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KIDS' LETTERS NEEDED TO PROVIDE HEALING MESSAGE TO READERS.

Kids of all ages are being asked to send in "goodbye" letters that they've written. "I wrote the first letter, so I guess that makes me a 50 year old kid," says Susan Geer, Chief Compiler at Last Goodbye Letters. She goes on to say, "Our mission is simple: To collect and publish inspiring letters that may heal and enrich those who read them."

The project emanated from a personal dilemma. Late in 2011 Susan's father was battling the last stages of cancer. When she was planning a last trip up to visit him, Susan was faced with a quandary: How to say goodbye to her father when she left him for the last time? What profound thing could she say? Should she just pretend that everything was "normal?" Pondering this one night, Susan got out of bed and typed a letter to her father—a last goodbye letter. Immediately she felt better and, as she was drifting off to sleep, Susan felt a profound inspiration to gather similar letters and publish them in a book that would be positive, comforting and uplifting those who read them. Susan slept well that night and ended up having a beautiful visit with her father. She gave him the letter, he read it in private and more than what was written on the page was shared between the two—there was an understanding, acceptance and love.

But Susan couldn't get the inspiration of publishing the letters to leave her mind. And, working with her husband Kirk, Last Goodbye Letters was conceived.

"We're keeping an open mind and hoping to be surprised by what comes in," says Geer. "Originally we were thinking that these letters would be from children to their parents, but maybe they turn out to be letters from children as they move out of the house or get married, or from spouses to each other after a divorce, from owners to their pets, or even from employees to their past employers." Maybe they're poems, pictures and songs. "We don't want to paint ourselves into a box, but to let it evolve naturally," she adds.

What the folks at Last Goodbye Letters definitely **do** want are diverse letters from around the globe. To learn more about the origins of Last Goodbye Letters, how you can send in a letter for publication, and for the Release Agreement that must accompany each letter, visit the blog: LastGoodbyeLetters.com.