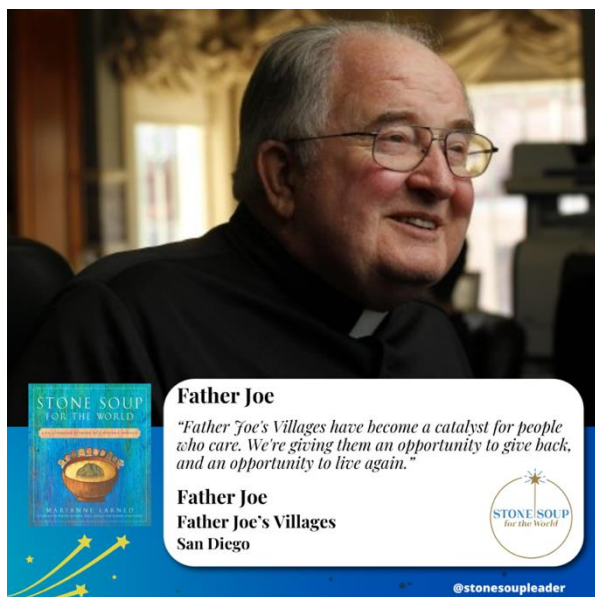




Stone Soup Leadership Institute's
Story of the Week: *Father Joe – Father Joe’s Villages*
Week of July 7 - July 13



Sunday July 7: Story: Father Joe:

READ how Father Joe was a champion for the less fortunate and helped changed the way San Diego dealt with homelessness.

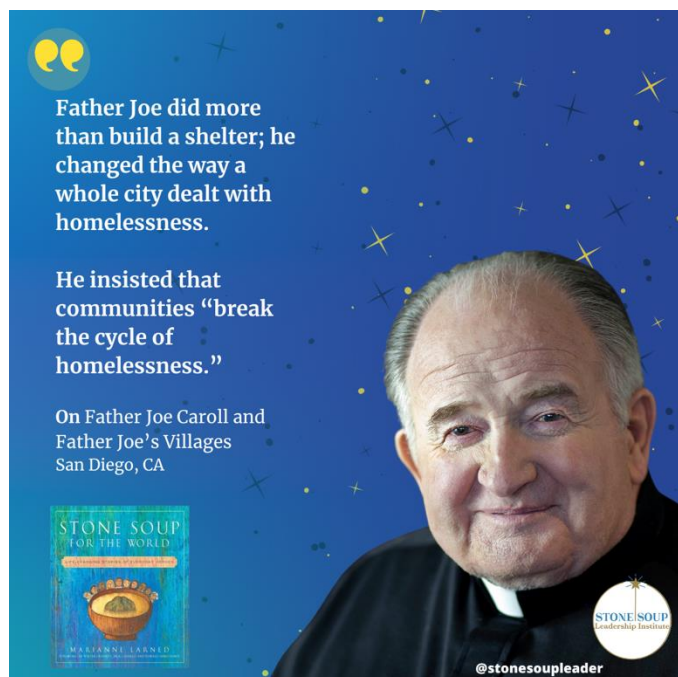
Father Joe’s Villages (formerly St. Vincent de Paul Village) has become a national model for how to break the cycle of poverty by helping unhoused people regain their independence and dignity by giving back.

Born in the Bronx, Father Joe came to San Diego at age 22 with only \$50. In his lifetime he raised millions for the homeless.

His story is featured in Stone Soup for the World and in the Stone Soup Educational Curriculum.

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Monday: July 8: Father Joe

Father Joe Carroll ignored those who said his Village was "too nice" for homeless people. He believed that feeding and clothing the homeless was only half the battle. By restoring people's dignity, you can help them reclaim their lives.

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Tuesday: July 9:
Hero Report: Father Joe

WATCH this short video to discover how Father Joe shaped the Villages from its inception to the powerful community organization it is today.

Compassion and the spirit of “neighbors helping neighbors” are the cornerstones of the multi-prong approach Father Joe’s Villages takes to tackling community issues.

<https://youtu.be/5-Ladw2njI0>



Wednesday: July 10: Honor Roll

Father Joe’s Villages mission is to prevent and end homelessness, one life at a time with their creed: Compassion, Respect, Empathy, Empowerment, and Dignity.

Founded by Father Joe in 1950, it has grown to include a comprehensive campus and scattered-site programs that house over 2,000 people nightly. It all began with a small chapel in downtown San Diego.

Upon his retirement in 2011, Father Joe had overseen the growth of one of the most comprehensive homeless services agencies in the country. For decades, the organization has been a trusted name in San Diego.

Read more:
<https://my.neighbor.org>

<https://my.neighbor.org/about-us/>

Watch SHINE A Father Joe’s Villages Film
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_4m-8WHW0

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Warm Clothing Drive for New Immigrants Community Service Project 2018



Thursday: July 11:
Institute Initiative Feature

The Institute's leadership programs instill in all our young people the joy of sharing their gifts by helping others through service learning projects. Youth leaders from the Rhode Island Youth Leadership Initiative organized a warm clothing drive for new immigrants from Guatemala.

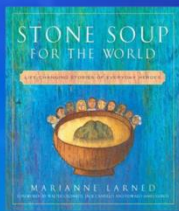
"My experience with the warm clothing drive was amazing! It was a great opportunity for me to share my artistic skills with my love to help people. I was very happy to be asked to design the posters for the clothing drive."

- Leslie Perez, Future Designer, University of Rhode Island incoming senior

Learn more:

<https://www.riyli.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Community-Service-2018.pdf>

*The only solution
is to love.*
-Dorothy Day



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Thursday: July 11: 2nd Post:
Dorothy Day: Quote

Growing up poor in the Bronx, Father Joe and his family greatly benefitted from the pioneering work of Dorothy Day. Her generosity inspired him to dedicate his life to helping those less fortunate.

How might you join with them and help those less fortunate in your community?

The next time you see a homeless person on the street, could you share a smile, a kind word or even some food?

Homelessness is one of the most pressing issues in our nation. Together as a community and with love—we can learn from Father Joe and Dorothy Day to find solutions.

Friday: July 12: Lesson Plan: Father Joe

EDUCATORS use this FREE Lesson plan to help your students learn how we can support those less fortunate in our communities with service learning projects.

Help your students learn about the values of having a vision, dedication, taking initiative, resourcefulness as well as increase their social emotional learning.

How can your students have a better understanding of the homeless population in your community?

Link to Lesson Plan:

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En Espanol:

<https://stonesoupleadership.org/storage/2024/05/lesson-plan-father-joe-spanish.pdf>

Saturday: July 13: Press: Father Joe

Father Joe was a visionary and charismatic leader. His revolutionary approach began simply: by listening – directly from people experiencing homelessness what they needed to move off the streets. What he heard was that women, men and children were facing countless issues just trying to survive and struggled to focus on obtaining housing and income—and they needed comprehensive services to truly achieve success.

Father Joe's Villages created many innovative social welfare and workforce development programs.

Read more: <https://my.neighbor.org/who-is-father-joe/>