



### **Response from Educators**

#### ***Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes***

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute has been receiving tremendous response from educators across the country who are hungry for educational tools to inspire their middle, high school and college students. Teachers use the book in their social studies and civic education classes to inspire their middle, high school and college students to get involved in their communities. Tutors use these stories to motivate students to improve their reading skills. College students are conducting research projects based on our stories. Scholastic's purchase of 10,000 books is a testament to its potential contribution to students. Schools in Austin, Texas; Big Rapids, Michigan; and Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts are already integrating these stories into their education curriculum.

*Stone Soup for the World provides positive snapshots of the good things that go on in this world, something our students have not experienced often in their lives. These stories have served as springboards for thought-provoking discussions and heart-felt actions. Our boys now have a common experience -and an opportunity to develop a concern for humanity. While we have just begun to mesh these stories into our curriculum, we can see that these positive messages are seeping into their thoughts. Our students can make the world a better place ...if we help them to see the way.*

**Kate Farrell**

**Principal, Fletcher J. Hairston Middle School, The Children's Village**

*Wow! I just picked up Stone Soup for the World and am oohing and ahing over it! It is my first year a teaching the service-learning course at a middle school. I've been disappointed by the lack of enthusiasm my students show towards the class. They think "We Care" is a cool class because they can get out of schoolwork. I would like to use your book (and your Website) to lead our class into doing something they can be proud of what they did with others.*

**Charlene Brown, Abilene, Kansas**

*I just discovered Stone Soup for the World and plan to use it as required text for my ESL Reading and composition class. It is informative, fun and accessible for students.*

**Barbara Hackman, City College of San Francisco**

*I have been seeking ways to supplement my university sophomore class theme: "Thinking beyond One's Self to Help Heal the World." I'm using your stories with the, "call to action" to springboard them into service projects and volunteer research projects.*

**Joyce Brownell, Ferris State University, Michigan**

*I've been thrilled with your book! I'd been searching for a book for 9th grade Social Issues classes. I'm so pleased to have found Stone Soup for the World. It is fabulous! The stories spark conversations among my students about why people are motivated to help -- and what constitutes a "community. I'm eagerly awaiting the teacher's guide.*

**Kit Beaudouin, Beaver County Day School, Chestnut Hill, MA**

*This anthology of a new America highlights remarkable acts of service and generosity that lead our country further along the road to justice.*

**Robert Burkhardt, Director of Eagle Rock School, Colorado**

*All you need is a couple of people in the schools like Marianne Larned imparting the message that it's important for young people to learn they have to give back to their communities,.. Said **Superintendent Vida Gavin, Chatham, Massachusetts.***

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