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#### **White Awards 14 New Chapters Literacy Grants for Women, Children at Domestic Violence Facilities**

**SPRINGFIELD** — Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced today that he has awarded New Chapters Literacy Grants to 14 programs throughout Illinois to provide on-site literacy, career and life-skills training to families sheltering in domestic violence facilities.

"Through the New Chapters Program, we have fostered strong partnerships between literacy programs and domestic violence facilities throughout Illinois," White said. "Last year, more than 2,000 adults and an additional 1,600 children benefited from the outstanding local services available through the New Chapters Program.

"These grants provide the support necessary for women and children who suffer from domestic violence to improve reading, writing and employment skills that can help them begin new chapters in their lives-away from terror and desperation, and toward hope and personal growth."

White said the 14 grants will fund the purchase of two computers at sites that do not own a computer, and three libraries of books for parents and children who are housed at domestic violence shelters. White said additional services provided by the New Chapters Program include classroom instruction, tutoring and computer assisted instruction, childcare, library services, transportation, job search skills, recreational activities, parenting skills, life skills workshops, and referrals for special services.

"I commend the generous professional staff and volunteers who work with victims of domestic violence through the New Chapters Program," said White. "I encourage other citizens who wish to make a difference in their communities to contact the Secretary of State's Literacy Office to find out how they can participate in literacy programs where they live and work."

**FY02 New Chapters Grants Recommended for Funding  
By Region**

<b>Chicago</b>		
Asian Human Services, Inc.	4753 North Broadway Suite 700 Chicago, Illinois 60640-4995 Mr. Barth Landor	\$15,000.00
Universidad Popular	1510 North Rockwell Chicago, Illinois 60622-1647 Ms. Olivia Flores-Godinez	\$5,000.00
<b>Suburban Chicago</b>		
Township High School Dist. 214	2121 South Goebbert Road Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005-4297 Ms. Rhonda Serafin	\$15,000.00
Waubensee Community College	5 East Galena Boulevard Aurora, Illinois 60506-4178 Dr. Rebecca Turner	\$15,000.00
Prairie State College	202 South Halsted Street Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411-8226 Ms. Alba Blondis	\$15,000.00
College of DuPage	425 Fawell Boulevard OCC131 Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137-6599 Ms. Carol Garcia	\$20,000.00
Triton College	2000 Fifth Avenue River Grove, Illinois 60171-1995 Ms. Jody Lint	\$15,000.00
<b>Downstate Illinois</b>		

Highland Community College	2998 West Pearl City Road Freeport, Illinois 61032-9341 Ms. Sandy Feaver	\$10,000.00
Lake Land College	305 Richmond Avenue East Mattoon, Illinois 61938-4650 Ms. Patricia Hemmett	\$5,000.00
Illinois Valley Community College	815 North Orlando Smith Oglesby, Illinois 61348-9692 Ms. Mary Gross	\$10,000.00
ROE - Monroe/Randolph Counties	128 West Main Street Suite E Sparta, Illinois 62286-2072 Ms. Shari Crockett	\$25,000.00
Lawrence Education Center	101 East Laurel Springfield, Illinois 62704-3995 Ms. Bonnie Roberts	\$15,000.00
Lincoln Land Community College	PO Box 19256 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9256 Ms. Rosalind Bruce	\$15,000.00
Regional Office of Education (Ullin)	0017 Rustic Campus Drive Ullin, Illinois 62992-2226 Ms. Pat Orsburn-Robertson	\$10,000.00