

Dear Editor:

We enjoyed the story about "New Community-Building Direction Aided by New Leadership Within AOIP." We are *super excited* about the "communitybuilding approach to the eradication of illiteracy in the Black community." This program is sorely needed by many of our young people in and out of school.

Illiteracy has wrought havoc among our people for so long. Thank God that something really positive is being done about it! Bringing so many of our Black community organizations to the point of working together is truly a miracle.

Best wishes for success in your work. We want to work with you and our local organizations.

The Culter Family Washington, D.C.

Dear Editor:

When I first came here, we used to get copies of the *National BLACK MONITOR* every month. I don't know who sent them. Please tell me how to get your magazine every month. We need a lot of positive reading material in a place like this. Your magazine always raises my spirits and my thoughts.

> Milton Greene Lorton, Virginia

Dear Editor:

I could neither read nor write until I was 17 years old. I know all the pain and frustrations of being an illiterate. I thought nobody knew the trouble we had until I met a kind woman who spent two hours a day in my kitchen teaching me how to read and write. I bless the day that I read my first sentence and that wonderful, caring person.

Now I can read your magazine every month. I am also a volunteer in our local learning center. What a great joy! Bless you all too!

> Mary Johnson Louisa County, Virginia

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Black-oriented press. But the relationship between the Black-oriented press and the Black community must be a twoway street in order to insure the continued viability of the Black-oriented press. The Black-oriented press needs and deserves the support of the Black community. We need to buy and subscribe to these papers. At the same time, the Black oriented press needs to be accountable to the Black community. The relationship

that is developing between our Black publishers and the volunteers of the national Assault On Illiteracy Prógram (AOIP) is demonstrative of the kind of two-way street that benefits everyone, and which we need to build.

