

Youth Venture New England Region

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“EVERY CHILD DESERVES THE EXPERIENCE OF A BIRTHDAY PARTY”

A simple, yet powerful belief compelling a group of NH teenagers to offer birthday parties for underprivileged children in their community.

CONCORD, NH – January 25, 2007 – Congratulations to Julie Arrowsmith and all the Souhegan High School students who are members of the newly launched Youth Venture team **A Birthday Wish**. This commendable community-benefiting venture will provide planning, balloons, cake, candles, and all the other treats that go into making a birthday celebration a memorable, magical experience for a child. **A Birthday Wish** will offer their services to underprivileged children in their community simply to “bring a smile to the kids’ faces,” says Julie.

These Amherst, NH based Venturers will be working with several community service organizations to help identify children and families who would best benefit from their services. **A Birthday Wish** is planning a series of fundraisers, including bake sales, an ice cream social, and a raffle to raise money for their project.

A Birthday Wish launched as a result of the United Way of Greater Nashua – Youth Venture partnership. Team members formally presented their idea before a Selection Panel of community members and leaders who approved the team’s idea after deciding they had met the criteria for becoming a Youth Venture team. For information on this partnership, please visit: www.unitedwaynashua.org/html/youthventure.htm



Mobilizing the Caring Power of Young People

About Youth Venture:

Youth Venture inspires, invests, and encourages young people to become powerful changemakers by creating, managing, and launching sustainable social ventures to benefit local schools and communities. Youth Venture provides coaching, resources, and up to \$1,000 in start-up money. In this world of accelerating change, isn't the most important gift society can offer our young citizens to encourage them to become powerful changemakers. Inevitably, they will master the critical life skills of empathy, teamwork, and leadership while young - and carry those wonderful traits into adulthood. For more information, or if you're interested in creating your own youth-led Venture program, please visit www.youthventure.org or email yvne@youthventure.org

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