

**Youth Venture – New England**

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**COMPASSION AND CONCESSIONS EARN MA TEEN A FREE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

*"If everyone did just one thing, we could fix the world." – Caitlin Quinones*

CONCORD, NH – July 8, 2008 – Massachusetts' teen Caitlin Quinones knows the positive consequences that can come from acts of kindness. Her act of kindness has earned her an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. In all, five young New Englanders, representing three Venture teams, were chosen out of hundreds to receive a trip to the first ever **National Youth Venture Summit** as a result of their hard work and commitment to community.

Quinones, of Shirley, MA, launched her Venture team **S.A.F.A. (Shirley Arts for All)** in 2005 as a way to provide scholarships for fellow middle school students who are unable to afford tuition for drama programs. **S.A.F.A.** sells hot dogs, popcorn, refreshments and other concessions at various school and community events. **S.A.F.A.** was launched as a result of Youth Venture's partnership with United Way of North Central MA.

The two other Youth Venture New England teams selected to attend the summit are **Dance Creations** from Nashua, NH and **Green Teens USA** from Mansfield, CT. **Dance Creations** developed a free after-school program to teach underprivileged children how to dance and creatively express themselves. **Green Teens USA** holds environmentally oriented events for all ages to show that everyone can be part of the solution.

A Venture Team consists of at least two youth, ages 12- 20, who are actively engaged in bringing about positive social change to their community.

Youth Venture's first National Summit will gather hundreds of young leaders and changemakers from all over the nation. They will experience three days of skill building and leadership strengthening as well as enable them to share their thoughts, ideas and experiences.

The **National Youth Venture Summit** will be held July 17- 20 at American University. For details, please visit [www.GenV.net/summit](http://www.GenV.net/summit) .

*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](http://www.GenV.net)

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