



**Youth Venture
New England**



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Mount Wachusett Community College

United Way-Youth Venture

Press Release

United Way-Youth Venture Announces

Teens to Arrive in Earth-Friendly Style - in a Bus Powered by Their Own Homemade Fuel

Concord, NH - May 6, 2007- What better way to showcase your community-benefiting project than to drive it to the front door! High school members of the environmentally-focused Merrimack Bio-Diesel Crew are just some of the 100 young changemakers who will be showing off their great Ventures this Thursday.

Celebrating Young Changemakers

On Thursday, May 10, the United Way-Youth Venture Partnership will host the largest gathering ever of New England's Youth Venturers - young people ages 12-20, who everyday affect their communities in positive ways. It's a celebration - also serving as an opportunity for United Way and Youth Venture to honor the hundreds of young citizens who have created their own youth-led, youth-initiated, community-benefiting clubs or organizations in MA and NH. Come, meet the following Venture teams, and many more:

- Rubber Ducky Studios - This NH group of friends, interested in media production, launched their idea to produce affordable videos and Public Service Announcements for small, low-budget non-profits in their community.
- Team Ultimate - For these MA Venturers, the seemingly simple game of Frisbee serves as a catalyst to help teach youth (especially young girls) valuable life skills, such as tolerance and learning to work and function as a team.

Where and When?

Thursday, May 10, 2007, 9 AM - 2 PM

Colonial Hotel, 625 Betty Springs Road, Gardner, MA

(For directions, please visit www.colonial-hotel.com)

Who's Attending?

Dozens of Venture teams comprised of young changemakers from MA and NH, their parents, and adult mentors...education, business, and community leaders...and, key local, regional, and national representatives of event sponsors United Way, Youth Venture, and Mount Wachusett Community College.

About Youth Venture

By inspiring and investing in teams of young people to start their own social ventures, Youth Venture is working to build a powerful network of young changemakers around the world.

Youth Venture provides coaching, resources, and seed funding for young people ages 12-20 to create, launch, and lead sustainable community-benefiting ventures. We believe this will catalyze a cultural sea change, transforming a generation of young people into capable leaders of social change - leading to a world of Everyone a Changemaker. www.genv.net

About United Way

United Way is a national network of more than 1,300 locally governed organizations that work to create lasting positive changes in communities and peoples lives. Building on more than a century of service as the nation's preeminent community-based fundraiser, United Way engages the community to identify the underlying causes of the most significant local issues, develops strategies and pulls together human and financial resources to address them, and measures the results. United Way of America is the national organization dedicated to leading the United Way movement. While local United Ways tackle issues based on local needs, common focus areas include helping children and youth succeed, improving access to health care, promoting self-sufficiency, and strengthening families. For more information about United Way, please visit: www.unitedway.org For information about the local United Ways directly involved in sponsoring this event, visit: www.unitedwaynashua.org/ and www.uwncm.org

About Mount Wachusett Community College

Mount Wachusett Community College is an accredited public two-year institution serving 29 cities and towns in North Central Massachusetts. Its main campus is located in Gardner, MA, and its satellite sites are located in Leominster, Fitchburg, Athol, Orange and Devens. MWCC offers over 40 associate degree and certificate programs, as well as adult basic education/GED programs, education and training for business and industry, and noncredit community service programs. Courses are offered in the day, evening, on weekends and online. Visit www.mwcc.edu for more details.

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