

Youth Venture – New England

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NH YOUTH DETERMINED TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF YOUNG AND OLD COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AT HOME AND ABROAD

“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.” – JBACK, United Way- Youth Venture team

Concord, NH- May 28, 2008 – Ashoka’s Youth Venture® and area partner United Way of Greater Nashua would like to congratulate and introduce the three newest teams to their family of young changemakers; **Nursing House Party**, **JBACK** and **Extreme Makeover: Classroom Edition**. All three Venture teams, consisting of students from Souhegan High School in Amherst, have set out to make a difference in their community. With their addition the number of Venture teams launched as a result of this two-year partnership has reached 17.

Nursing House Party: Team members Tamanna Gandhi, Alyssa Peterson and Harrison Calato have developed a program to improve the lives of the elderly. 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.

JBACK (Just Give Back): Members Clyla Boykin, Thomas Andrews, Briana Altalla, Kelsea Bemis, Astrid Benson and Jill Parolin will make a difference in their local *and* global communities. They are collecting over 1,000 teddy bears to be given to children in local foster care and also to children in Iraq.

Extreme Makeover: Classroom Edition: Paige Brooks and McKenzie St. Germain wanted to help those in less fortunate area schools by creating care packages of essential school supplies. They know that students in well equipped classrooms are more likely to reach their full learning potential.

All team members formally presented their changemaking ideas before a Selection Panel of community members and leaders who approved the team’s idea after deciding they had met the criteria for becoming a Youth Venture team. Approved teams are given seed grants of up to \$1,000 to launch their sustainable projects. *The United Way of Greater Nashua - Youth Venture*



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About Youth Venture:

Youth Venture® leads an international community of young people who are powerful now, changemakers now. Youth Venture inspires and invests in teams of young people to create and launch their own sustainable, community-benefiting Ventures. Youth Venture then connects them into a global movement of young changemakers who are together redefining the youth years as a time of leadership and positive social change. This is the foundation of an *Everyone a Changemaker™* world – the key factor for success in every part of society. Youth Venture currently operates in 14 countries and online at www.GenV.net

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