



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walter Cronkite Awards Ceremony  
July 17, 2011**

**Welcome  
Walter Cronkite**

**Captain Ed Jerome  
Ray Ellis  
Rose Styron  
Ted Morgan**

**Presentation of the Walter Cronkite Awards**

**Kathy Cronkite**

- **Vineyard Youth: Meagan McDonough**
- **Vineyard Adult: Len Morris**

**Presentation of Citations from**

**Senator Kerry, State Senator Dan Wolf and State Senator Timothy Madden**

**Stone Soup Leadership Institute**

**Judith Kurland**

**Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative**

**Video**

**MVYLI Youth Leadership Summit Director**

**Josue Cruz**

**Walter Cronkite Award Recipient 2010**

**MVYLI Sustainable Vineyard Map**

**Emma HallBilsback**

**Closing Remarks**

**Trip Barnes**

**Musical Performance**

**David Crohan**

*Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes is a blueprint for building a better world. Its heroes are legendary people and ordinary folks who, by conviction, imagination, innovation, persistence, frequently hard work, and not infrequently moral or physical courage, have lifted their neighbors and their communities. They challenge each of us to respond in kind.*

*In the last century we've shown the world how we can attack and solve perplexing problems with technology. Imagine if we were to apply that same intellectual power to solving the greatest problems the world faces – poverty, overpopulation, pollution, and medical insufficiency, as well as our dependence on nonrenewable energy resources. Now is a good time to launch a bold new national initiative. This could be our version of the putting a man on the moon. It's time to take action -- and chart the course for our future. That's the way it is.*

**Walter Cronkite**

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**Walter Cronkite** was the honorary chairperson of **The Stone Soup Leadership Institute** for nearly a decade. We are here tonight to honor a great man and his life – a man who meant so much to so many on Martha’s Vineyard that meant so much to him. We are here to also honor his dream for the future. Mr. Cronkite’s wisdom and vision of preparing our youth as future leaders in their communities gave rise to this special event. His inspirational work and unwavering support will remain in the hearts of many around the world. We celebrate his place in our lives, his words of encouragement, and the remarkable man who shared a common goal for a better tomorrow.

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute’s mission is to develop educational tools, trainings and initiatives that prepare young and emerging leaders to build a better world. Founded in 1997 on Martha’s Vineyard, the Institute is a 501c3 non-profit education organization registered in Massachusetts. Walter Cronkite wrote the introduction to the Institute’s book and educational curriculum, *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*. In 2000, the Institute presented its first Celebration of Heroes Awards Ceremony with Walter Cronkite to honor local heroes from each of the Island’s six towns. **Kathy Cronkite** serves on the Institute’s International Advisory Council, carrying on his father’s legacy.

The **Martha’s Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative’s** mission is to develop the next generation of leaders. MVYLI’s year round programs include **MVYLI’s Job Shadow Day, College Prep Program, Governor’s Youth Council, Cape & Islands Youth Congress, NAACP Juneteenth Conference and Bioneers by the Bay Conference**. MVYLI is a project of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute: [www.mvyli.org](http://www.mvyli.org)

### *Walter Cronkite Award Winners*

**Meagan McDonough** is junior at the Martha’s Vineyard Charter School and a founding member of the Martha’s Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative (MVYLI). Her dream is to be an educational media producer. She feels strongly about the need for positive educational media, especially to inspire young people. Meagan served as a delegate to the Institute’s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. Born on the Caribbean island of St. Thomas, Meagan enjoyed meeting youth delegates from five Caribbean islands as well as Martha’s Vineyard. For the last year Meagan has been MVYLI’s intern at the Martha’s Vineyard Community Television Station (MVTV). She produced a video on MVYLI’s College Prep Program and Field Trip and MVYLI’s Job Shadow Day. Meagan traveled to Boston with MVYLI youth to present the MVYLI Sustainable Vineyard Map to Senator John Kerry’s staff and on the local ABC-TV station. Meagan served as MVYLI’s representative to the Cape & Islands Youth Congress where she shared her perspective about the importance of giving young people an opportunity to share their ideas with their communities and the world. Meagan is a hard worker with a great spirit and an enthusiasm for life that is contagious. She is an original, open-minded young woman with a strong sense of values.

**Len Morris** is the director of Galen Films that produces social documentaries with a focus on children’s human rights. Over the past fifteen years, Len and his team have produced a trilogy of films that focus on the causes and best practice solutions to child labor, children on the streets and chronic poverty: *Stolen Childhoods, Rescuing Emmanuel and The Same Heart*. Len is also an advocate for children before government agencies, on campuses, at conferences and through his participation in a unique online community, **MEDIA VOICES FOR CHILDREN**. Len is a Member of the Directors Guild of America. He began his career producing public radio, and was a film editor and producer at ABC News, 20/20. Len is an independent producer and director of documentary films, videos and oral histories (of world leaders in government, business, academia, philanthropy and the arts). Len’s films have been broadcast on ABC, NBC, PBS, HBO, TNT and AMC and broadcast around the world. He has produced and directed all the Galen Films productions on this site. An advocate for children before Congress and internationally, Len’s speaking engagements range from universities to global conferences. Len was the director of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute’s video narrated by Walter Cronkite, *In Celebration of Heroes*.



In 2002, Walter Cronkite hosted the Institute's Global Heroes Awards Event in New York City to honor those on the front lines of the war against poverty and terrorism. He presented Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Grameen Bank with the Institute's Mahatma Gandhi Award. At the event, Walter Cronkite challenged leaders from business, government and the global NGO community to take this pledge.

### **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 Award recipients and carry on the legacy of  
Cesar Chavez, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt  
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 have nots  
and strive to build a more peaceful, sustainable world.*

**Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Global Hero Awards - New York City, Nov. 13, 2002**

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### **Eisenhauser Gallery**

**Walter Cronkite Photo: Alison Shaw**

### **Our Team**

**Event Coordinator Gerri Laurino**

**Photographer: Mark Kotsopoulos**

**Videographer: Tom Mayhew**

**Greeter: Corinne deLangavant**

**with Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative**

**MVYLI Project Director: Rebecca Rabeni**

**Stone Soup Leadership Institute Director: Marianne Larned**

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