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October 2007 Newsletter

Dream it. Do it.



Dear Lidia,

Check out Venture team [Merrimack Bio-Diesel Crew's](#) cool video on YouTube! They use the theme from one of my favorite movies, *Back to the Future*. Venture Team creativity at its best! Nice work!



[Click here](#) to check it out!

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STARBUCKS-YV *Dream it. Do it.* Washington Tour



Youth Venture and The Starbucks Foundation kicked off their *Dream it. Do it. Tour* in Seattle, WA, home of Starbucks, on September 27 at the Seattle Children's Theatre. Over 130 youth attended the workshop! Divine Bradley of [Team Revolution](#), was one of the featured speakers.



Team Revolution is a Venture that created a youth center in Brooklyn where teens could express their creativity, bringing generations together through community projects. The tour continues to various cities in Washington state. Promotions for the tour have been featured in all 500+ Seattle-area Starbucks locations! [Click here](#) to

read an article featured in the Seattle Post Intelligencer about the event!

Venture Team AYUDA Granted Special UN Status



Venture Team [AYUDA](#) has just been granted *Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council of the United Nations*. So what exactly does that mean? AYUDA can now designate official representatives to the United Nations, participate in Economic and Social Council meetings and conferences and collaborate in the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. Not bad for one of Youth Venture's first teams - Congratulations AYUDA!!



Venturer Could Win \$25,000!



Venturer Meagan Corlin, of New Hampshire, is one of 13 National Finalists for the 2007 L'Oreal "Women of Worth" Award. Meagan has been nominated for her work through the non-profit she founded "[Starmight Foundation](#)." Meagan developed her non-profit after first launching her Venture team the "NH Board of Youth Volunteers." If she wins, Meagan's foundation will receive a \$25,000 donation from L'Oreal Paris in her name. [Click here](#) to vote and help Meagan win!

World Tour Update



Youth Venture's *Dream It. Do It. World Tour* is currently expanding to include more U.S. cities and college campuses!! Go to the [Dream it. Do it. World Tour](#) page on [GenV.net](#) to view the latest updates including the blogs, videos and photos Kyle has uploaded.

While in Mexico, Kyle visited the city of Oaxaca, where a young woman started a

program to preserve her indigenous culture by teaching the language on a more regular basis. The language was being lost for fear of reprisal by mainstream Spanish speakers. Kyle is pictured above with the young woman and four generations of her family who have come together to encourage and support her work!



Your Global Community



Last month we mentioned that there was some new and exciting news for Youth Venture and Ashoka internationally. CNN International and CNN.com are running a global campaign called "Be the Change" in which Newey, one of our Youth Venture staff in Thailand, will be one of six people who want to make a difference in the world. The purpose is to spotlight those who often go unnoticed but are doing great work in their communities. She has been trained by CNN staff on the use of her new (CNN supplied) Sony High Definition Camera and her fully loaded Mac laptop with film editing software! [Click here](#) to read and listen to



Newey's blogs and a [short video clip](#) introducing Newey and her project.

Remember as Youth Venturers you are part of a powerful global network of young changemakers. Youth Venture has operations in Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, India, South Africa, Thailand, France, Germany and Spain -- with many more planned.

Around New England and Beyond!

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

- Youth Venture and 4-H Venture teams [Beads for Needs](#) and Cause 4 Paws showcased their Ventures before the Strafford County Extension Advisory Council. Team members highlighted their projects and explained how their start up funds have been used.





- The 4-H Foundation will hold its annual meeting later this month. This meeting is very important because this group will decide how much funding is offered to the 4-H Youth Venture partnership to help start new Venture teams.
- Venture team [W.I.N.D.](#) began their Trail Clean-Up at the Town Forest in Sandown, NH early in September in order to begin the creation of their nature trail. Through their continued hard work and efforts, the health of the town forest will be sustained and also provide a safe quiet place for people to enjoy the beauty of nature.

Youth Venture - United Way Partner teams in NH and MA have been keeping busy!

- After the successful completion of their biodiesel bus, [The Merrimack Bio-Diesel Crew](#) is starting to work on a new vehicle -- a Volkswagen Bug! The team is beginning work on the 'Bio Bug' and plans on presenting the project to the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers. The Venture team will also be exhibiting it at the National Biodiesel Conference & Expo in Orlando February 3-6, 2008. Be sure to check out their [YouTube video](#), which is featured above.



- The United Way of Greater Nashua is growing! They are expanding their partnership to include Merrimack High School, where Venture teams such as the [Merrimack Bio-Diesel Crew](#) and A Generation Gap are located.
- Youth Venture - United Way Venture team [Little Leaf Lawn Care](#) is preparing for their fall clean-up!

MASSACHUSETTS:

- Youth Venture - United Way Venture team [Skaters-of-Shirley](#) held a fundraiser for their Venture at their local elementary school's open house and raised over \$200!

CALIFORNIA:

- Lead Venturers Kyle and Brady, of Venture team [My Own Book](#), won the Dale Earnhardt Foundation Legend Leadership Award. [My Own Book](#) collects used books for underprivileged children in their community. Through the support of local businesses, book publishers, individuals, the program has collected thousands of books. During classroom visits, Kyle and Brady read to children, discuss local libraries, and distribute books to each child. The brothers plan to expand their program to other communities and hope that one day their program will exist nation-wide. [My Own Book](#) launched as a result of Youth Venture's partnership with Youth Service America.



September's Best New Venture Idea Winner!



Congratulations to GenV.net member [magdoyne](#), who won the September Contest: Best New Venture Idea!! Magdoyne's Venture idea is to build a small children's hostel for orphans in Nepal. She hopes the home will serve as a safe haven for ex-child military soldiers, child prostitutes, misplaced, orphaned and street children. They would also aim to sponsor child laborers within the community to get them off the streets and into school. Over the past two years, Magdoyne has volunteered at an orphanage in India.

[Magdoyne](#) won a \$50.00 VISA gift card and will be automatically entered in the GenV.net Member of the Year contest in December. [Click here](#) to read more about her winning idea.

October's Contest is "[Spice Up Your Space](#)." Add some color and life to your GenV.net profile and you could win a \$50.00 VISA giftcard! [Click here](#) for ways to 'spice up your space'!!

Step It UP!



Youth Venture has teamed up with the organization Step It Up to promote their national Day of Action for global warming on November 3. As an organization, they are calling for leadership on global warming hoping that people will act locally and start a national movement. Click on [Step It Up](#) for more information and to see what you can do to help!

FREE Workshops!



YOUTH VENTURE Technical Allies
Special Guest Series
October Workshop Schedule

October 15th @ 7:30pm EST: 'Media & Press Releases'
October 29th @ 7:30pm EST: 'Building Your Small Business'

These **FREE** workshops are held over the telephone, enabling Venturers from all over the country to participate and share ideas for helping to make and keep their Ventures successful. There are only three workshops in October, so be sure to take advantage of this opportunity!

October 15th @ 7:30pm EST: 'Media & Press Releases'

Want to advertise for an upcoming event for your Venture team, but feel like you need a jump start? Want to learn about strategies of communicating with the media and creating effective press releases that will inspire news editors and readers alike?

Call in on **October 15th at 7:30pm EST** and get advice from **Terry**, Youth Venture's public relations guru as the

YV National Media & Outreach Consultant. **Venturer Myles**, lead Venturer of **RFK News: the Bronx**, will also speak about his knowledge on the topic. RFK News is a youth media, youth service and youth advocacy program that gives Bronxites in the opportunity to represent themselves in ways that the general media doesn't allow them to.

Please try to **register by Friday, Oct. 12** (Registration details are below.)

October 29th @ 7:30pm EST: 'Building Your Small Business'

Are you looking to build your Venture into a small business? Are you interested in learning about the process of building a small business, from just starting out to business management techniques to incorporation?

Call in on **October 29th at 7:30pm EST** and get advice from **David**, a regional manager at MicroCredit - New Hampshire who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management with a minor in Marketing. Also hear from veteran **Venturer Michael**, lead venturer of **MadFusion**, a web, graphic, and media design company.

Please try to register by Friday, Oct. 26.

To register: Email or call Lauren at lsatterlee@youthventure.org or 612-455-2007. Don't forget to include your name, Venture team name, email address and phone number when registering! Sign up soon, spots are limited and will go quickly!

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

Young Creator Award by the Knight Foundation and their partnership with MTV. The winning project must use digital media to spread information and strengthen communities. **Deadline is October 15th** [Young Creator Award](#)

State Farm Companies Foundation and Youth Service America are offering the **State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant** for youth across the United States and Canada. The program offers a hundred grants of up to \$1,000 each to young people (ages 5-25) to implement service-learning projects on Global Youth Service Day, April 25-27, 2008. **Deadline October 16, 2007** [State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants](#)

Harris Wofford Awards honor individuals who have volunteered, mobilized, and inspired other youth to volunteer. **Deadline October 19th** [Harris Wofford Award](#)

Are you passionate about the environment and would like to get your entire school involved in gardening? **Youth Garden Grants** could literally help your Venture grow. If your Venture involves planning a garden with at least 15 young people who are between the ages of 3-18, this is a grant you should consider applying for. This opportunity is provided by the National Gardening Association and The Home Depot. **The deadline is November 1, 2007**. For information and application, click here, [Youth Garden Grants](#)

Plum Grants are worth \$500 and are **awarded to youth weekly** who have founded a service organization and need extra money to support it. For more information, go to [Plum Grants](#)

Mix It Up Grants program gives \$500 to youth-led projects that concentrate on breaking down barriers in

their community. Youth direct all aspects of the project, and the project must be a long-term attempt to build bridges between different groups. [Mix It Up](#)

SCA/MAZDA Conservation in Action Multimedia Contest

For those of you who are old enough to drive and are concerned about the environment, this may be something you're interested in. The Student Conservation Association (SCA) and Mazda are holding a contest for those willing to present an action-oriented, practical, environmental solution in any format -- video, film, slideshow, essay, song, which best portrays the power of your idea. Prizes include a 2008 Mazda3i, \$37,000 in cash, and eight expense-paid trips to the SCA summit in Washington, DC in April 2008. **Contest deadline is December 1, 2007.** For more information go to www.thesca.org/contest

Venturers: Share Your News!



New England Venturers, we know you're busy and working hard to make your Venture a success. Let us help. Email us updates on your team's events, fundraisers, awards, etc... Let us share your good news with your fellow Venturers. And, don't forget to email those great pictures! It's easy. Send your news and pics to Marketing and Communications Associate, Kumar Raj kraj@youthventure.org .

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