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United Way - Youth Venture

Meet over 225 inspiring teenagers who are actively creating and leading positive social change in their NH and MA schools and communities.

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On May 9 in Nashua, NH, The United Way - Youth Venture Partnership Celebration will host the largest gathering to date of New England's most passionate young changemakers - Venturers, caring young people who everyday affect their communities in positive ways.

This celebration marks the 6th year of United Way and Youth Venture's ground-breaking partnership by honoring and thanking the many hundreds of young citizens who have created their own (Ventures) youth-led, community-benefiting clubs or organizations in NH and MA. The event provides a tremendous opportunity for these young people to network with their fellow changemakers, share ideas, and discover ways their teams can work together for the greater good.

The youth will be traveling from middle and high schools in southern NH and north central MA to participate in this engaging, high energy event. Veteran changemaker Divine Bradley, who launched the Venture team *Team Revolution* in Brooklyn, NY, will deliver the Keynote Address as well as host one of the many Breakout Sessions designed to help these aspiring social entrepreneurs revolutionize their commitment to positive, lasting change. And, fresh off Youth Venture's Road Trip USA, globe-trotting Venturer Kyle Taylor will showcase many of the inspirational stories of Venture teams he's met while traveling the across the U.S. and the world.

Every young person attending this event has experienced the power of initiating positive social change – making them more likely to continue their efforts as adults, resulting in a lifetime of leadership and community service. A tiny sampling of the Ventures include: preparing gift baskets filled with birthday goodies for children in need, hosting a prom for local "Senior" Citizens, selling popcorn to raise money for fellow students to participate in theater, beautifying school grounds through landscaping and artwork to offset local budget cuts, and many more.

Event web site: <http://Youth-Venture.ennectevent.com/may2008>

This event is sponsored by Youth Venture®, United Ways of Greater Nashua and North Central Massachusetts, Mount Wachusett Community College and Nashua Community College.

When and Where?

Friday, May 9, 2008, 9 am - 1 pm

Nashua Community College, Wellness Center, 505 Amherst Street, Nashua, NH, 03063
(For directions, please visit: <http://www.nashua.nhctc.edu/>)

Who's Attending?

- Over 225 young changemakers – middle and high school students from NH and MA – a long with their Venture teams' adult Allies (mentors).
- Education, business, and community leaders.

- Leading representatives of event sponsors United Way, Youth Venture, Mount Wachusett Community College and Nashua Community College.

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.

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. 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 information about the local United Ways directly involved in sponsoring this event, visit: www.unitedwaynashua.org/ and www.uwncm.org .

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