



### Welcome Message from Trevor Tanaka Sustainability Coordinator

*The Stone Soup Leadership Institute has given me the unique opportunity to grow as a high school student into a young adult while supporting students who aspire to become leaders in their lives, their communities and our world. The Sustainable Education Toolkit is a gift to students everywhere. As students we are often told what should be done, but this Toolkit gives them insight into those who have turned those words into action. We hope it serves as a tool for knowledge and excites passion in students to create a more sustainable future.*

*As a 16-year old student at Konawaena High School on the Big Island of Hawaii, I was confused about my future, and the goals I wanted to accomplish. I had a passion for the beauty of the natural world, and was dedicated to protecting it, but I wasn't about it learning in school. Working with the Institute helped me direct my interest in sustainability, and fuel my drive to find a way to overcome these challenges and bring sustainable education to all students. In just six months, we were able to get a Resolution passed by the State of Hawaii (House & Senate) that required every student in public schools to learn about sustainability so we could protect and preserve the 'Aina, the environment that sustains and nurtures human life.*

*For the last ten years, I've worked with the Institute to develop the leadership skills, training and tools to harness my passion for helping other students to take action, and help them discover sustainability solutions to the challenges we face. Out of this experience, along with educators and business leaders, we built this Sustainable Education Toolkit. I'm honored to be one of the 100 young heroes featured in the book Stone Soup for a Sustainable World. Along with the Institute's other youth leaders featured in the book like Taynara Goncalves, Chris Aring, Kassandra Castillo, Josue Cruz, we have planted seeds with young people in diverse communities to create a more sustainable future for our planet. It has been an honor to work alongside the other young heroes in the book to shine the light on sustainability solutions in 38 countries around the world.*

*We believe it is important for students to be able to understand both the problems we are facing today, and how they can serve an integral role in solving them. This Sustainable Education Toolkit provides educators, and others who work with young people, a set of resources and activities that bring sustainability issues to life. It is designed to help bridge the gap between traditional classroom materials and the global environmental issues we are facing today. The 100 lesson plans - one for each story in the book - serve as 100 shining rays of hope for students around the world. Reading the stories in the book, they can see for themselves that anyone, from students to the leaders of large companies, can make a meaningful impact on the world. Through the Language Arts and STEM activities, Sustainability Innovations and Sustainable Career Pathways serve as windows into a whole world of sustainable solutions that students can discover to the challenges we face today and become engaged in hands-on activities with real-world effects. It is our hope that this Sustainable Education Toolkit will help students unlock their potential and pursue their dreams so that they can join us in creating a more just, equitable, and sustainable world.*