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First Lady Barbara Richardson Urges New Mexicans to Read Together on Friday, December 8, 2006

Will Donate 500 New Books to New Futures School

SANTA FE – First Lady Barbara Richardson, an Ambassador of Reading for New Mexico, joins Scholastic and Reading is Fundamental in inviting all New Mexicans and children statewide to participate in a read-a-thon on Friday. The First Lady will read to toddlers at New Futures School, a school for pregnant and parenting teenagers in Albuquerque as part of Scholastic Read for 2007: Read for Life, the eight annual children's read-a-thon.

The First Lady will read one of 500 books being donated by Scholastic to New Futures School as part of the Read for 2007 program. The event will take place at **10:00 am at New Futures School located at 5400 Cutler, NE, Albuquerque.**

“Literacy has always been an issue that knows no politics, which is why I am so proud to be an Ambassador of Reading for the Scholastic Read for 2007: Reading for Life reading campaign,” said First Lady Barbara Richardson. “The most important gift parents can give their children is the knowledge that reading and writing are keys to opportunity and enduring success.”

Initiated in 1999 by Scholastic, Read for 2007 encourages children, parents and teachers to read together for one day with the hope that their reading will continue for days to

come. Scholastic Read for 2007 will take place worldwide on Friday, December 8, 2006. Student, teachers and families are urged to participate in this meaningful event by reading together for 2,007 seconds (approximately 33 1/2 minutes).

For more information on Scholastic Read for 2007 log-on to www.scholastic.com/readfor2007.