

**MIMI LEVIN LIEBER, FOUNDER OF LITERACY, INC. (LINC)
WINS A 2007 LEWIS HINE AWARD
FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

New York, NY, January 9, 2007--The National Child Labor Committee (NCLC) announced today that Mimi Levin Lieber of New York, New York will receive its prestigious Lewis Hine Award on January 29, 2007 in New York City.

Mimi Levin Lieber, Founder/Former Board Chair, and current Program Committee Chair of Literacy, Inc. (LINC), is being honored for her passionate commitment to breaking the cycle of illiteracy by focusing on early childhood literacy—birth to age 8. Ms. Lieber, a sociologist and social psychologist and a former member of the New York State Board of Regents for 15 years, started Literacy, Inc. ten years ago on the premise that *every child can read well given enough one-on-one support, and that the greatest resources to achieve that goal reside in the families and communities with the most at stake in that child's success.* With Ms. Lieber's guidance, LINC has developed a model that enables communities to invest in themselves by creating a focus and energy on reading with children, and organizing local efforts to communicate the importance of reading. LINC Coordinators, who live in or near the communities in which they work, guide and support the formation of Community Literacy Networks to engage local stakeholders to plan and implement reading partner programs and literacy events. Over the years, LINC has worked with over 600 partners and provides over 150 reading programs each year with reading partners ranging from fifth graders to senior citizens—in schools, senior centers, residential building lobbies, shelters, local businesses, preschool sites and parks throughout New York City and in Hudson, New York. In addition, Community Literacy Networks plan nearly 200 one-time literacy events annually.

"We feel both proud and privileged to be a part of this year's Lewis Hine Awards," said Anne Mulcahy, Chief Executive Officer of Xerox Corporation. *"This year's recipients are another group of wonderful people who make Herculean efforts to nurture our nation's most precious resources--our youth. All of us at Xerox are humbled by their example, inspired by their spirit, and deeply appreciative of their accomplishments."*

Ms. Lieber is one of 10 men and women, volunteers and professionals, selected from hundreds of submissions from across the nation. Each award Honoree receives \$1,000 and a trip to the awards ceremony in New York City accompanied by a guest.

A panel of distinguished judges from corporations, nonprofits, and foundations selected award Honorees from hundreds of nominations submitted by governors, mayors, CEOs, and nonprofit leaders from across the country. The Honorees--from communities big and small, urban and rural--join a select group of dedicated individuals who have made a lifelong commitment to the well-being, growth, and development of children and youth. These Honorees reach out daily to improve the futures of young people.

Named for acclaimed photographer Lewis Wickes Hine, the awards were established by the NCLC in 1985. This year is the 21st anniversary of the awards. In the early 20th century, Hine worked for the NCLC using his camera to document child labor conditions in the workplace. After viewing more than 10,000 of Hine's unsettling images of children--laboring in sweatshops, coal mines, textile mills, and on farms--Americans were stirred to take action to enact state and federal laws to protect the rights of children in the workplace.

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