

# STONE SOUP LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Is a 501 (c3) educational non-profit organization that develops tools, programs and youth-community initiatives. We train young people to become future and emerging leaders to build a more sustainable world. Founded in 1997, the Institute works alongside traditional and grassroots leaders on island communities who are on the front lines of the global economy and global warming.

- › Educational Curriculum
- › Building Healthier Communities
- › Global Technology Initiative
- › Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development

*"It's time to take action  
and chart the course  
for our future."*

~ Walter Cronkite  
Introduction to *Stone Soup for the World:*  
*Life Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*

*We use the Stone Soup fable as a teaching tool to help people see that by working together we can do more than we thought was possible. Like the Stone Soup traveler, we each have a magic stone. When we each give our gifts, we can create a feast for the whole world.*

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## STONE SOUP *for the World*

*Igniting the heroic spirit*

Imagine...



What could happen  
if we ignited  
the heroic spirit  
in each one of us?

We could light the way  
for a better tomorrow.  
For our children,  
our communities  
and the world.

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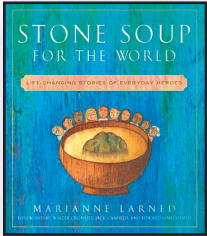
# A blueprint for building a better world...

## Educate

## Inspire and Motivate

### Books

*Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes* is called a “handbook for humanitarians” featuring 100 stories of people who show the power each one of us has to change the world. These heart-warming, action-oriented stories capture young people’s imagination and inspires them to tackle the tough issues facing our planet.



*Stone Soup for the World is a blue-print for building a better world. Its heroes have lifted their neighbors and their communities. They challenge each of us to respond in kind.*

– Walter Cronkite

### Educational Curriculum

Our Educational Curriculum is based on stories about the everyday heroes in *Stone Soup for the World*. Teaches middle and high school students character education, multicultural literacy and critical thinking skills, social studies, service learning, citizenship and leadership development skills and inspire them to take action in their schools and communities. Piloted by the YMCA of the USA, these tools have prepared youth leaders in 120 communities. Used in the Institute’s Leadership Summit, youth-community initiatives.

- ~ Dr. King Day of Service
- ~ Black History Month
- ~ Cesar Chavez Day of Service
- ~ Job Shadow Day
- ~ Earth Day
- ~ Make a Difference Day
- ~ National Volunteer Week



*My father used to say that one person can make a difference and each of us should try. This book tells the stories of people who have made that difference, and they are an inspiration to us all.*

Caroline Kennedy

### Martha’s Vineyard: 1996-2000

The Institute began working with Vineyard middle schools. The year-round program included Leadership Trainings, pilot our educational curriculum in language arts, social studies and community service; developed nationally recognized Island-wide service projects; organized major events with President Clinton to honor Dr. King and the Celebration of Heroes Awards Ceremony with Walter Cronkite honoring Islanders for doing good.



### Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development

Our 10th Annual Summit for Sustainable Development was dedicated to oceans. A weeklong leadership intensive where young people envision their dreams for their lives, their islands and the world. Youth delegates work with our faculty – seasoned leaders from our book/curriculum and those from other youth leadership initiatives. Over 80 youth have served as delegates and/or participated in MVYLI’s program.

*This Summit’s educational curriculum put science, research and creative/critical thinking into practice. We engage students in real-life science, technology, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking experiences that require them to study the most critical environmental and sustainability issues facing our islands.*

Marsha Reeves Jews, Institute’s Board President

### Ocean Sustainability-In-Action Project: 2014-2015

The Institute was honored to attend Secretary Kerry’s “Our Oceans” Conference in Washington D.C. During the coming year, MVYLI youth are developing an **Ocean Sustainability-In-Action Project** in partnership with the **Ocean Conservancy’s International Coastal Cleanup Initiative**. We are invited by the **Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute** to collaborate on field trips, internships and project-based learning.

### Special Project: Multicultural Sustainability

- **Multicultural Assembly** with Charlayne Hunter-Gault: October 2012
  - **Multicultural Essay Contest** with Vineyard Middle Schools: April 2013
- Enhances youth language arts and public speaking skills; builds bridges among diverse cultures and between middle and high school students; encourages cross-fertilization of ideas to create aculturally respectful and positive learning environment while reinforcing MVYLI’s mission.

**MVYLI’s mission** is to train young people to become leaders in their lives, their island and the world. MVYLI’s year round programs include Youth Leadership Summit, Job Shadow Day, College Prep/Field Trip/Scholarship Program, and Special Projects. MVYLI youth serve on the Governor’s Statewide Youth Council. All Vineyard youth (14-18 years) are welcome at no charge.

## Martha’s Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative

### Job Shadow Day: 2010-2014

#### Matched MVYLI youth with 60 Island businesses

We match youth with professionals who have jobs in their desired fields: editor, entrepreneur, economist, environmental law, environmental scientist, green engineer, computer scientist, farmer, small farm lobbyist, doctor, nurse, physical therapist, physician’s assistant, criminal justice, college professor, special ed/ sign language teacher, and web designer.

*MVYLI has a special place in my heart and in our Island community. Innovation and hope for a better future reign true in every one of our projects. I will forever be a firm believer in all its values. My unending appreciation goes to MVYLI for its generous investment in my future.*

Charlotte McCarron, 18

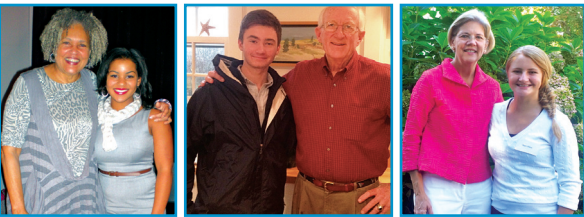
### College Prep & Field Trip Program: 2010-2014

#### Visits to 20 colleges in Massachusetts

Workshops and individual sessions to explore youth career goals and college options. Meet with their guidance counselors to develop an action plan. Meet with parents to clarify MVYLI’s program goals. Conduct SAT/ACT’s workshop and assist with scholarship application process. Conduct field trips to Massachusetts’ colleges: meet with professors, students and campus tours. Conduct video interviews with colleges nationally. We are proud that all MVYLI youth are accepted/attending four-year colleges.

*Over the last five years MVYLI has made significant accomplishments to our Vineyard youth and our Island community.*

Superintendent James Weis



### Sustainable Vineyard Report: 2009-2013

Report on 4-year project documenting Vineyard with “green eyes”. Represents the youth vision for the future of their island. Goal: attract eco-tourists and green philanthropists.

**Scholarships:** We give small scholarships to all MVYLI seniors. We also have assisted youth to receive over \$400,000 in scholarships.

*Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with MVYLI youth over the past year. I’m impressed with each student’s passion, professionalism and enthusiasm towards MVYLI’s mission. MVYLI provides Island students with a unique platform to define their dreams while providing practical advice and opportunities so they can realistically work towards fulfilling their goals.*

Rebecca McCarthy, Attorney at Law



### Walter Cronkite Awards Ceremony 2014

Walter Cronkite was the honorary chairperson of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute for over a decade. His wisdom and vision of preparing our youth as future leaders gave rise to this Annual Awards Ceremony. The Awards are presented to those using the power of the media to create positive social change in the world. An avid sailor, Mr. Cronkite was committed to caring for our oceans. In the 1970’s Mr. Cronkite was the first to produce a TV series on the environment, winning Emmys for *Can the World Be Saved?*

### The 2014 Walter Cronkite Award Recipients are champions of the oceans. Dr. Sylvia Earle and Vineyard Awardee Sam Low.

Speakers are CBS Statesman Bob Schieffer and Chris Callahan, Dean, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, Arizona State University. Walter Cronkite IV will present the Awards.

*Dr. Earle is an inspirational role model for our young people, especially our young women. She is a hands-on, experiential educator scientist who is always striving to make science cool. We need to all of our young people to get excited about science. Who knows maybe they will be the ones who invent the next technology that helps solve our greatest challenges... brings us closer to building a more sustainable world.*

Marianne Larned, Institute’s Executive Director

**Walter Cronkite Scholarships.** We encourage and support young people to pursue careers in the media and public service. We presented the first Walter Cronkite Award Scholarships to all past and present youth Awardees to help carry on Mr. Cronkite’s legacy.

*When we bought the Cronkite house, we knew we wanted to support and carry on Walter’s legacy here on the Vineyard. The Cronkite Awards seemed a perfect way to do this. The work the Institute does locally, through the Martha’s Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative (MVYLI), continues Walter’s vision of preparing our youth as future leaders in our community.*

Karen and David Brush

