

The Valley  
Virgin Gorda  
British Virgin Gorda

January 16, 2007

**To Whom It May Concern**

**Dear Sir/Madam:**

In December 2006, I had the privilege of meeting Ms. Marianne Larned, author of the book "Stone Soup for the World" and Executive Director of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute. Its contents provide the courage to see things differently and clearly, while clinging to the important things that give meaning to life, as we of the British Virgin Islands have tried successfully to do for generations.

It is admirable to see how Ms. Larned and the programming of such projects as the Vieques Youth Leadership Initiative have demonstrated their devotion to the philosophy of her book, by making a commitment to help young people around the world pursue and develop their dreams to the fullest potential. This is something that I too desire for the youth of the British Virgin Islands.

As I sat and listened, I was very impressed with the outcome of her latest accomplishment in Vieques, Puerto Rico. The interest and enthusiasm displayed by the young people as they seek to enhance their leadership skills is very rewarding. For this reason, it is our interest to see such a program exist here in Virgin Gorda so that our children have the opportunity to funnel their interest and enthusiasm into our successful future.

Ms. Larned has shown a keen interest in working with the young of Virgin Gorda. I believe that this window of opportunity demands our best efforts in realizing the dream on their behalf. To this end, our assistance to Ms. Larned will be key in establishing strong programming for Virgin Gordan children.

Any support in producing fiber and strength to this venture will only provide the core for the advancement of our talented and gifted young minds.

Please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience with any questions or concerns regarding my full support of the implementation of programming by the Stone Soup Leadership Institute to make the Virgin Gorda Youth Leadership Initiative a reality.

Sincerely,  
Bernice Sprauve