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Mr. Robert Dicker
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Dear Mr. Dicker:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Literacy Volunteers of America, Newark and Essex County on receiving The Daily Points of Light Award. Your organization's acts of generosity and community action have set a standard of excellence in service to which people of all ages can aspire. All of the members of your Program should feel proud, not only because of this award, but for the great accomplishment of making a positive and lasting difference in the lives of others.

Founded in 1962 by Ruth Colvin in Syracuse, New York, the Literacy Volunteers of America is an inspiring and innovative idea that has given adults and their families the opportunity to acquire skills to be effective in their roles as members of their families, communities, and workplaces. I wholeheartedly agree with LVA that the ability to read and write, to understand and be understood, is critical to personal freedom and the maintenance of a democratic society. Not only does your program provide a sense of belonging and purpose for these individuals, but it also provides this essential tutoring, one-to-one or in small groups, free of charge to the student. It is wonderful that groups such as yours are continuing the strong tradition of volunteerism, which makes our State and country so great.

Again, congratulations and thank you to all of the members of the Literacy Volunteers of America, Newark and Essex County for making our society and our communities a better place to live. I wish you and your entire organization all the best in the years to come.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon S. Corzine', written over a circular stamp.

JON S. CORZINE
United States Senator