

Stone Soup Network helps build stronger communities by making it easier for neighbours to share with each other.

Together, with everyone contributing what they can, we create a more abundant community for all.

There are many ways to get involved:

- Contribute your company's product or service to help neighbours in need.
- Volunteer with us and be part of the team.
- Donate to help sustain this project.



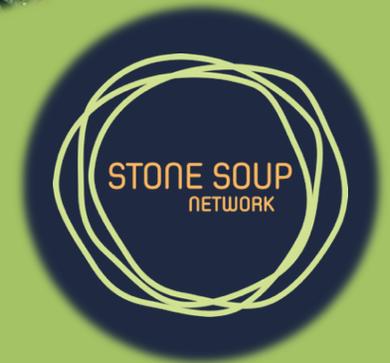
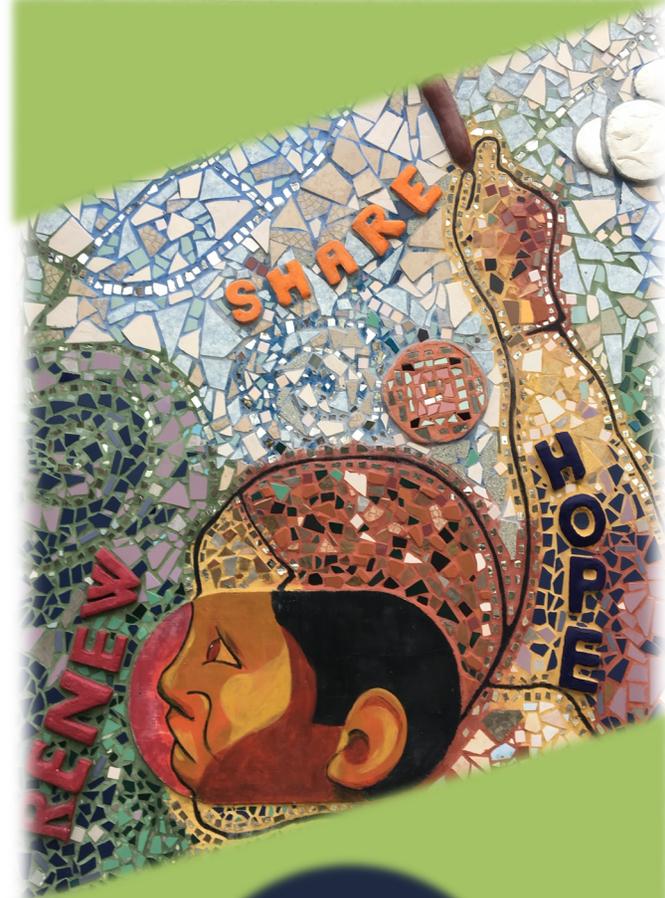
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Why Stone Soup Network?

The story of Stone Soup has been told in many versions over hundreds of years.

One version takes place in the Himalayan mountains when two travelling monks ask their elder to share the secret to happiness.

The monks come across a village where people have hidden away whatever food they have. “No matter”, says the elder, “we have everything we need to make Stone Soup”. Pulling out a large pot, he fills it with water and stones and begins cooking it over a fire. “I do like a tasty stone soup!” he says loudly to himself. “Of course, stone soup with cabbage - that’s hard to beat”. Soon a villager approaches holding a cabbage and adds it to the pot. “If only we had some carrots to add to the soup!” says the elder. Another neighbour approaches and adds a few carrots to the pot.

One by one, villagers make their small contributions until there is a delicious meal for everyone to share -

- and just like that, a group of individuals has become a community, and the secret to happiness is revealed.

HOW IT WORKS

1. We gather contributions from the neighbourhood businesses



We ask local businesses to identify how they’d like to give back to their community. Maybe they can contribute a store gift card, a meal, children’s classes or camp sessions, haircuts, or an hour or two of tutoring.

2. Then we turn to trusted “social connectors” to identify need



Social connectors include shelter support staff, religious leaders, healthcare workers and social workers. They are well placed to identify neighbours who need a little extra help.

3. They match the contributions to those who need them most



Social connectors make the link between the contribution and the person or family who needs it. The social connector prints a voucher which can be redeemed for the contribution. It’s that simple.

Are you a social connector?
Are you a business with something to share?
Let’s make stone soup together.

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