Roy Hart State Department of Health P.O. Box 1700 Jackson, MS 39216

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RONNIE MUSGROVE

Carol Burnett, Office of Children and Youth MS Department of Human Services 750 State Street Jackson, MS 39203

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Dr. Cathy Grace, Coordinator Early Childhood Institute P.O. Box 9705 Mississippi State, MS 39762

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Julia Washington Operation Shoestring 1711 Bailey Avenue Jackson, MS 39203

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John Hales, Director Pearl River Valley Opportunities P.O. Box 188 Columbia, MS 39429

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Billy Night, Director Singing River Educational Association P.O. Box 594 Lucedale, MS 39452

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Dr. Susan Buttross Division of Child Development 2500 North State Street Jackson, MS 39216

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Judy Couey, Office of Instructional Development Department of Education 359 N. West Street Jackson, MS 39201

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Donna Simmons, Deputy Chief of Staff Governor's Office P.O. Box 139 Jackson, MS 39205-039

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October 3, 2000

Barbara Beaulieu Child & Parent Development Center P.O. Box W-219 Columbus, MS 39701

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