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Youth Venture New England

UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



The Inspiration

The information superhighway might have seemed like a big deal to their parents, but for sisters Joelle and Jackie, computers and the internet are simply there— tools used in everyday life. No big deal, right? But when these New Hampshire high schoolers realized not everyone was so lucky to have online access— they decided to try and close (at least a small part of) the digital divide.

The Idea

Joelle and Jackie believe that “in our world today, being connected through modern technology can make all the difference.” They thought they could best help their community by creating and managing low cost websites for nonprofit organizations who otherwise could not afford to keep up with modern technology.



The 4-H Venture

In July 2007, Joelle and Jackie launched the **Global Connect** 4-H Venture team. Within a month they hope to design, create and manage websites for two nonprofits for a nominal fee. The Venturers are already seeking sponsors to help defray some of their costs.

The Impact

Global Connect has teamed up with the American Red Cross (ARC) of Greater Manchester. They are helping the team identify area nonprofits which could best benefit from their services. Lending a hand took little convincing, as ARC quickly understood the benefit **Global Connect** could bring community organizations by increasing their ability to serve clients and expand their reach.

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