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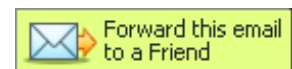
Really **GO GREEN** this St. Patrick's Day and start an eco-friendly project.

Start your own energy-saving [invention](#). Plant an organic garden. Compost food waste. Carpool. Recycle. Prepare for [Earth Hour](#) on March 28th and keep unused electronics unplugged. Whatever green idea you come up with can help to change our world. If you can Dream It, you can Do It!

Scroll down to see what [Venturers](#) and [Ashoka Fellows](#) are already doing to positively impact our environment.

Sincerely,

Youth Venture



Golden Opportunities

Take advantage of these great grants, programs, and scholarships!



Reminder: [Application Deadline](#) is March 15

A global campaign to identify and support youth-led solutions to clean water and sanitation. [Submit](#) your one-paragraph idea by World Water Day - March 22.



Calling all organizations! You may be eligible to win \$10,000 that could make your Venture even better! [Submit](#) your Venture organization BEFORE April 6, 3pm (ET). Be sure to check out all the Rules and FAQ's.

Scholarships and other perks for young leaders. Open to youth ages 18 and younger. [Learn more](#).
Nomination Deadline: April 30, 5pm (MDT)



**The Gloria Barron
Prize for Young Heroes**



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

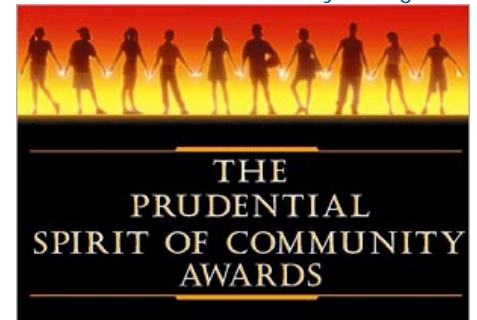
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Featured Venturers
Spotlighting...



Shout Out

Kosta of Always Ready Kids, Chloe of Climate Action Club and Jane of Pure Water Vending who placed as [State Honorees and Distinguished finalists](#) for their work within the community. Congrats!



Jessie of Green Teens is featured on [Change.org](#). Read her [story](#) and check out her [video](#).

And don't forget...

Show your support and [VOTE](#) for [Dallas Is Love](#), [Gumball Capital](#), [My Own Book](#) and [V.I.T.A.](#) in the **Power In Numbers Contest**. These Teams are all up for the chance to **win \$10,000** for their Ventures. Visit the [Project Gallery](#) to submit your votes by March 17.

** Submit a Project of your own for the SECOND ROUND of the Power In Numbers Contest, going on now, for the same chance at \$10,000 for your Venture Team's organization.**

Share your Venture with others. Email yvfellowship@youthventure.org for consideration in future Newsletter issues.

Learn about changemakers and [Venture Teams](#) just like you. Compose an [Action Plan](#) to start your own Venture. Chat with other Venturers via [Forums](#).

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YV Nation

What's new around the US

Get Ready! The [2009 YV Summit](#) is coming to Boston, MA this summer. Save the dates: June 26-29.

Join more than 200 young changemakers from throughout the YV community for three days of learning and sharing, community-building, and fun!

(Start fundraising/saving to attend!)

Be on the lookout for more info in your email box and on GenV.net!



Visit GenV.net to find out about other exciting programs that Youth Venture is sponsoring!

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Only as high as I reach can I **grow**, only as far as I seek can I go, only as deep as I look can I see, only as much as I **dream** can I be.
~ Karen Ravn

Entrepreneurs are simply those who understand that there is little difference between obstacle and **opportunity** and are able to turn both to their **advantage**.
~ Niccolo Machiavelli

In Your Neck of the Woods

What YV and Venture Teams are doing in your region

Seattle, WA

A long-time Venturer and inspiring social motivator based in New York, Divine Bradley of Team Revolution, will be stopping through Seattle this week as part of his "Be It Tour." Contact YV Seattle for [more info](#).

Washington, DC

Venturers in the area have the opportunity to attend this diverse theater festival for FREE. The eight plays to be performed in the festival are written by youth in the Young Playwrights' Theater program. Performances take place at the GALA Hispanic Theater in DC at 7pm, April 6-8, 2009. More info available [here](#).

Worcester, MA

Recently launched through a YV partnership with MTV, Venture Team [Summer of Solutions](#) is planning out their two-month-long intensive training camp dedicated to greening their community. For more info about participating in their initiative, [contact](#) YV New England.



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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Grow Your Venture. Grow the Movement.

Tips to keep your Venture going and growing

Want new ways to be a social changemaker?

Grow the Youth Venture Movement by "paying it forward" to other young people who want to change the world.

- Recruit young people to start their own Youth Venture project.
- [Serve](#) on a Community Selection Panel for new Venture Teams.
- [Act](#) as a mentor for recently-launched Venture Teams.
- Collaborate projects with other Venture Teams to reach new goals.

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

Meet an Ashoka Fellow

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. Here is one who shared his experience and expertise with us.



[Andy Lipkis](#) started TreePeople at the age of fifteen after a life-changing summer camp experience replenishing a forest that was dying from pollution. The TreePeople movement has spread worldwide, and now Andy is focused on Functioning Community Forests (FCF). His mission is to help individuals, families and institutions see that how we deal with water, waste, energy and spending have consequences on our economy, the crime rate, social development and our quality of life. FCF is helping to create livable green communities, as well as thousands of skilled green-collar jobs for the under-employed that will have lasting economic impact.

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