

Youth Venture Newsletter

April 2009

Dear Kristin,

Spring has finally sprung! Please share any updates or info you would like to include in future newsletters. Send us an [email](#).

Earth Day is April 22, get an early start on showing your appreciation for the environment and join the [Green Generation](#). Submit an event or find an event to help do your part. And check out [The Big Green Help](#) to see how fun and easy going green can be!

Planning is well under way for the 2009 National YV Summit. Check out our [Golden Opportunities](#) and [Fundraising Tips](#) that may be useful when planning your trip to Boston in June.

Do you have photos or memorable stories from last year's Summit? [Share them](#) with the YV community on our [Summit Team Page](#).



What's New This Month

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YV National Updates

What's new around the US

Golden Opportunities

Check out these grants, programs and scholarships

[Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes](#)

Open to young people ages 18 and younger who have made a positive difference to people and our planet. Nomination Deadline: April 30

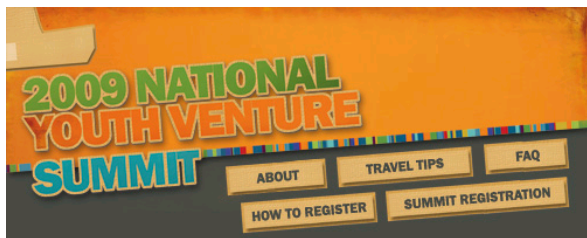


[World Challenge 09](#)

For innovative projects or businesses affecting the environment, technology or



The 2009 National YV Summit is coming to Boston University, MIT and Harvard! [Click](#) for more info.



Hosting the Summit and all of its activities at these schools will be like taking a bonus informal college tour.

Download our [Registration](#) form and lock in your spot at the Summit.

Check out our [Fundraising Tips](#) to raise money to attend the Summit June 26-29.

Follow YV! With nearly 900 followers, join us to help reach 1,000.



Visit [GenV.net](#) to find out about other exciting programs that Youth Venture is sponsoring!

Featured Venturers Spotlighting...

Venture at NYU Awarded \$10K!

For three years, Youth Venture has partnered with NYU's Catherine B. Reynolds Program for Social Entrepreneurship to bring the "Be A Changemaker" Challenge to undergraduate students changing the community. This year, the [First Aid Comedy Brigade](#) received the top prize- a \$10,000 award.

The First Aid Comedy Brigade, led by Zach, a sophomore at NYU, is an organization of comedy improvisation troupes that provides free and interactive shows for patients of children's hospitals.



Learn about more changemakers and [Venture Teams](#) just like you.

Shout Out

community welfare led by those ages 18 and older.
Nomination Deadline: May 22

[Captain Planet Foundation](#)

Funding for hands-on environmental projects for youth 18 and younger with appropriate adult supervision.
Deadline: June 30



[Ideablob](#)

Entrepreneurs and small business owners can share and grow their ideas- and have a chance to win [\\$10,000](#) towards fulfilling them. Anyone 18 and over can submit their idea to be voted on by the Ideablob community.
No Deadline. Accepted on a rolling basis.



Want more info about scholarships, programs, and grants? More are listed on [GenV.net](#). Check out these links: [Opportunities](#) for Venturers and [Grants and Scholarship Opportunities](#) for Venturers.

Market Your Venture

The goal of marketing is to raise awareness of your Venture and your Venture's activities. Raising awareness will help your Venture recruit more volunteers, increase community involvement, and benefit you when seeking financial support for your Venture. This is especially important if you are selling a product or service or if you want high attendance at events.

[Use the following chart](#) to map out your marketing strategy.

For additional helpful tools like [Networking](#), [Sustainability](#) and more, go to [Grow It](#) on [GenV.net](#).

In Your Neck of the Woods

What YV and Venture Teams are doing in your region

Providence, RI-

The Dream It. Do It. Challenge in Providence, RI in partnership with the Big Picture Company. Over 30 young changemakers are coming together to participate in the weekly "Milestone" sessions.

Washington, DC-

Join the Through Our Eyes Program, a YV Team, for their 2nd annual Celebration of Teens In Action. They will be putting on a series of plays written by youth that address social and community issues. [Contact T.O.E.P.](#) for more info and tickets.

- Adults \$5, Youth 18 and under FREE



Zander of Turtle Talks shares how his interest in sea turtles transformed into his sustainable Venture.

[Watch his video.](#)



Turtle Talks and Zander have been featured in an advertisement campaign that put his face on the back of millions of Doritos bags of chips.

Share your Venture with others. [Email YV](#) for consideration in future newsletter issues.

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- Friday, May 1 at 4:30pm

- [3101 16th St. NW](#) (Columbia Heights metro stop)

Seattle, WA-

YV Seattle held the first event in its new "Grow Your Venture" series. This event served as a space to meet and network with other local Venturers, as well as receive in-depth training and tips regarding grantwriting, soliciting donations, and other fundraising techniques. The "Grow Your Venture" series will occur on a regular basis locally in Seattle.

Access your neck of the woods- [New England](#), [Midwest](#), [NY and Tri-state](#), [Seattle](#), [Mid-Atlantic](#) -to share ideas, seek advice, and stay informed as to what is going on in your broader community to help to grow and sustain your Venture.

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**Michael
Jordan**

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

Meet Ashoka Fellows

Highlighting adult changemakers

Ashoka Fellows focused on Water, Waste, and Energy in the US and Africa came to Ashoka and Youth Venture's national office in Washington, DC to share their stories of finding creative solutions to solve large-scale community problems.



Think a Toilet has only one purpose?

What if we said that toilets could improve students' school and grades, and revive a culture of civic involvement? [Trevor Mulaudzi](#) and his company, The Clean Shop, have made that innovative connection in South Africa.

Animal Waste=Electricity

Learn how animal waste has been transformed to provide electricity and energy to produce clean drinking water in Nigeria thanks to [Dr. Joseph Adelegan's](#) Global Network for Environment and Economic Development Research.



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