

**Dreamt it.
Did it.**

**Youth Venture
New England**



The Inspiration

To an artist, the sense of empowerment felt while designing and creating their work is often more rewarding than the finished product. Young jewelry designers Talya and Rachel have experienced that joy many times.

The Idea

These NH middle school friends decided to share their talents by holding jewelry making classes for underprivileged girls and women in their community. Talya and Rachel were certain their students would also come to develop a greater sense of pride and self-esteem — enabling them to apply this new found confidence to other aspects of their lives, as well.



The 4-H Venture

Talya and Rachel, members of 4-H, launched *Beads for Needs* in March 2007 as a result of the partnership between NH 4-H and Youth Venture. The team is planning an ambitious series of five workshops to teach girls and young women at Girls, Inc., New Generations, and the Lee Library on how to make their own earrings and clay figures.

The Impact

Along with helping others to make their own jewelry, the *Beads for Needs* team will be busy making their own wares to sell, including a special charm embossed with Youth Venture's "Dream it. Do it." motto. A portion of the proceeds will benefit social agencies including Girls, Inc. and New Generations. The Venturers are also planning to raise additional funds by holding jewelry making workshops at birthday parties.

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