

## A CELEBRATION DAMPENED

By The Editors

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This issue is special, not so much because it deals with a special topic, but because it completes our first volume. *REFLECTIONS* has been greeted with warmth, exuberance and praise. It offers, say many, a creative forum for practice unavailable in other practice journals. We welcome the praise, and wish to thank all who have helped in many ways: planning, writing, and subscribing.

While, we should be in a celebrative mood, it is difficult. This past week saw the dismantling of our government's commitment to children and to the poor. If things continue along the current path, many will reap a dismal harvest, without the hope that some of the programs established during the past half century have offered.

If anything is to see us through, it will be the ability not to give up hope and to keep our spirits up as we continue to fight for social justice, and make our practice relevant to the hard times ahead. While we realize that *REFLECTIONS* will minutely impact the bitter future, we do believe that it can only serve as a voice, bringing the stories of people whose spirit is dedicated to a healing, caring society to a forum. It has been noted that our journal is different. This issue is evidence of our commitment. Whether or not you believe spirituality has a place in practice, we all need to be committed to celebrating diversity, the diversity of people and the diversity of ideas.

As *REFLECTIONS* goes into its second year, we ask you to help us grow. Not only is your renewal important but we need to count on your "word of mouth." Without the funds for staff, advertising or large mailings, it is your word of mouth that has so far helped us grow. Well, maybe, a little celebration, Happy New Year!

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