

When we conceived *Wise at Heart*, we hoped for 30-50 wisdom leaders, advocates for children and authors of books for children who would share their thoughts which would find their way into a book. WOW, were we delightfully wrong! Over 225 from 22 countries have taken our breath away thus far – and more stream in weekly.

We believed that children around the world, under 17 years of age, might embellish the book with their unfiltered insights. And, they did. In fact, hundreds from over 15 countries and counting. And, more still arrive weekly from schools, youth programs, and individuals who have heard about *Wise at Heart* from a friend.

Contributors include Talia Leman, Lemony Snicket, Tom Hanks, Jane Yolen, and 3 Nobel Prize winners in medicine, physics, and economics.

At times, we gasp at the offerings. Maybe because they are funny, profoundly affecting, or unexpectedly profound from a person under 9 or over 80 years of age.

A list and brief biography of some wisdom leaders is attached in case you are curious.

In Stage II, *Wise at Heart* will seek out collaborators, investors, and partners who share our vision and trust in our beliefs that:

- Young people have important things to say about serious subjects and we, as adults, need to listen hard, record, share, celebrate and honor their insights.
- Wisdom is distributed in equal proportion to all populations globally and no ethnicity, racial group, gender or anything has a disproportionate amount.
- Universally, we all believe, even yearn for, having an opinion that matters, even sought out, and makes a positive difference.

A presentation for these individuals and institutions is also attached. While a bit broad in scope, this document is a discussion stimulant. We are prepared to offer customized versions of the presentation.

Just for now, we ask that you take a deep breath, clear your mind, place a pad and pen within arms reach and review the attachments.

After, you might feel compelled to call (please do – 720-299-3434), write ([rsteckel@aol.com](mailto:rsteckel@aol.com)) or just rest. Some of you might cheer.

Whatever your reaction, please know that we could not have reached this point without you. Let us know what you think and how you might wish to be involved in Stage III.

Hugs,  
Richard, Michele, & Brody