



**The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's  
Pilot Program with book & curriculum**

***Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes***

**In Partnership with the YMCA of the USA**

The YMCA of the USA was chosen to pilot test the Leader's Guide for the book, Stone Soup for the World because of its outstanding leadership in developing after-school programs that help fulfill their vision of building strong kids, strong families and strong communities. Eight sites were selected from the 2,220 YMCA's across the country including: the YMCA of Metropolitan Minneapolis, the North Suburban YMCA of Greater Boston's Earth Service Corps (YESC) after-school program, the Partners Program at Springfield College's YMCA, the Allston-Brighton Family Branch YMCA with Boston College volunteers involved with their mentor-based counseling program, Virginia Tech's YMCA in Blacksburg, VA, Grafton, the West Virginia's HI-Y School Day Plus program, the Youth as Resources Program at the Muncie Family YMCA in Indiana and the Milwaukee YMCA's Passports for Youth Program.

These YMCA's are integrating the book and the new Leader's Guide into the service-learning curriculum of their after-school programs. The Guide serves as a reflection tool and action resource supplementing a variety of YMCA youth development programs. These eight sites are making an impact locally while helping the YMCA reach its commitment to America's Promise to increase the number of volunteers nationally to 580,600 and helping the Stone Soup Leadership Institute move towards its commitment of getting the book into the hands of a million young people. In addition, they are contributing to the emerging field of service learning and those who are looking for ways to teach young people about civic responsibility.

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