




Happy Birthday Toshi!

Clearwater's matriarch, cofounder, and community organizer, Toshi Aline Ohta Seeger was born on this day 100 years ago.

Much of Clearwater's identity can be attributed to her big heart, tireless work in the community, her remarkable culinary concoctions, and meticulous organizational skills that brought the Great Hudson River Revival to life. Her light still shines through in our mission five decades after our birth.

Many of you recall that one of her favorite places to show her love was around the dining table and in her kitchen.



Toshi brought the Stone Soup tradition to every type of Clearwater event, and when the sloop *Clearwater* was launched in South Bristol, she "fed the world," heading up the effort to feed over 2000 people. "We of little faith could not believe we could do that, but Toshi showed us how," said Debbie Cohen. "She always helped us do more than we thought we could (and I still have her in my head)."

"Toshi was truly a selfless soul — the unsung force behind so many of our dreams for a just world," said Travis Jeffrey, longtime family friend.

We hope you take a moment today to celebrate her 100th birthday.

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