

# 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 leadersto 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*

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Imagine...



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

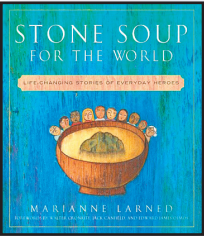
We could light the way  
for a better tomorrow.  
For our children,  
our communities  
and the world.

# 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

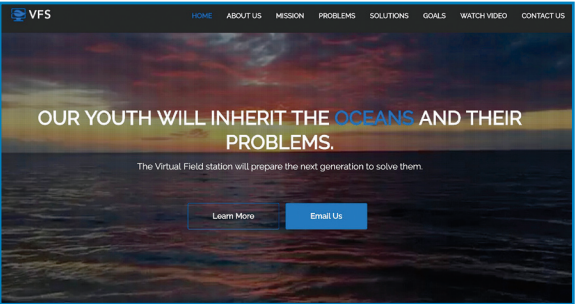
### Martha’s Vineyard: 1996-2000

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.



**12th Youth Leadership Summit: June 25-July 1, 2016**  
MVYLI was honored to welcome the Hōkūle’a Worldwide Voyage. Hawaiian youth delegates taught us to make leis. 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 90 youth have served as delegates and/or participated in MVYLI’s program.

**Ocean Sustainability-In-Action Project: 2014-2017**  
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 Projects** with field trips to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.



- **MVYLI Virtual Field Station:** educational tool for students to access scientific research on our marine environment for science fair projects, internships, summer jobs: [www.virtualfieldstation.com](http://www.virtualfieldstation.com)
- **Sustainable Vineyard Project: 2010-2013**  
MVYLI youth see the Vineyard with “green eyes” and want to attract eco-tourists, green philanthropists to create multiplier effect green projects, jobs for Island youth and a sustainable Island economy. In partnership with MV Commission, in collaboration with 20 organizations.
- **Multicultural Sustainability: 2012-2013**
- **Multicultural Essay Contest with Middle Schools: April 2013**

# Martha’s Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative



**Career Mentor & Job Shadow Day Program: 2010-2017**  
gives Vineyard youth ongoing mentorship opportunities with professionals in their desired fields. We conduct weekly workshops to help focus their studies and motivate them to excel in school; clarify their goals and career path and college choices; and direct them to future mentor opportunities: meaningful summer jobs, internships, apprenticeships. MVYLI youth who attend weekly meetings are better prepared to use the skills they learned to realize their goals for their lives, their island and the world. During the last four years, MVYLI has matched over 80 Island businesses and professionals with Vineyard youth.



**College Prep & Field Trip Program: 2010-2016**  
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. 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. We give small scholarships to all MVYLI seniors. We also have assisted youth to receive over \$1,000,000 in scholarships.

### Visits to 20 colleges in Massachusetts

**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.

# TouchStone Leaders Platform

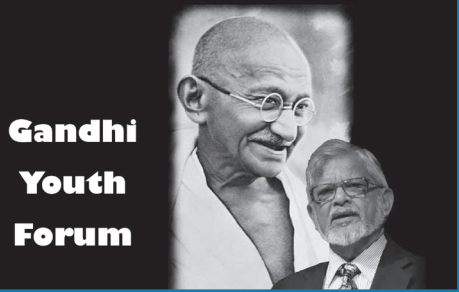


**The TouchStone Leaders Platform** takes The Institute’s 20-year investment to an online format so millions around the world will have access to our Stone Soup style leadership training modules and transformative programs. This dynamic new educational strategy offers a wide range of smart tool resources designed for people who dream of a better world and are ready to take action in their life and in their communities. The Platform offers high-touch/high tech in-depth leadership training, access to a vast digital content library and a virtual space to collaborate and learn from others working for change in their communities. [www.TouchStoneLeaders.com](http://www.TouchStoneLeaders.com)

**Local-Global Leaders Course:** MVYLI was the BETA site for The Institute’s Global Leaders Platform. The goal is to Institute’s Education Curriculum to develop skills essential for 21st Century leaders.

**The Institute’s Performance Metrics** measured Adapability, Communication, Critical-thinking, Conflict-Resolution, Teawork, Project Management, and Problem Solving. The BETA Program developed these skills through readings stories, hands-on exercises and connecting with communities around the globe. **Improvement Average: 14.2 points**

Youth envisioned digital service projects: [www.volufind.com](http://www.volufind.com)



**The Gandhi Youth Forum** was the highlight of **2015 Youth Leadership Summit**. **Arun Gandhi** shared his journey as he carries on his grandfather’s legacy of “being the change we want to see in the world.” He engaged our future leaders in conversation about how each one of us can create peace in our lives and in the world.