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Dear Jessica,



Despite torrential rain, thunder, lightning and tornado warnings [Youth Venture's Dinner on the Lawn: Get Social with Changemakers](#) was a success!

The rain didn't stop attendees from dancing to live music, playing games, enjoying food, bidding in the silent auction and of course mingling with Venture Teams and local socially

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responsible businesses. A highlight of the event was YVNE's own Rob Alexander participating in Locks of Love. He donated about one foot of his hair!!

Thank you to all Venturers, parents and supporters who came out. A special thanks to our sponsors; [Green Concord](#), [Boloco](#), [The Red Blazer](#), [Stonyfield Farm](#) and [Show Ready Events](#). We greatly appreciate you sticking it out through the less than desirable weather while keeping a smile on your face! Thanks!



If you are interested in purchasing Dinner on the Lawn shirts or bags please email [Jessica O'Neal](#) for more information.



Grassroots Toolbox for Venture Teams

YV has a new partnership with Grassroots.org to provide free online toolkits to all YV teams!! [The Grassroots Toolbox](#) provides online resources such as: virtual office service, web design, graphic design, web building, domain registration, content language translation, web hosting and social venture consulting. **These services are free to all Venture teams.**

To learn more about the services Grassroots.org offers, check out this [video](#).

VENTURE TEAMS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!!



Green Your School Contest

Attention all eco-conscious high schoolers! The Student Conservation Association invites you to submit your entries to the [Green Your School Contest](#). Explain how your project improves, restores, beautifies, or conserves your high school environment.

To be eligible, projects must have begun after August 1, 2008. Entries must be completed by a student and will be judged according to the following criteria: the project has or will improve the environmental health of the school; the project is sustainable; the project is initiated by students and engages other students, teachers, and school administrators; the submission itself is of high quality; and the project engaged the community.

There will be one Grand Prize of \$5,000, and two runner-up prizes of \$2,500 each. Prizes will be awarded directly to high schools and not to individuals.

Visit the [SCA Web site](#) for complete program information



Global Entrepreneurship Week

[Global Entrepreneurship Week](#) is November 16-22, 2009. The week will connect young people everywhere through local, national and global activities designed to help them explore their potential as self-starters and innovators.

This year four Official Activities have been adopted. Each Official Activity comes with a toolkit including media and outreach tips, sample press releases and more. These toolkits are available in downloadable, easy-to-implement form at www.unleashingideas.org.

For more information on Global Entrepreneurship Week and to see what activities you can participate in, check out [this link!](#)



Around New England...and Beyond

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Kristen from **Birthday Wish** and **Ethics Forum** was recently featured on the [Serve.gov](#) Stories of Service Blog. Check it out [here!](#)

YV VISTA Alyssa Johnson was featured on WYCN Channel 13 Nashua along with Brianna from **Dance Creations**, Nick, Alex and Tray from **Merrimack Biodiesel Crew**, and Tamanna and Alyssa from **Nursing House Party**. You can watch their interview on [Channel 13's homepage](#).

MAINE

Climate Action Club is a finalist for this year's Natural Resources Council of Maine People's Choice Award. The award recognizes people/groups that are working towards a better environment.

You can help **Climate Action Club** win by voting for them [before September 18](#).

Here's how to vote:

- 1) Go to The Natural Resources Council of Maine Web site
- 2) On the left-hand side in the 'Member Login' Box, click REGISTER
- 3) Register
- 4) Go back to the first URL
- 5) Vote for Chloe Maxmin and the CAC
- 6) PASS ON THE WORD TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW!!!

Massachusetts

On August 19 the United Way-Youth Venture partnership of North Central MA held a

retreat to reach out to community-based organizations within the North Central MA region. In attendance were youth from both the Spanish American Center (Leominster, MA) and the House for Peace and Education (Gardner, MA).

Throughout the day there were numerous activities with the Boy Scouts of America. During the retreat youth were able to learn more about Youth Venture and begin brainstorming their own ideas for ways to positively impact their community.

Illinois

Konstantine from [Always Ready Kids](#) was also featured on the Stories of Service Blog on [Serve.gov](#). Click [here](#) to read his blog.



Survey for Youth Business Owners

Attention business owners 13-25 years old: The National Association of Youth Owned Businesses put together a survey to update their data base. If you are interested in taking the short survey [click here!](#)



Hasta La VISTA, Baby

YVNE said goodbye to four core members of the staff this month. AmeriCorp VISTAs* Suria Lloyd, TJ Tetzlaff and Elizabeth Bandy finished their year(s) of service, while Global Relationship Manager of Staples Partnership, Lidia Pedro, also left YV.

All of their hard work and dedication helped to make YVNE what it is today. Each one will be greatly missed!!



Suria



TJ



Elizabeth



Lidia

**AmeriCorps VISTA members make a year-long, full-time commitment to volunteer on a specific project at a nonprofit organization or public agency.*

"If you really want to be happy, always try to do what's right."

- Bill Blackman

Grant & Scholarship Opportunities

For news on grant and scholarship opportunities check out the [blog](#) on [GenV.net](#). [Email Price](#) or post on the blog if you have any questions.



Ventures - 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 the Program Associate of Media & Marketing, Jessica O'Neal at joneal@youthventure.org





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Stay in touch with Youth Venture New England and Ashoka while you stay in touch with your other friends on [Facebook](#). And be sure to check out Youth Venture's cool [YouTube](#) page containing all Youth Venture's videos - including those made by Venturers!

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



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YVNE Staff at YV Summit 2009

Not pictured: Becca Korduner



Did you know that many Youth Venture staff members across the U.S. are actually AmeriCorps*VISTAs? AmeriCorps VISTA members make a year-long, full-time commitment to volunteer on a specific project at a nonprofit organization or public agency. In return for their service, VISTA members receive a modest living allowance. For more information on [AmeriCorps](#) visit their [Web site](#).



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