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Dear Matt,

## Golden Opportunities

[Connecting Change Video Competition](#): Venturers, submit a video describing how broadband and information technology help your ability to change the world. Prizes include a Blackberry Storm 2 and scholarships to the 2010 Youth Venture Summit. **Deadline is December 18, 2009.**

[ING Unsung Heroes Competition](#): Are you an educator whose school is short on funding but long on potential? Receive \$2,000 to fund your class project. Top winners receive additional funding. **Deadline is April 30, 2010.**

[Building Healthy Communities Grant Program](#): Using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of your

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community? Home Depot helps organizations through grants of up to \$2,500 made in the form of tools and materials. **Deadline is December 15, 2009.**

[2010 Do Something Awards](#): Four winners receive \$10,000 and the Grand Prize winner receives \$100,000. **Deadline is December 15.**

[Dell Social Innovation Competition](#): Share your solutions to social problems. Finalists receive a trip to the final event, held at the University of Texas in Austin, where the overall winner receives \$50,000. **Deadline is March 1, 2010.**

[Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge](#): Open to middle school students who desire to improve their communities' environment. **Deadline is March 10, 2010.**

For a full descriptions of these opportunities visit the [Youth Venture blog](#).



### Vote for Youth Venture on Facebook!



Chase is donating \$5 million to local charities across the country and Youth Venture is eligible. Vote for us on Facebook and get your friends to do the same. Round 1 of Chase Community Giving ends December 11. [Only 2 clicks away. Vote today!](#)



### Venture Interview Series

We recently caught up with **Connell**, a freshman at Curry College in Massachusetts and a coach at **the Dream It. Do It. Challenge.** currently going on in Boston. He speaks about his Venture, **NAYOB** (National Association of Young Business Owners) and how he has continued work with NAYOB and Youth Venture after leaving Washington, DC.

[Click here to read the interview.](#)





## Around New England...

### New Hampshire

Kristin, a YV Ambassador and Lead Venturer for **Ethics Forum** and **Birthday Wish**, recently wrote a column for the Nashua Telegraph on the impact **Youth Venture** has made in her high school. [Check it out!](#)



### Massachusetts

**Summer of Solutions** is holding the next energy barn-raising on **December 5** in Worcester, MA. The event takes place just days before the International Climate talks in Copenhagen. Check out video from the last barn-raising and sign up at the [Summer of Solutions Website](#).

The **Dream It. Do It. Challenge** in Boston heads to Franklin Park Zoo on December 5. The weekend retreat gives youth participants time to pursue their **Venture** ideas and develop stronger bonds with coaches and other attendees. Is your organization interested in hosting a **DDC**? Contact the **Youth Venture New England** office for more details.



## YVNE adds new VISTA

**Youth Venture** has added a new **AmeriCorps VISTA** in the Concord, NH office. **Loren Mejia** started her term of service in November and will focus on fund-raising and development. Loren is from Miami, FL and graduated from **Middlebury College** in 2009. Loren plans to attend Law School after completing her year of service.



## The Perfect Gift for Charitable Gamers



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For each minute you play games like Smashtroids, Bubble Burst and Sudoku the money raised goes to the charity you choose.

The longer you play, the more you support community service projects. Learn more at [www.gamesthatgive.net](http://www.gamesthatgive.net).



## City Year Rhode Island

City Year brings together a diverse group of 17-24 year-olds to complete ten months of **full-time community service** in schools and communities.

Participants serve as role models and spend their time mentoring, providing academic support, and running both after school and Saturday programs. There are **19 City Year sites** across the country and it is an affiliated AmeriCorps program.

City Year is looking for **youth to serve during their 2010-2011 service year**. Give a year, change the world!

**LEARN MORE. APPLY NOW.** Visit [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org) or contact us at [rhodeislandrecruitment@cityyear.org](mailto:rhodeislandrecruitment@cityyear.org).

"I have seen a definite change in the attitudes of some of the students I work with. My service is important to me because I want to give back. And the kids are awesome."

- Sadie, 2009-2010 City Year Rhode Island corps member



## Small Business Association

The Small Business Administration (SBA) provides a wealth of information unique to small businesses.

If entrepreneurship is for you, the SBA has many tools available for anyone ready to explore starting a business. To learn more, visit the home page for the SBA, [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) and find links to extensive resources, [www.sba.gov/teens](http://www.sba.gov/teens), [www.sba.gov/services](http://www.sba.gov/services), or [www.sba.gov/training](http://www.sba.gov/training)



"Happiness is when what you think, say and do are in harmony."

- Mahatma Gandhi



## Ventures - Share Your News!

New England Venturers: we know you're busy making your Venture a success. Let us help. Email us updates on your team's events, fundraisers and awards. It's easy: send news and pics to Matt Crandall [mcrandall@youthventure.org](mailto:mcrandall@youthventure.org) or Ethan Burton [eburton@youthventure.org](mailto:eburton@youthventure.org).





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And as always, visit us on [GenV.net](#)



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**YVNE Staff at YV Summit 2009**

*Not pictured: Becca Korduner*



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