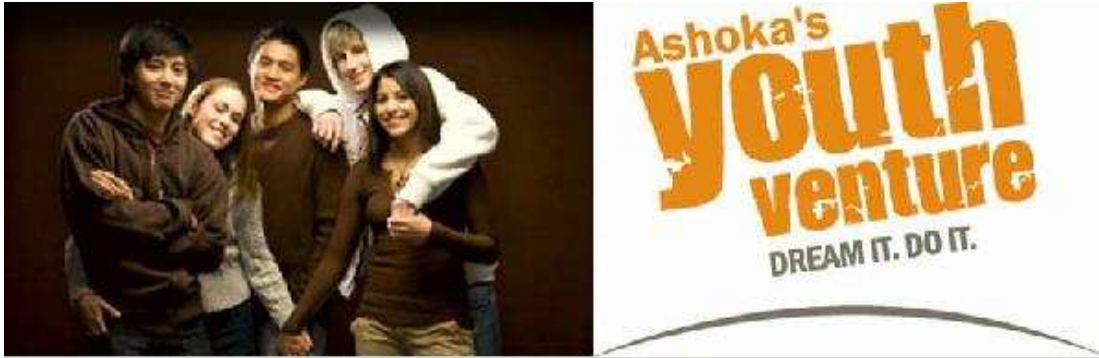


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Dear Kenethia,

Hello and welcome to this month's newsletter!

Save the Date!! Youth Venture is hosting its very first **National Youth Venture Summit**, July 17-20, 2008 at American University in Washington, D.C.

The first-ever **National Youth Venture Summit** will be an exciting and enlightening leadership experience, gathering young changemakers from throughout the nation for three days of skill-building, peer exchange, and fun!

The Summit will bring together at least 200 current and former Youth Venturers and young leaders interested in launching a Venture, as well as the adult allies and professionals who support young changemakers from throughout the US.

Attendees will participate in skill-building and Venture-strengthening workshops, engage in meaningful dialogue to share experiences and perspectives, network with each other, and find ways to collaborate. Free time will also be available to explore Washington, DC.

The registration fee for youth is \$200 and \$300 for adults; these fees include all meals and dorm room housing. **Financial assistance will be available based on an application process.** For additional information and questions, contact Kristin at kfurio@youthventure.org or 703.600.8347.

More information will be sent out via email and posted on genv.net very soon! Start making plans!

Sincerely,

Youth Venture



Golden Opportunities

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

Collegiate Inventors Competition

Academic Contest

You must submit an original idea, process or technology that will be judged on originality and inventiveness, as well as on its potential value to society (socially, environmentally, and economically), and on its range or scope of use.

Eligibility: Open to students who have been enrolled full time in a college or university over the past 12 months.

Deadline: May 16, 2008

Website: <http://www.invent.org/collegiate/overview.html>



Atlantic Media Fellowship

Fellowship

The Atlantic Media Fellowship is available to students or graduates with an interest in writing, editing or online media. The fellowship provides a position within Atlantic Media to help develop new web concepts and complete the daily operations, writing and editing once the publications are launched.

Eligibility: Current students and recent graduates of college or graduate school programs.

Deadline: May 8, 2008

Website: <http://www.atlanticmediacompany.com/careers/fellowships.html>

The Mind Trust's Education Entrepreneur Fellowship

Fellowship

The Mind Trust is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to dramatically improve public education for underserved students by empowering education entrepreneurs to develop or expand transformative education initiatives.

Deadline: September 5, 2008

Website: <http://www.themindtrust.org/edFellowship.aspx>

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](#).

YV Nation

Check out Youth Venture's Special Initiatives!

Lorax Challenge

Got an idea that will save the Earth? Enter the YV - Lorax Challenge! Dr. Seuss Enterprises and Youth Venture are proud to bring you the Lorax Challenge, in partnership with Earth Island Institute. It's an opportunity for young people between the ages of 12 and 20 across the country to turn their dreams of saving the environment into reality. Five **Grand Prize** winners will get a **FREE TRIP** to the University of Florida for Environmental



Boot Camp! (Please note that while all Lorax Challenge teams are eligible for \$1,000 in start-up funding, only high school students are eligible for the **Grand Prize**.) **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MIDNIGHT, MAY 31, 2008.** For more information, please visit [About the Challenge](#) or email lorax@youthventure.org

Technical Ally Program

Technical Allies share their experience and knowledge with young changemakers who may need assistance in such areas as business planning, fundraising, and community organizing, as well as issues such as multicultural awareness. Be a part of Youth Venture's next Technical Ally call. **Join in on May 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. (EST) for a workshop on Foundation Fundraising.** Don't miss out on this awesome experience. To register for this workshop, call Kenethia @ 703.600.8346. You may also email technicalally@youthventure.org. Please include your name, your Venture's name, your phone number, and your email when leaving a message or emailing. Thank You!!

If you interested in learning more about the program, please visit [Technical Ally Special Guest Workshops](#).

Happy Birthday GenV.net



Youth Venture's GenV.net is celebrating its very first birthday!! During the month of April, GenV.net held a Birthday Cake Bake-Off for Venturers to submit a recipe on what best describes a Venture and what it takes to make a Venture sustainable. **Congratulations to Genv.net member, MissTEA for winning April's contest!** MissTEA wins a \$50 Visa gift card. Check out [contest forums](#) to discover more secret ingredients and recipes to having a successful Venture. Also, be sure to check out May's "[Create Your Own Contest](#)" Contest! You can be the next winner of a \$50 VISA gift card. The deadline to enter the contest is May 19.

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

In Your Neck of the Woods

Look at what Youth Venture is doing regionally!

Hot off the Press!!

Youth Venture New York is partnering with **Borders Books, Music and Movies** in the Shops at Columbus Circle in midtown Manhattan as part of a two day event, Borders Benefit Days. During those two days, customers who use a special Youth Venture coupon will receive 10% off their total transaction, and then 10% of the total sales (in which the coupon was used) will be donated to Youth Venture. A special book signing will take place at the store which will promote the mission of Youth Venture by tying in a new book on social entrepreneurship, activism, and the power of young people. This signing will be nationally advertised by Borders, and will feature Youth Venture as a co-hosting partner. We hope to reach over 10,000 new people during this promotion, and we believe that this is an important first step in creating a stronger relationship with local corporate partners.

Borders Benefit Days is a national program available to all registered nonprofits, and is a great way to create visibility and raise funds. Wish us luck and send all of your New York friends our way! **For more information about the date and time of this event, please contact Jennifer Robertson at jrobertson@youthventure.org.**

Does this sound interesting...Want to find what is going on in your state...Check out these links... [YV New England](#), [YV Mid-Atlantic](#), [YV Mid-West](#), [YV New York and Virtual](#), and [YV National](#).

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"Everything that is new or uncommon raises a pleasure in the imagination, because it fills the

soul with an agreeable surprise, gratifies its curiosity, and gives it an idea of which it was not before possessed."

Joseph Addison

English Essayist and Poet

Venture Spotlight...Starring

Children's Bilingual Theater - Marietta, Georgia

The Children's Bilingual Theater is a Venture that is focused towards helping individuals who speak Spanish as their first language learn to speak English fluently. Also, the Venture assists individuals who speak Spanish as their second language improve their Spanish. They host bilingual theater performances regularly and have performed to over 3,000 audience members. Moving forward, these young changemakers are endeavoring to bridge the language and culture gaps in their community through their artistic talents. Jordan, Lead Venturer, has been recognized nationally for her achievements as a youth leader. Find out more about [Children's Bilingual Theater](#).



Do you want your Venture to be considered for the Venture Spotlight Section in the National Newsletter? Send a short paragraph or blurb about the latest successes and activities of your Venture, along with a photo to newsletter@youthventure.org.

Are you interested in learning more about what other Venture teams are doing...Are you ready to start a Venture...Interested in chatting with other Venturers...Check out these links...[Youth Venture Teams](#), [Action Plan](#), and [Forums](#).

Meet an Ashoka Fellow

Ashoka is the global association of the world's leading social entrepreneurs-men and women with system changing solutions for the world's most urgent social problems. Ashoka developed the concept of Youth Venture from understanding a key insight of Ashoka Fellows in the field of youth development: one of the most effective ways to improve the lives of youth is to empower them to realize their own ability to make positive social change. Periodically, we present an Ashoka Fellow and her/his work to you.

Jonah Edelman - Stand for Children

Portland, Oregon

Year Elected as a Fellow: 2007

Jonah Edelman is building a coalition of parents and other concerned citizens to make democracy work for children. The most fundamental problems facing children in the U.S. is the quality of their education. Jonah believes that this problem stems from children's lack of political power. To address what he sees as a civil rights issue, Jonah founded Stand for Children, to enable parents, grandparents, and others who care about children to build and sustain the political power to win local, statewide, and ultimately national victories that substantially improve the education and well-being of children.



Stand for Children's Leadership Center builds the capacity, engagement and social impact of citizen leaders. With training and support the people experiencing the problem become experts. Consequently, they become well-prepared to stand their ground in the public square and in meetings with elected officials. Working in chapters, members choose an issue, find an effective achievable

solution, then engage decision-makers and use the electoral process to win support for the solution. They lobby, help pass ballot initiatives and elect candidates committed to improving children's educational opportunities and well-being. In Oregon, Massachusetts, and Tennessee they are shifting the balance of power and leveraging many millions of dollars to advance pro-schools and pro-children initiatives. In 2007, the organization launched a program in Washington State.

Find out more about [Stand for Children](#).

Are you interested in learning more about Ashoka Fellows...[click here](#). For more information about Ashoka, [click here](#).



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