



**The Stone Soup Leadership Institute
Announces the Young Heroes Fund**

On June 26, 2020 The Stone Soup Leadership Institute is launching a **Young Heroes Fund**, to support young people who are on the front lines fighting for climate action, as well as for social, economic and environmental justice. Recipients will be drawn from youth featured in the forthcoming book, ***Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes***. This forthcoming book features 100 young climate change activists, social and environmental justice champions, green entrepreneurs/inventors, trailblazers, and “next gen” philanthropists, along with the intergenerational stories like grandchildren of Mahatma Gandhi, Robert Kennedy, Cesar Chavez who are carrying on their legacy.

The **Young Heroes Fund** will be launched at **Pre-Launch Book Party -- VIP Invitation-only global event**. It is the culmination of the Institute's 16th Sustainability Summit with amazing speakers from the book including Vanessa Nakate (Rise Up Africa), Jerome Foster II (OneMillionOfUs) and environmental social activist Jamie Margolin (Zero Hour) and Get Out The Vote Campaigns.

The Young Heroes Fund will provide support, mentors, training, and financial assistance to scale their organizations to reach millions of young people. "It's been an honor to work with these brave young people and write their stories. They are proof that there is a whole new generation that is filled with an inspiring, energetic determination to awaken all of us, and inspire us to build a better world. They deserve our support," says Marianne Larned, author of *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*, and Founding Director of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute.

"Many people are feeling moved right now to give, to do their part," says Sam Jacobs, Resource Generation. "It's imperative that their support reaches the places and the people where it can be most transformative. By investing in the youth leaders featured in ***Stone Soup for a Sustainable World***, we are investing in a better world."

"Giving back has totally changed my life," says Demi Weitz (Quarantunes). "What started as just a fun thing to do during the pandemic -- and it has transformed into building a whole community. Together, we've made a difference in so many people's lives. I'm honored to be included in ***Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes***. I hope everyone will join me in supporting these amazing youth leaders by giving generously to the Young Heroes Fund."

Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life Changing Stories of Young Heroes is as much a call to action as it is an inspiration to protect our planet and each other, perhaps now more than ever. It illuminates the limitless capabilities of the human spirit, at any age, to impact the world, one small deed, one bold word, one determined visionary at a time. Its stories provide a roadmap toward enlightened behavior, like that of its author, about whom my personal hero Walter Cronkite said, "Marianne Larned has humankind's dreams on her side.

Marlene Adler, Former Chief of Staff to Walter Cronkite

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute has been a leader in sustainability education and youth leadership development for over two decades: it's time the Institute is recognized for its novel contributions to the cause.

The Rev. Dr. Carol C. Sayette, United Church of

Christ

So impressive and moving! A perfect book for these difficult times, a tremendous gift to the world. Your story makes it more special, weaving tender intergenerational inspiration. You have put it together in a way that is really powerful. I'm waiting impatiently with a long list of people to send copies. Love embraces justice.

Felicia Davis, HBCU Green Fund

About the Stone Soup Leadership Institute

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute is a 501c3 nonprofit organization founded in 1997 in Massachusetts. For over 20 years, the Institute has recognized those on the front lines of climate change, social justice and economic equity around the world. The Institute's deep commitment to education as the foundation for a more equitable world has led to the development of their educational tools and trainings; global sustainable leadership summits; and youth and community leadership initiatives from the inner cities of Baltimore, Boston, Cincinnati, and Oakland to the island communities of Vieques, Puerto Rico; Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Gorda; Bristol and Newport, Rhode Island; Hawaii and Martha's Vineyard. The book ***Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes***, and the Spanish version (***Pan Y Vino Para El Camino***), as well as the Institute's educational curricula have been used in more than 120 communities around the world.

Our Pledge

*We accept Walter Cronkite's challenge for a new kind of engaged activism,
to be a force for positive change in the world.*

*We will join with the Global Hero Award recipients and carry on the legacy of
Mahatma Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt, Cesar Chavez, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
to improve the conditions of our neighborhoods, our countries, and the world
through individual action and working with others.*

*Together, we will forge new directions for the global economy,
bridge the gap between the haves and the have-nots
and strive to build a more peaceful, sustainable world.*

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