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YVNE Newsletter

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WARNING: This Edition is FULL of Grants and Scholarships

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New England Shines in Best Buy @15 Challenge!!

Thirty finalists from all around the country competed in the Best Buy @15 Challenge; the 15 winning teams were announced January 16 - three from New England!

Congratulations to [Green Teens](#), [Pure Water Vending](#) and [JJ Express Magazine](#) who fought long and hard to come out on top. The Teams will be awarded \$10,000 to help expand and improve their Ventures.

To view a complete list of the results [click here](#).

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Children's Foundation



Scholarship For Youth Who Hit the Books, and Help Their Communities

So you didn't win the Best Buy @15 Challenge, how about a scholarship instead? Best Buy is offering 1,000 students involved in community service a \$1,500 scholarship.



[The Best Buy @15 Scholarship Program](#) is part of the @15 mission - to create opportunities to empower youth. This year the program will award scholarships to students living in the U.S. and Puerto Rico who plan to enter a full-time undergraduate course of study upon high school graduation.

SCHOLARSHIP™

So, if you are a high schooler planning to attend college, have solid grades, and are involved in community service or work experience, check out their [Web site!](#)

The deadline is February 15th.



THE DO SOMETHING AWARDS

The Do Something Award honors the nation's finest young world-changers; like Venturers. The winners represent the best of their field or issue and are rewarded with a community grant, participation in an awards ceremony, media coverage, and continued support from the Do Something organization.

This year, five winners will receive a **minimum** of **\$10,000** in community grants and scholarships (if applicable). The Do Something Award grand prize winner and will receive **\$100,000** in community grants paid directly to the non-profit of their choice.

For additional information and an online application visit their [Web site](#).



Travel to Africa with a Two-Time Pulitzer Prize Winner

Two-time Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, Nickolas Kristof of The New York Times is holding a **Win-a-Trip** contest where one student (graduate or undergraduate) will accompany him on a reporting trip to Africa: the winner will blog for nytimes.com and file videos to The Times and Youtube.

Check out his [video](#) and [blog](#) for more information.

The deadline for this **amazing opportunity** is quickly approaching

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so don't delay if you are interested.



Jenny's Heroes

Jenny's Heroes is a program that awards grants to individuals who submit the best ideas for tangible, lasting community projects.

The program's priority is smaller communities where fundraising can be difficult. The project must benefit a number of people, not just one individual, and all funds must be spent on the approved community project. Approved projects will be awarded up to **\$25,000** in grants.

For more information or to apply online visit their [Web site](#).



Around New England...and beyond

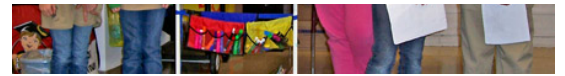
RHODE ISLAND:

Kids Talk Back, the latest team to come out of Big Picture partnership, launched this month. **Kids Talk Back** is a student art newspaper, including: visual art, poetry, sketches etc. The team will be working in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Club.

MASSACHUSETTS:

Recess for All will provide new recess equipment for students at Marlborough Intermediate Elementary School. Congratulations to **Recess for All**, the first team to launch out of the United Way of Tri-County Youth Venture partnership.





Members of Recess for All at Selection

Panel

Seven United Way of Massachusetts Bay & Merrimack Valley Venture Teams launched this month:

Go Lucky Green will sell lucky bamboo plants to friends, family, and the larger community, to raise money to purchase potted plants and trees; helping to make the Chinatown neighborhood "more green."

Uphams Corner Youth Council will create and provide an after-school program for middle schools that teach about making the right choices to succeed in school and life.

Caught in the Act will capture random acts of kindness on film and print them on postcards to circulate throughout the larger community, showcasing young people who are trying to make Somerville a better place.

Dudley Youth Council Radio Show: The Change will launch a youth-led radio station enabling Dudley Square's young residents to share their perspective on current events and local issues.

S.O.S. (Sunshine On the Snow) will visit elderly homes every month, bring gifts and food to share, shovel snow and do yard work to help bridge the gap between elders and youth in Quincy. The service will be free to senior citizens. A small fee will be charged for other Quincy residents.

Young will produce a Chinese-language newspaper to help new immigrant youth learn English while getting familiar with school and the city of Quincy.

Media A.R.T.S. (Media Awareness Raised Through Sociedad) will raise awareness about youth issues in their community through the production of music videos featuring youth musicians at Sociedad Latina.

NEBRASKA:

[Coats for Kids](#), a Venture that provides gently used and new winter coats to less fortunate children in Nebraska, had a very successful season. They collected and distributed 674 coats; helping to make this cold winter season warmer for many families. [Coats for Kids](#) launched out of the YVNE office as a result of the Burton Go Overboard Challenge.



Attention Teachers & Principals: **FREE** Inspirational Presentation for Schools!!

Divine Bradley, a veteran Youth Venturer who tours the country motivating today's young people to pursue their dreams, is offering FREE inspirational presentations to schools around the country as part of his new BE IT! Tour.

Divine is unique in his ability to excite and inspire youth to make a difference; as Divine says, "the best way to predict the future is to create it."

For more information visit his [Web site](#) or or email Divine directly at SPEAKING@DIVINEBRADLEY.COM.

YVNE VISTA's volunteer this MLK Day

To carry on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. President Obama encouraged citizens to volunteer in their community on Martin Luther King Day. YVNE VISTA's participated in a variety of ways; they cleaned up The Concord City Auditorium, volunteered at the YWCA and collected food items for the New Hampshire Food Bank.



**"Someone's sitting in the shade today
because someone planted a tree a long time ago."**

-Warren Buffett

Venturers: Share Your News!

New England Venturers, we know you're busy and working hard to make your Venture a success. Let us help. Email us updates on your team's events, fundraisers, awards, etc...Let us share your good news with your fellow Venturers. And, don't forget to email those great pictures! It's easy: send your news and pics to Program Associate of Media & Marketing, Jessica O'Neal at joneal@youthventure.org



Be sure to check out Youth Venture's cool YouTube page containing all Youth Venture's videos including those made by Venturers! www.youtube.com/youthventure



Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

NEWLY UPDATED:

Suria Lloyd, the **YVNE Program Development Associate**, has created an easy way to find out about grant and scholarship opportunities through her **blog** on **GenV.net**. Please email or post on her blog if you have any questions. Also, be sure to visit the new forum "Money for Venture Teams!"



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