



World's Largest Book Signing

On April 17, 1998 over 100 community heroes, storytellers, celebrities and dignitaries signed books and recruited new volunteers in 40 communities across the country. They read their heartwarming stories, autographed books, organized creative events and signed people up for service opportunities in their communities.

All proceeds from the book go to the Stone Soup Leadership Institute to help support educational projects that encourage children to help build a better world.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

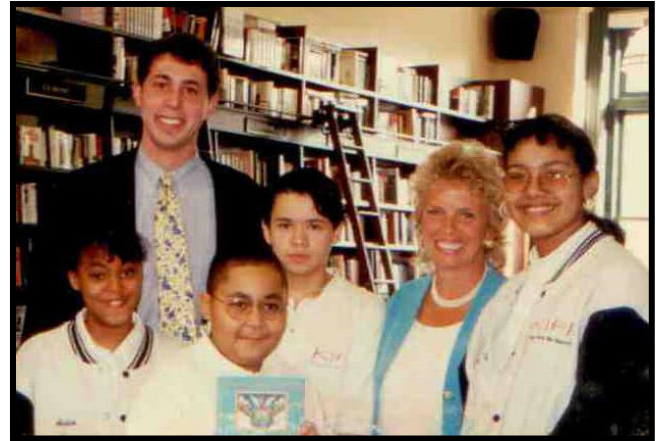
The Southeastern Pennsylvania Volunteer Center organized a multi-faceted event at Borders Mayor Rendell read a story. Actor Ben Franklin served as MC. Joseph Rogers at National Mental Health Consumers Self-Help Clearinghouse increased awareness about the gifts and resources of people with mental disabilities. New recruits signed a huge paper mache stone for the Volunteer Center's Traveling Exhibit. They received great publicity and 15% of book sales.

Nyack, New York

The Mayor of Nyack, New York read "*Adagio in Sarajevo*" at the Pickwick Book Shop. Richard Deats, Fellowship of Reconciliation shared his experience working with the author, Marianne Larned in the Philippines. College students attending FOR's training served Stone Soup. The Volunteer Action Center of Rockland County signed up new volunteers. Director Janet Anderson said, "the book's life-changing stories of kindness and courageous acts of service" are the perfect inspiration behind volunteerism. "The launching of "*Stone Soup for the World*" is a direct tie-in with National Volunteer Week," Anderson said. "Our role is to honor all volunteers and to encourage the idea of volunteerism."

Washington D.C.

Barnes & Noble Georgetown honored Stand for Children and Rebuilding Together (Christmas in April). President Patty Johnson invited leaders from their 206 chapters to develop their own creative plans to participate in and benefit from the book launch. On April 25, National Rebuilding Day, they will give books to board members, supporters and house captains saying, "This book is one of the greatest thank you gifts to people who are volunteering."



Author Marianne Larned with David Levitt, KIPP students

New York City

In New York City at Union Station Barnes & Noble with Jonathan Alter, Newsweek, Allan Luks, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of New York City, Nina Klippel and Sharon Burde, Neve Shalom Wahat a Salam, Peter Mann, World Hunger Organization, Marianne Larned, author, Janet Hulstrand, editor. Teach for America's KIPP students performed their hip-hop rendition of historic speeches and songs. The Mayor's Voluntary Action Council signed people up for service opportunities.

Jack Canfield was at Earthlings, Santa Barbara.

Frances Moore Lappe at Everyone's Books in Brattleboro, Vermont

12-year-old Isis Johnson at the Little Professor in New Orleans

15-year-old David Levitt at Barnes & Noble in Tampa, Florida.

St. Louis, Missouri

Left Bank Books in St. Louis, featured Hulas King, executive at EDS Unigraphic Solutions. Left Bank split their proceeds from *Stone Soup for the World* sales with King's current foundation, The Cornerstone

Partnership, which helped update the various job skills of displaced workers.

Volunteer Centers in New York City, Billings Montana, Denver, Colorado, San Diego, California, Madison, Wisconsin, Bethesda, Maryland and Cincinnati used the event to kick off **National Volunteer Week**. Several bookstores donated proceeds to local charities.

We were thrilled to collaborate with the World's Largest Book Signing and our local Urban Appalachian Council, a United Way agency, to promote volunteerism. The community book reading helped bring to life the exciting stories and contributions of individual volunteers. Hearing these stories inspires others to give their time and efforts to make their community a better place to live.

Lucy Crane, Manager, United Way Voluntary Resource Center, Cincinnati, OH

Newton, New Jersey

A small company from a rural community, **Ames Rubber Company** created an event at **The Bookshelf** to increase awareness about adult illiteracy through their partnership with **Literacy Volunteers of America**.

Bethesda, Maryland

In Bethesda, Maryland Art Buchwald encouraged seniors to volunteer. **Returned Peace Corps Volunteers** and **AmeriCorps Alumni** shared their stories and signed people up with their organizations.

Omaha, Nebraska

Eddie Staton and John Gatus, MADDADS at **Barnes & Noble in Omaha, Nebraska** with **Larry Spears, Robert Greenleaf Institute** who then made a presentation at the **National Conference on Community Development**

Charlotte, North Carolina

Jan Boylston from **NationsBank** was at company's headquarters in **Charlotte, North Carolina** at **The Bookmark**.

Dallas, Texas

TDIndustries' CEO, Jack Lowe and **MEDISEND** founder, **Dr. Martin Lazar** at **Borders Dallas, TX**
Martha's Vineyard

Bunch of Grapes, on Massachusetts' Martha's Vineyard featured the **Barnbusters** featured in *The Great Martha's Vineyard Barn Raising*,

Orange County, California

Phil Stevens joined with the **Orange County Volunteer Center** to **World's Largest Book Singing** event with **Barnes & Noble** in **Costa Mesa** to honor **local American Indian organizations and South Dakota Native American Chiefs**. **Walking Shield** volunteers answered questions and recruited new supporters. A colorful photo exhibit gave people powerful images for how their support will help people living on reservations.

Santa Cruz, California

Nane Alejandre, Barrios Unidos organized a culturally diverse event at the **Capitola Book Café** with several dignitaries including the Mayor reading stories about **Mahatma Gandhi, Cesar Chavez** and **Nelson Mandela**. "It was a tremendous success. Over a hundred people attended, and they sold over 50 books," said the Café owner.

Berkeley/Oakland, California

Patricia Wynn at **Gaia Bookstore** in **Berkeley** hosted an event honoring **Oakland Fire Captain Ray Gatchalian**.

Marin County, California

Book Passage in Corte Madera: hundreds of people went to see **Ram Dass** - his first public event after his stroke. The event also included **Suki Munsell** and **Anna Halprin** from the **Tamalpais Institute**. The **New Leaf Bookstore, Larkspur:** proprietor **Susan Scott** was delighted with her store's involvement. "Our experience was wonderful," she beamed. "**Masanko Bandko** from **Pathways to Peace** read the story, answered questions, and talked for about 45 minutes." Scott was also won over by **Stone Soup for the World**. "I love the book. It was done really well."

Cincinnati, Ohio

The Voluntary Resource Center worked with the **Appalachian Urban Council**, the local organization featured in the book, *Stone Soup for the World* to recruit new volunteers for community projects.