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Stone Soup for the World-Life-Changing Stories of Kindness & Courageous Acts of Service

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"My father used to say that one person could make a difference and each of us should try. This book tells the stories of people who have made the difference, and they are an inspiration to us all."

-Caroline Kennedy

Stone Soup for the World: Life Changing Stories of Kindness and Courageous Acts of Service, is a powerful collection of 100 true stories celebrating ordinary people doing unforgettable deeds that tap our imaginations, and rekindle the spirit of giving. All of the stories recount heroic humanitarian acts and lead us on an inspiring journey to discover what is working in the world.

With an opening message by **Ret. General Colin Powell**, *Stone Soup for the World* features stories from organizations such as: **Christmas in April, Food from the 'Hood, City Year, Teach for America, KaBoom!, Urban Appalachian Council, INROADS, Foster Grandparents, and MADDADS**. The book is by **Marianne Larned** with a foreword by **Jack Canfield**.

Like the children's folktale "Stone Soup," all of these stories remind us that, with a little imagination and

cooperation; we can make the world a better place and recreate a compassionate basis for human interaction.

Stone Soup for the World includes inspirational stories by: **Nelson Mandela, Reverend Cecil Williams, Ram Dass, Steven Spielberg, Frances Moore Lappe and Former President Jimmy Carter**.

One of the stories, *Awakening*, is about **Dr. Patrick Mendis**, who lived in Minnesota for many years. The story describes Mendis' experience of growing up in a tiny Sri Lankan village and his participation in a Shramadama work camp. These camps were organized by **Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne** who created a powerful volunteer service and grassroots human development organization to benefit the small villages of Sri Lanka. Ari called his crusade Sarvodaya, a term Gandhi used for "awakening of all." Mendis is a professor of Public Policy & International Relations for the University of Maryland-Asia and is teaching in Japan at the present time.

A handbook for humanitarians, *Stone Soup for the World* [ISBN: 1-57324-118-0] is a warm celebration of the service of hundreds of thousands of people and a springboard for thousands more looking for hope and direction.