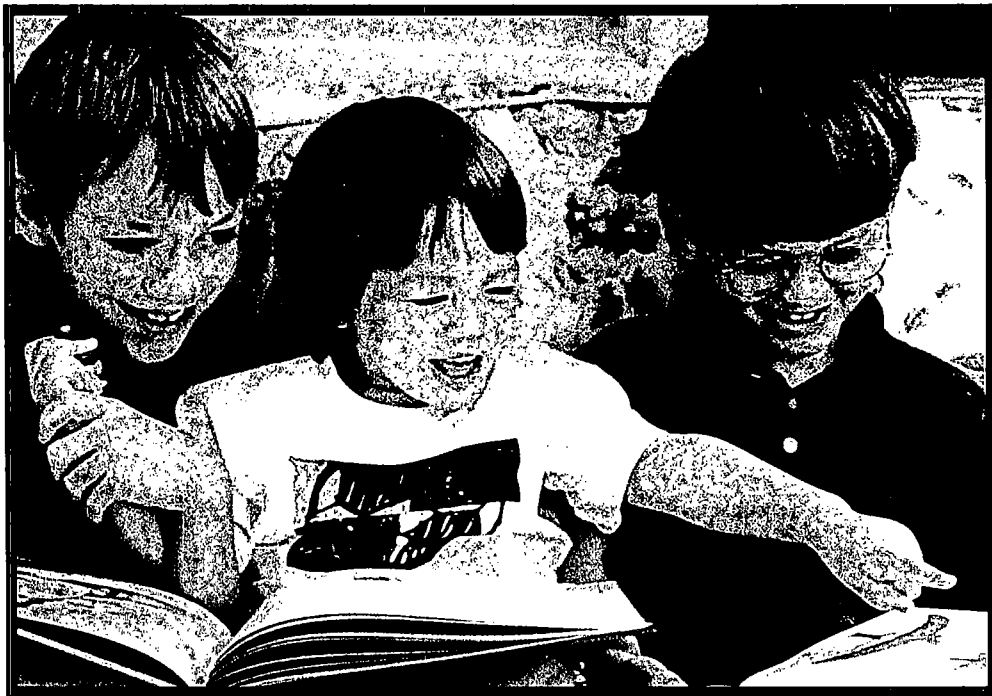
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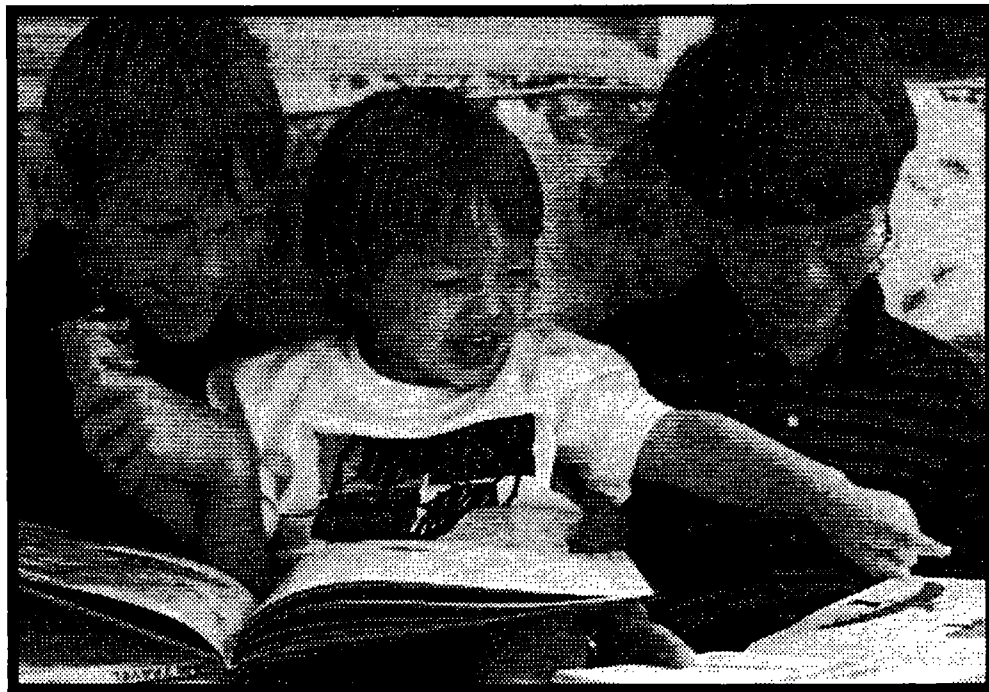
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