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Dear

The national crisis facing the adult basic education sector in South Africa, resulted in the setting up of a task team in 1999 to investigate an Adult Education / Literacy initiative.

As a result of a consultative process, involving key adult basic education stakeholders, a proposal for a dedicated and specialist funding conduit for this sector was endorsed. Endorsements came from organisations such as Adult Educators and Trainers Association of South Africa (AETASA), South African NGO Coalition (SANGOCO) and the Interim Adult Basic Education Advisory Board (IAAB). A further endorsement was received from organisations at the ABET on Trial Conference.

This led to a public call for nominations for the Trustees of the ALBED Foundation in September 2000, and nominations were received from the broader adult literacy sector. Board members were then selected against set criteria laid out by the task team and 10 Trustees were selected. A list of Board members is attached for your interest. The ALBED Foundation was formally registered as a Trust on the 2 January, 2001.

The term Adult Literacy Basic Education and Development (ALBED) is an all inclusive term for broad literacy provision in adult basic education and training in various forms including formal, that are linked to development activities.

The primary functions of the ALBED Foundation are:

- To raise, manage, distribute and monitor funding to the adult basic education CSOs in South Africa;
- To support the implementation of a regular adult basic education sectoral conference to review adult education policy, strategy and implementation;
- To commission research projects in the sector to enhance the information available for effective planning;
- To support organisational capacity building and the development of sustainable models in the adult education sector.

As the Foundation begins its task of raising funds for the sector, we are requesting letters of support from CSO's, to assist us in this mammoth task.

In addition, the Foundation is aiming to compile a comprehensive data base of adult education sector CSO's, including the needs and capacity of such

organisations. We therefore request that you complete the attached questionnaire, to ensure that you are included on the data base, and that we can contact you when the time comes for organisations to apply to The ALBED Foundation for funding.

We look forward to receiving your completed form and letter of support, as well as developing a mutually beneficial working relationship in 2001.

Regards,