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YVNE Newsletter

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CHECK OUT THE NEWLY LAUNCHED TEAMS!!

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Dear Elizabeth,

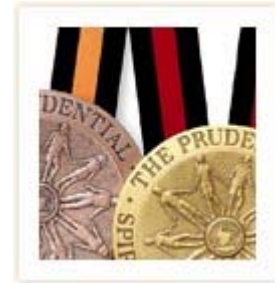
YOUTH HONORED IN NATIONAL AWARDS

Several Venturers have been recognized by this year's Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. They include New Englanders Chloe Maxmin from [Climate Action Club](#) (Maine) and [Jane Starke](#) from [Pure Water Vending](#) (New Hampshire). Other Venturers honored were Konstantine Buhler from [Always Ready Kids](#) and Tara Suri from [Turn Your World Around](#).

Young Leaders Needed

Ashoka News
Hasta La VISTA

The awards honor middle and high school students for outstanding service to others at the local, state, and national level.



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GenV.net
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UW of North Central MA
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The Big Picture Company

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!

For more information on the award or to view a list of all those recognized visit their [Web site](#).



LOCAL VENTURER WINS TRIP TO OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

Melia Robinson, of [Pure Water Vending](#), was selected as a delegate to the 47th annual U.S. Senate Youth Program. Melia, along with 103 other high school students from around the country, will travel to Washington, D.C. March 7-14 for an intensive week long study of the federal government and those who lead it.

Each student will also receive a \$5,000 college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history and public affairs.

Congratulations Melia!!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND 2 BIG YV EVENTS!!

The 2nd Annual YV Summit is coming to New England!

This multi-day event is scheduled for late June, in Boston - at one of the world's leading universities!

Join fellow changemakers from around the world for this exciting leadership experience.

Attendees will participate in skill-building and Venture-strengthening workshops, engage in meaningful dialogue to share experiences, network and find ways to collaborate.

Last year's Summit was a **HUGE** success, so be sure to join in the fun this year!!

Details and registration are coming soon!!



The 7th Annual United Way - Youth Venture Year End Event
is scheduled for May 7, 2009!!

When: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Fitchburg, MA

Registration for United Way - Youth Venture Teams will open mid-March

Teams not launched through the United Way partnership who are interested in attending this event please contact [Jessica Shoemaker](#)

Sponsored by:

- * Youth Venture * United Way of North Central Massachusetts
- * Mount Wachusett Community College Center for Democracy and Humanity
- * United Way of Greater Nashua * Nashua Community College
- * United Way of Tri-County * United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley



ROUND NEW ENGLAND...AND BEYOND

NEW HAMPSHIRE:



Ethics Forum at Selection Panel

Ethics Forum is the latest team to come out of the United Way of Greater Nashua with Nashua Community College partnership. The Team will raise money for [Schools for Salone](#), a nonprofit that helps establish schools in Sierra Leone, Africa, through a series of fundraisers - including a benefit concert June 5, 2009.

Fix-It Bike Shop is back in the news! A story in the New Hampshire Union Leader reported on how the bicycle repair shop is hunting for a few good repairmen to help further educate the Team on bike repair.

RHODE ISLAND:

Generation Citizenship will empower youth to become active, educated and engaged citizens. They plan to train college students to facilitate semester-long after school sessions, where high school students can learn about the political process, analyze their local governments and communities, and take action on issues.

Capital Good Fund is a green micro-finance organization that supports entrepreneurs who may not have access to necessary resources in the business world. They will provide affordable micro loans, support and training in the hopes of creating jobs and solving environmental problems.

MASSACHUSETTS:

Summer of Solutions is planning an annual two month volunteer organization dedicated to greening/ bettering their community of Worcester.

One for All developed a plan for teachers in developing countries to integrate their curriculum with the use of laptops provided to them by [One Laptop per Child](#), to ensure both students and teachers fully benefit from them. They hope to address and eliminate the technological inequities that will only grow more substantial in the future. The Team is fully supported by [One Laptop per Child](#).



Kids using XO laptop provided by One Laptop per Child

Minga Childhood is dedicated to ending the child sex trade around the world through youth empowerment and education. They will create preventative and rehabilitative programs for at-risk youth and those affected by child prostitution.

Newly launched **Recess for All** will provide new, and much need, recess equipment for their school. The Team has a great news story in the [Marlborough Enterprise](#).

Parker STAND is hosting the first ever Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School-**Cultural Night: Embracing cultural richness of countries in conflict**. The public is welcome to enjoy food, music, art and games; and learn about countries in conflict. Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated - all benefit the Parker STAND chapter to support anti-genocide networks.

When: Friday, February 27 from 7pm-9pm

Where: Parker Auditorium, 49 Antietam Street, Devens, Ma

RSVP: parkerstandemail@gmail.com or 1-978-618-4464

MAINE:

Green Energy Project will equip high schoolers in southern Maine with the knowledge and skills necessary to install solar panels. They hope to empower the students to share their experience and knowledge with the local community.

Greely Global Awareness will educate community members about environmental issues and show them at through simple lifestyle changes (carpooling, composting, alternative energy, and tree planting) big changes can happen.

VERMONT:

Middlebury Treehouse plans to build an environmentally sustainable treehouse on the Middlebury College campus that serves the dual purposes of an outdoor classroom for the college, as well as a captivating destination where elementary students can learn about the environment.

CONNECTICUT:

Thinktotes will distribute sturdy, reusable bags to students at Yale University with information on the negative effects of plastic bags stuffed inside. They hope to encourage students to think about the effect they have on the environment and lower the amount of waste produced on campus.

NEW YORK:

Buffalo B.A.S.I.C.S. will provide a "back to the basics" comprehensive approach to home maintenance for residents in Buffalo, NY. The Team has already purchased a foreclosed house that they will rehabilitate and use to educated residents through workshops on home maintenance and gardening, improving their homes and property values.



Buffalo BASICS rehabilitation house

NORTH CAROLINA:

Speak Now will facilitate an intercultural exchange between native English speakers and native Spanish speakers. College students will give ESL (English as a Second Language) lessons in exchange for weekly conversational lessons with native Spanish speakers.

MICHIGAN:

Clean Nation of Detroit will inspire residents to work together and clean up local neighborhoods. After they host cleaning days they will have block parties so everyone involved can celebrate their accomplishments.

ILLINOIS:

Kids Teaching Kids will travel to schools within their community in their biodiesel powered bus to education students about the problems associated with burning fossil fuels and the importance of using renewable sources of energy. They hope to make residents and schools in their community greener.

CALIFORNIA:

Green World will sell renewable aluminum BPA free bottles in an effort to reduce plastic

bottle usage in their area. Through the bottles they will educate community members on the harmful effects plastic bottles can have on their environment and the human body. Profit made will go to purchasing more bottles and supporting environmentally friendly businesses.



NOMINATE A YOUTH VENTURER FOR A \$2,500 BARRON PRIZE!!!

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes is seeking nominations for its 2009 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet.

Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,000 to support their service work or higher education.



For more information or to nominate someone, visit their [Web site](#).

Nomination deadline is April 30.



YV's SOCIAL VENTURE CHALLENGE AT THE HAGUE

Ashoka's Youth Venture is proud to partner with [WorldMUN](#) 2009 (World Model United Nations) to offer the [Social Venture Challenge](#) (SVC) - a competition for ideas and projects that offer the best solutions to the world's most pressing problems.

Over 1,600 college students (delegates) from over 40 countries; global business, political, and social leaders will participate in this year's event.

This global competition will be held in late March at The Hague in The Netherlands. SVC is designed to identify and (for the first time) support participating WorldMUN delegates whose ideas offer the best solutions to pressing problems, both local and international. Proposals will be judged on their proposed impact, creativity, feasibility and the degree to which they engage the WorldMUN community.

A top European executive of Massachusetts-based Staples, Inc, a longtime partner and sponsor of Youth Venture's global programs, will participate on the SVC Selection Panel.



GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

[Global Youth Service Day](#) (GYSD) is an annual global event that highlights and celebrates the contributions of youth to their communities through volunteer service in over 100 countries!

During Global Youth Service Day, youth around the world organize community service projects to address the needs of their local communities through service, to be recognized for their contributions, and to be a part of a global youth service movement.

GYSD will be held April 24-26, 2009



NH YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD NEEDS MEMBERS

Breathe New Hampshire is establishing a statewide youth network to create a new generation of leaders who engage others in matters that impact breathing: tobacco use, air quality and the environment. They hope to empower today's youth to be better and healthier citizens through developing their leadership and advocacy skills.

Interested youth must apply for a position on the Youth Advisory Board, for more info [click here!](#)



STAY UP TO DATE ON ASHOKA

Over the past few newsletters we have provided you with information on Ashoka- the world's leading association of social entrepreneurs. Now you can stay up to date with Ashoka by subscribing to the [Ashoka In The News](#) feed.



Hasta La VISTA, baby



Kumar Raj has completed his term at YVNE, but he is still at YV - in India!! Kumar will join YV's office in Mumbai for 3 months.

Good luck, Kumar!! We miss you already!!

*Kumar was an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America) and volunteered at YVNE for 18 months



**" There is nothing new about poverty.
What is new, however, is that we now have the resources
to get rid of it."**

- Martin Luther King Jr.



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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