

Youth Venture New England Region

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THE CURTAIN RISES FOR NH'S NEWEST YOUTH VENTURE: *BROADWAY AT THE CAFÉ*

Two NH teens are using their love of the theater as a means of bringing about lasting, positive change in the lives of young people in their communities.

CONCORD, NH – September 25, 2006 – Youth Venture is proud to introduce Carly Starr, of Danville, NH and Lauren DeCloux, of Manchester, NH, as its newest team of Youth Venturers. These teens have created **Broadway at the Café**. The goal of their community-benefiting venture is to offer kids with an interest in the performing arts the opportunity to put on their own show – a fun-filled Broadway review twice a year! The team says, “The older kids in the cast mentor the younger kids...with their craft and by showing that positive choices in life are fun, rewarding, safe, and drug-free.” **Broadway at the Café** performances are held at The Sad Café in Plaistow, NH.

Lauren, a freshman at Pinkerton Academy, and Carly, a recent graduate of Timberland Regional High School, are developing life-long problem-solving skills, building self confidence, and nurturing the understanding of how important it is to give back to their communities.

Youth Venture's *Dream it. Do It.* program empowers youth to create, manage, and sustain their own social ventures designed to benefit their schools or communities. And, each venture team will receive up to \$1,000 in start-up money.

A qualifying venture:

- Is a new initiative started by young people called Venturers, ages 12-18
- Is led, created, and managed by a strong, energetic team of Venturers who are committed to long-term success
- Has clear, attainable goals, a credible plan and budget
- Has an adult partner willing to support, but not control the venture
- Leaves a lasting benefit to the community

Please contact us for more information about Broadway at the Café or Youth Venture.

About Youth Venture:

Youth Venture inspires and invests in teams of young people to start their own sustainable clubs, businesses, or community-based organizations that create lasting benefit to their communities. Since 1996, Youth Venture has launched over 730 teams across the US, involving an estimated 16,000 young people as founders, leaders, staff and participants. Youth Venture's goal is to redefine the role of young people in society as able leaders of social change. If interested in creating your own youth-led venture program, or simply want more information, please visit www.youthventure.org or email yvnh@youthventure.org

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