

Youth Venture

New England Ambassadors



Youth Venture Ambassadors are a select group of young changemakers. By sharing stories of their own life-changing experience, Ambassadors seek to engage and inspire other youth to launch their own community-benefiting Ventures.

Jenny Chen **JJ Express Magazine** **Maine**

Jenny is the lead Venturer and editor-in-chief of Express Magazine, a magazine she launched in 2007 to inspire youth to bring to light youth social issues through art. The publication showcases graphic novels by artists from around the world. The artwork is accompanied by related articles, activities and stories.



Caitlin Quinones **SAFA** **Massachusetts**



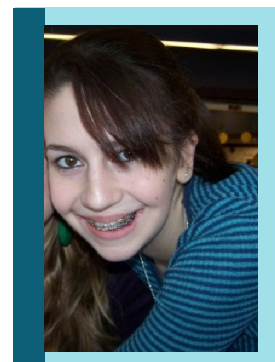
Caitlin founded SAFA (Shirley Arts for All) in 2005 to provide an opportunity for all youth to participate in community theatre. SAFA sold hot dogs and other concessions at local theatre productions to raise scholarship money to cover fees for youth who could not pay. Caitlin has spoken to hundreds of students in New England schools and was featured on the TV news talk show, *Wired*.

Nicholas Day **Skaters of Shirley,** **The Literary Magazine** **and T.R.U.N.** **Massachusetts**

Since 2007, Nicholas has launched three Venture teams: Skaters of Shirley, T.R.U.N. (The Rolled Up Newspaper) and The Literary Magazine. Skaters of Shirley was launched to help build a skate park in his hometown of Shirley. The Literary Magazine and T.R.U.N. are both school publications managed by students to encourage literacy and art within the community.



Jessie Mehrhoff **Green Teens U.S.A.** **Connecticut**



Jessie launched Green Teens U.S.A. in 2007 to promote environmental education and activism in her community. The Team encourages community members to make a difference in the environment with simple lifestyle changes. Green Teens U.S.A. has launched a community wide plastic bag ban and a compact fluorescent lightbulb exchange and a composting system in their school cafeteria.