

Mobilizing Our Community

Hundreds participated in literacy event!

(Source: Central New York Community Foundation, April 2007)

Hundreds of community members from all walks of life were on hand to participate in **Mobilizing Our Community to Address Literacy** on April 17 at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool.

read ahead, the Central New York Community Foundation's multi-year literacy initiative, introduced its 2006 Community Report. The report features indicators of impact, alliances, community conversations and expresses a resolve to establish a community-wide partnership that promotes the vision of 100 percent literacy through 100 percent community engagement.

Rotary International District 7150 Literacy Committee and the **Syracuse Rotary Club** were also featured, spreading the news about Rotary's commitments to literacy - [District 7150's Community Assisted Adult Reader](#) and [Syracuse Rotary's Literacy One Hundred Initiative](#).

Guest speaker, **Ruth J. Colvin**, a 2006 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient and founder of Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc., spoke movingly about how difficult life can be for non-readers.

Many guests stayed on to participate in the **First Annual Ruth J. Colvin Literacy Symposium**. Attendees were invited to take part in "interactive community conversations" formulating literacy action items, big and small, to be taken back to the workplace for future use.