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**YOUTH VENTURER EMBARKS ON GLOBAL TOUR
TO CONNECT YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS WORLDWIDE**

New website provides tour updates, online connections

Arlington, VA (April 24, 2007) – Youth Venture, a global organization that provides support and funding for young people ages 12-20 to start their own social ventures, announced today the launch of the *Dream it. Do it. World Tour*. This ambitious journey through eleven countries will be lead by Youth Venturer Kyle Taylor who will profile fellow Youth Venturers - civic-minded young changemakers who create their own youth-led, youth-initiated community benefiting clubs or organizations all over the world.

A year ago, Kyle Taylor, approached Youth Venture with the idea to travel the globe to meet, unite, and document the thousands of young people who were creating social change just like him. "These young people are having an incredible impact on their communities, and it is my hope that by telling their stories I will inspire others to action as well," Taylor told students at a tour kickoff event in association with the Brookings Institution at American University in Washington, D.C.

Taylor departs May 11 for his four-month world tour to encourage all young people worldwide to take social action. Kyle will be meeting with Youth Venturers and leaders in each country, documenting his journey through video, pictures and a blog on Youth Venture's new global community action website, www.genv.net. The new site serves as a platform for socially minded young people to connect with others to "dream it and do it."

"Young people the world over are uniting to battle systemic social problems in a way no generation has before," Taylor said. "We have the education, ability and determination to affect our world, community by community. If things are going to change, it has to start with us."

Taylor will be documenting an array of Venturer's stories: from former street kids in India who founded an organization that helps children on the street get jobs, to a young woman in New Hampshire who has connected the elderly to distant family members by mobilizing teams of laptop carrying volunteers to assist nursing home residents in using email.

Not only is Taylor introducing the world to the amazing work of these inspiring young changemakers, but his journey is helping spark the excitement behind the global Youth Venture movement-GenV.

“This movement is already underway with tens of thousands of young people taking the initiative to come up with their own ideas to battle the problems of the world,” said Gretchen Zucker, executive director of Youth Venture. “Kyle’s tour will help unite socially engaged young people willing to take a stand to right the wrongs they see in their communities.”

Between May 11th and September 30th Taylor will visit changemakers in Argentina, Chile, Brazil, France, Belgium, Germany, South Africa, India, Thailand, Mexico, and the US. His activities can be monitored at www.genv.net or www.youthventure.org

About Youth Venture

By inspiring and investing in teams of young people to start their own social ventures, Youth Venture is working to build a powerful network of young changemakers around the world. Youth Venture provides coaching, resources, and seed funding for young people ages 12-20 to create, launch, and lead sustainable community-benefiting ventures. We believe this will catalyze a cultural sea change, transforming a generation of young people into capable leaders of social change - leading to a world of *Everyone a Changemaker*. www.genv.net Youth Venture was founded in 1996 by Ashoka.

About Ashoka

Since its founding in 1981, Ashoka has built a network of more than 1,800 leading social entrepreneurs in over 60 countries. Ashoka, along with its Fellows and collaborative networks, designs and builds new ways for the citizen sector to become more entrepreneurial, productive and globally integrated. Ashoka works to create communities of innovators while building a vibrant citizen sector that not only supports those creating change today, but empowers everyone to become changemakers tomorrow. www.ashoka.org

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