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Congratulations!

You've been nominated to be in the book, *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes*. It's heart-warming to connect with and learn from so many awesome youth leaders around the world. We've completed over 80 (of the 100) stories from 50 countries -- green entrepreneurs, changemakers, trailblazers, inventors, climate change activists, education champions, and philanthropists. When Greta Thunberg received Time's Person of the Year, she asked the media to focus on all of the young people who are waking up our world. Our new *Stone Soup* book realizes this goal.

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute brings the **Stone Soup Fable** to life - inspiring people to share their gifts so we can join together to build a better world. It all started with a "magic" stone I found on the beach. For the last 19 years, the Institute has been using the stories in the book to develop the next generation of multicultural youth leaders. We've developed youth leadership initiatives on Vieques, Puerto Rico, Virgin Gorda, BVI, Hawaii, Martha's Vineyard, Holyoke and New England, Oakland, Cincinnati and Baltimore. Some youth will be in this new book.

About the Book Project

- **Our Stone Soup Team:** We have gathered a team of passionate and committed people who working together on this book project. We will set up an interview with you with one of our team members - once you complete the attached form.
- **Themes:** Climate Change: Social, Environmental, Economic Justice, Cultural/Indigenous, Education, Women, Media, and Green Business.
- **Categories:** **Youth** (ages 13-30); **Emerging Leaders:** those who started as youth leaders; **Adults as Youth Leaders:** e.g. U.S. Congressman John Lewis; **Legacy:** grandchildren of leaders who carry on their legacy.
- **Celebrity Involvement:** celebrities will be featured in the stories as well as endorsements and introductions. See attached The Institute's Celebrity Involvement History.
- **Educational Curriculum, Platform, Schools Outreach:** The *book and companion curriculum* will be used together by educators in schools to spark and prepare a new generation of youth leaders who can work together to rebuild our planet.
- **Timeline:** We will have a formal book launch event during the **Institute's 17th Youth Leadership Summit: June 21-26, 2021**. You are invited to join us virtually. During the summer, we're partnering with youth leaders and organizations featured in the book for a **Communications Campaign** to maximize the impact of your collective voices.

Warm regards,

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