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Dear Lidia,

If You Can, You Should Attend The First-Ever National Youth Venture Summit!!

July 17th-20th at American University in **Washington D.C.**

It will be an exciting leadership experience, gathering young changemakers from across the nation. Attendees will participate in skill-building and Venture-strengthening workshops, engage in meaningful dialogue to share experiences, network and find ways to collaborate. Free time will also be available to explore our nation's capital.

Amazingly, the registration fee for youth is only \$200 and \$300 for adults, which includes food and accommodations! (Youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.) Financial assistance opportunities will be available to those who qualify. For additional information and questions regarding financial support, contact Kristin at 703.600.8347 or kfurio@youthventure.org.

Space is limited so be sure to register early! Overnight accommodations will be provided by American University.

For more information about the Summit, click [here](#).

CONGRATULATIONS!

Two extraordinary Venture Teams have been selected for an all-expense paid trip (for 2 members) to attend the first-ever National Youth Venture Summit!! **Dance Creations** and **Shirley Arts For All** were chosen for their dedication and commitment to bringing positive lasting change to their communities! Congratulations!!



Youth Venture - United Way Celebration a Success!

Our United Way - Youth Venture Partnership Celebration on May 9, 2008 was a hit! The annual bash honored and showcased the many Venture teams launched as part of Youth Venture's partnership programs with United Ways of North Central MA and Greater Nashua (NH).

Special guests this year included Veteran Venturers Divine Bradley, of Team Revolution, and Kyle Taylor, who was fresh off his "Dream it. Do it." Road Trip America Tour. More than 300 people attended the event; including 250+ Venturers, Allies, Champions and special guests at the Nashua, NH celebration.



A special thanks to all of our sponsors who helped make this event so successful!



Youth Venture operates in 14 countries, reaching over 300,000 young people

Around New England and Beyond!

NEW HAMPSHIRE:



May was a big month for Jane, Noelle and Melia, members of **Pure Water Vending**. The group happily installed their first water vending machine at the Broadway Bound Performing Arts Center in Merrimack. Their machine has already proved to be a success; they sold 10 bottles in the first 2 hours alone! **Pure Water Vending** launched after the members learned that 6,000 children die each day from contaminated water. The proceeds made from their vending machine will go to the international nonprofit [Pure Water for the World](#), which provides water purification sand filters to remote villages around the world.



Pictured: Pure Water Vending members with Devine Bradley at Regional Celebration

Three new teams from Souhegan High School in Amherst have launched as a result of our partnership with the United Way of Greater Nashua.



After noticing a disconnect between the elderly and the rest of the community Tamanna, Alyssa and Harrison launched **Nursing House Party**. They will visit assisted living facilities and nursing homes in their community and plan various activities for the residents ranging from gardening to mastering the Nintendo Wii.

Clyla, Thomas, Briana, Kelsea, Astrid and Jill wanted to make a difference in both their local and global communities, so they launched **JBACK (Just Give Back)**. They are collecting over 1,000 teddy bears to be given to children in local foster care and to children in Iraq. "We feel that we have so much and we can give so much to others, and we want to help children around the world as well as here in America."



Paige and McKenzie wanted to help those in less fortunate area schools. "We have always been frustrated when there aren't enough tissues, or any other school supplies in our classes. We can only imagine what it is like for kids who are in under-funded schools, so we decided to help." They launched **Extreme Makeover: Classroom Edition** to create care packages of essential school supplies. They know that students in well equipped classrooms are more likely to reach their full learning potential.

MASSACHUSETTS:

Winchendon, **The Sound of Murdock** is passionate about music. The team will work as DJs for local school dances and any other event their services may be needed. The team will donate 25% of their profits towards scholarships for graduating seniors. **The Sound of Murdock** launched as a result of our partnership with United Way of North Central MA.

Merrill and Peggy of **Eco-Pledge**, a Conscious Lifestyle team, were recently presented with the "Person of the Year" award by Boston College. The group promotes student involvement in environmental concerns, emphasizing the importance of "environmental justice green," versus "consumer green." The groups recycling and energy conservation initiatives will continue to influence and have a positive impact on their campus and the environment.



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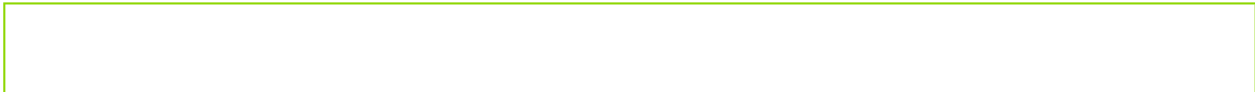


The Recychos have started their 'Backyard Beautification' campaign and will be planting trees, painting and cleaning up the school's memory garden. **The Recychos** consist of students from the MET who work to spread awareness of environmental rights and recycling programs. They support community gardens, host workshops and have formed a network of students interested in creating environmental change. The team was launched as a result of the YV - Big Picture Partnership.



"Each time someone stands up for an ideal, acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope."

-Robert F. Kennedy





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



Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

Suria Lloyd, the **YVNE 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!"



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 Marketing and Media Associate, Kumar Raj at kraj@youthventure.org



YVNE STAFF

YVNE would like to welcome our new staff members, Jessica O'Neal and John Dillman!

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