



Stone Soup Leadership Institute's  
Story of the Week: Focus: HOPE  
Week of February 14 - 20, 2021



**Sunday: Thrive Global: Focus: HOPE**

**#SundayThoughts:** We honor Black History Month with this story on @AriannaHuff's @Thrive Global about Focus: HOPE inspired by Father Cunningham's mission to carry on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's dream to build racial harmony and economic equity in Detroit.

Thrive Global link: [thriveglobal.com/stories/focushope/](https://thriveglobal.com/stories/focushope/)

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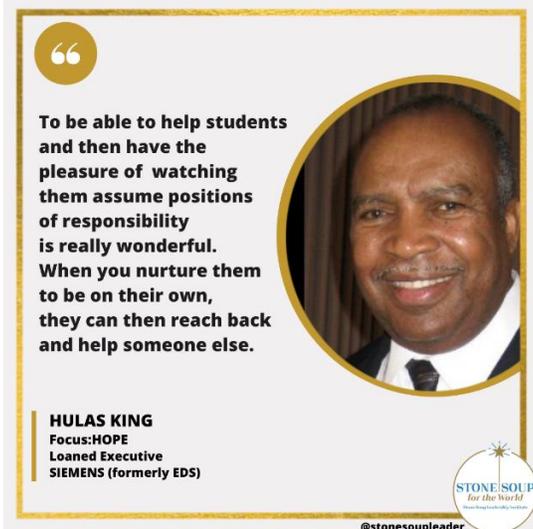
**Monday: Quote: Hulas King**

**#MondayMotivation:** Business executive Hulas King served for a year as "loaned-executive" and a mentor to Focus: HOPE students. As Black Engineer of the Year, Hulas was first at EDS and then SIEMENS GO PLM where he served as Chairman of the Global Diversity Council.

Focus: HOPE invites everyone to reach out to lift up those at risk of being left behind.

Follow us to receive more inspirational stories about organizations like Focus: HOPE that promote racial harmony and economic equity.

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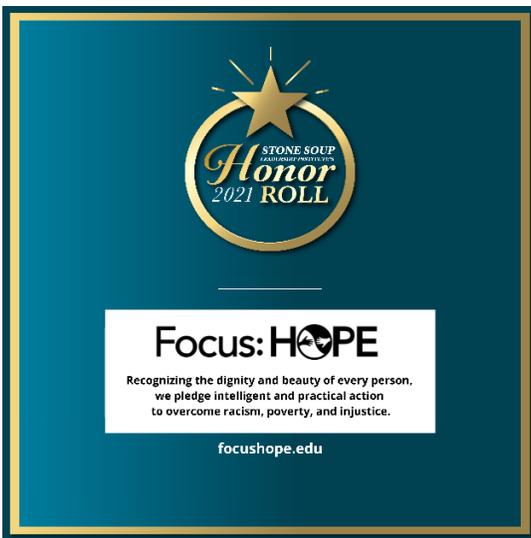


**Tuesday: Hero Report: Focus: HOPE**

Watch this video about Focus: HOPE co-founder Father Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis - visionary leaders who lifted up the Detroit community with opportunities for underserved youth and their families. See how their vision to transform an abandoned factory into education and workforce training centers prepared thousands of Detroit youth for 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/1xkLN6w3JxE>

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**Wednesday: Honor Roll: Focus: HOPE**

#CalltoAction In celebrating its 50th anniversary Focus: Hope renewed its standing as national model for economic and social justice organization. Learn how Focus: Hope addresses entrenched issues and advocates for all Detroit people:

[www.focushope.edu/hopespeaks/](http://www.focushope.edu/hopespeaks/)

What actions are you taking to have a social impact? Share with us in the comments below!

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**THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1999

**Good News Monday  
Brewing Stone Soup in Cincinnati**



On a scale rating inspiration and hope, the recent Stone Soup leadership training in Cincinnati was a weekend of 10s. About 70 teenagers, educators, mentors, youth workers, business and government leaders and parents spent two and one-half days learning how individuals, working together in public service, can change their schools and

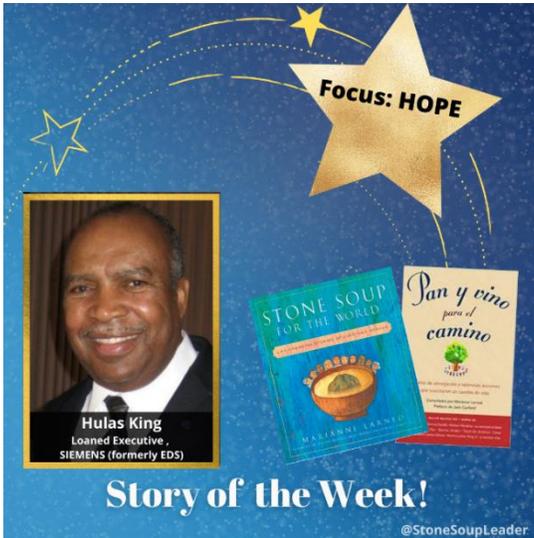
communities for the better. Just like the community heroes in Marianne Larned's popular book, Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Kindness & Courageous Acts of Service.

People across the country are using the collection of 100 short, real-life stories to teach young people positive values and citizenship, to

**Thursday: Focus: HOPE**

#ThrowbackThursday: Businessman Gale Smith asked the Stone Soup Leadership Institute to bring it's team to Cincinnati after the racial riots in 1999. The Institute's Board member, Hulas King shared his experience with Focus: HOPE and encouraged business, government, community leaders to create apprenticeship and mentor programs. The Cincinnati Enquirer Editor Linda Cagnetti said, " Anyone witnessing the Cincinnati Stone Soup training would be optimistic about the unlimited potential for Cincinnati to be a community known for character and compassion." [Read more here.](#)

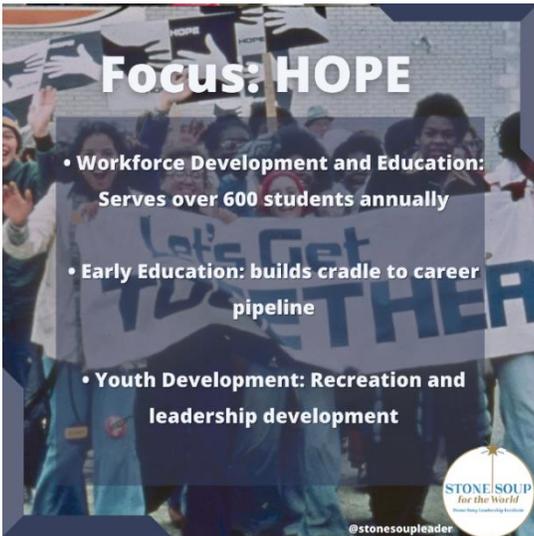
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**Friday: FOCUS: HOPE**

#FridayReads Read the inspiring story of how Father William Cunningham answered Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s call to religious leaders to join him on the Selma March and he returned to Detroit to join with Eleanor Josaitis unite a community for racial justice and economic empowerment.

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**Saturday: Focus: HOPE Statistics**

#SaturdayThoughts: Focus: HOPE's team carries on Dr. Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis legacy on a 100-block campus through comprehensive programs for Youth Development, Early Learning, Workforce and Food Justice programs. Thousands of Detroit's people have achieved academic success and financial independence.

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