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Dear Friend of Literacy Suffolk,

It starts with one letter from the alphabet to make a word, it takes a few words to make a sentence, a few sentences to make a paragraph, a few paragraphs to make a page and many letters from the alphabet to make a chapter, which grows into a book. Literacy Suffolk's adult students depend on that book, to learn how to read, write and for some to speak in English.

There is no doubt that the woes of the economy have had a serious impact on Literacy Suffolk, as it also has for other not-for-profits across the county. In spite of funding cuts, the demand for our services are at an all time high, Suffolk County adults, in need of literacy skills, continue to reach out to us, asking for help. Not a surprise, competition for work has increased, thus, the more literate a worker, the better an employment opportunity.

Back to the "book" . . . it starts with one letter from the alphabet to make a word – it starts with one person to make a donation to Literacy Suffolk, to support the work that supports the student. Of course, it takes many contributors to write the book.

Here's what our "book" looks like, and this is what Literacy Suffolk does:

- Train community volunteers as tutors and testers
- Test and assess students
- Provide support for tutors and students
- Recognize and highlight tutors, testers and students

We know that it is a matter of choices for giving at this difficult time – please consider the last chapter in the Literacy Suffolk book – that very last sentence:

**We served them well, the community participated in an effort to increase literacy, leveling the playing field for one and all.
The End**

Literacy Suffolk needs your help.

With caring spirit,

Aldustus Jordan
Board President

Gini Booth
Executive Director