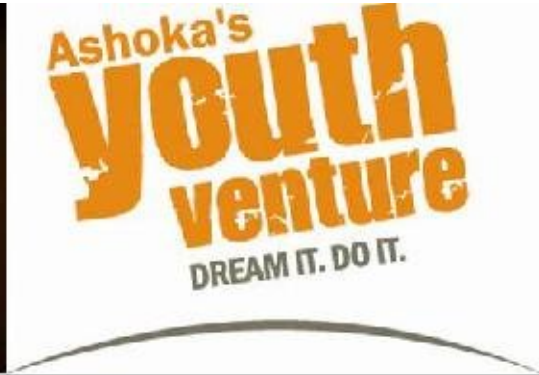


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## Youth Venture National Newsletter

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### Greetings!

Hello and welcome to this month's newsletter! If you have not started your Venture yet, visit [genv.net](http://genv.net) to find out how you can get going! Youth Venture would like to say thank you to the allies who support young people across the nation. Also, we would like to thank all of our volunteers and donors. Currently, we are making improvements to the look and feel of our newsletter. As always, we'd love to hear feedback from you about our newsletter. You may send comments and or suggestions to [newsletter@youthventure.org](mailto:newsletter@youthventure.org).

Sincerely,

Youth Venture



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### Quick Links

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### Golden Opportunities

Take Advantage of these great grants, programs, and scholarships!!

SAVE-the Student Association for Voter Empowerment

SAVE Internship

SAVE is a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded and run by students whose mission is to

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 for Voter Empowerment

remove access barriers and increase civic participation among young voters.

Website: <http://www.savevoting.org>

Email: [matthew.segal@savevoting.org](mailto:matthew.segal@savevoting.org)

Eligibility: High school and college students



Sports 4 Kids

AmeriCorps Job Opportunity

Sports 4 Kids works with elementary and middle school children by providing opportunities for physical activity and safe, meaningful play.

Website: <http://www.sports4kids.org>

Eligibility: High school graduates



Summer at Highland 2008 Program

Summer@Highland 2008 is designed to provide student entrepreneurs (graduate, undergraduate or recent grads) with the environment and resources for advancing their startup initiative to the next level.

Website: <http://www.hcp.com/summer>

Eligibility: Undergraduates, recent graduates, and graduate students

Deadline: April 22, 2008

Youth Action Net Global Fellowship Program

YouthActionNet® offers young change makers ideas, resources, and connections to like minds around the world.

Website: [www.youthactionnet.org](http://www.youthactionnet.org)

Email: [d.ledyard@iyfnet.org](mailto:d.ledyard@iyfnet.org)

Eligibility: Young Social Entrepreneurs

Deadline: May 15, 2008

Global Youth Village Summer Leadership Program

Young people gather each summer for this program in Bedford, Virginia for an experience in global citizenship filled with cultural exchange, new friendships, fun, and laughter.

Website: [www.globalyouthvillage.org](http://www.globalyouthvillage.org)

Eligibility: Youth Ages 15-18

Deadline: May 15, 2008

**Want more information about scholarships, programs, and grants?** Many more are listed on GenV.net. Check out the following links: [Opportunities for Venturers](#) and [Grants and Scholarship Opportunities for Venturers](#)



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### Technical Ally Program

Technical Allies share their experience and knowledge with young changemakers who may need assistance in such areas as business planning, fundraising, and community organizing, as well as issue areas such as multicultural awareness. Be a part of Youth Venture's **first** Technical Ally Call from **Mount Everest!** Join in on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm (EST) for a technical ally call with Jim Curtain, who will be in the process of climbing Mount Everest! Jim will be calling in from the Mount Everest Base Camp to present a workshop on dreaming big, determination, and mountain climbing as a metaphor for leadership. Don't miss out on this incredible experience! To register for this workshop, call Amie @ 703.600.8293 or email [technicalally@youthventure.org](mailto:technicalally@youthventure.org). Please include your name, your Venture's name, your phone number, and your email when leaving a message. Thank you!

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please visit [Technical Ally Special Guest Workshops](#).

### NASDAQ Opening Bell

On March 27, 2008, Gretchen Zucker, the Executive Director of Youth Venture, rang the **NASDAQ opening bell**. She was introduced by the Vice President of NASDAQ and she had the opportunity to invite everyone to become a changemaker. This event was covered by media around the world. For more information and photos, [click here](#).



### Lorax Challenge

Dr. Seuss Enterprises and Youth Venture are proud to bring you the Lorax Challenge, in partnership with Earth Island Institute. It's an opportunity for people ages 12-20 across the country to turn their dreams of saving the planet into reality. Five grand prize winners get a **FREE** trip to the University of Florida for a weekend of activities, learning and fun! (Please note that only high school students are eligible for the Grand Prize.) **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MIDNIGHT, MAY 31, 2008.** For more information please visit [About the Challenge](#) or email



[lorax@youthventure.org](mailto:lorax@youthventure.org).

## Upcoming Events

**National Youth Venture Summit**  
Washington, D.C. July 17-20, 2008



The National Youth Venture Summit will be an exciting and enlightening leadership experience for young changemakers across the nation. This summit is the first of its kind and will be an annual gathering of the Youth Venture Community. More information will be available soon on GenV.net.

**Save the Date!**



### In Your Neck of the Woods

Venturers Divine Bradley and Kyle Taylor will be presenting at the United Way-Youth Venture partnership event on May 9th in Nashua, NH at Nashua Community College. Gretchen Zucker, Executive Director of Youth Venture, will also attend this event. At this sixth annual event, Venturers will be able to win a variety of prizes, showcase their projects to an audience and select from a series of breakout sessions to learn and share ideas for improving or expanding their

Ventures. You may contact YV Outreach at [yvoutreach@youthventure.org](mailto:yvoutreach@youthventure.org) for more information.

Does this sound interesting...Want to find out what is going on in your state..Check out these links... [YV New England](#), [YV Mid-Atlantic](#), [YV Midwest](#), [YV New York and Virtual](#), and [YV National](#).



**"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all."**

**-Dale Carnegie**

**American Writer**



### Venture Spotlight...Starring...

Busy Ants is a newly launched Venture team located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Busy Ants is a home services business that will focus on low cost exterior home maintenance. Lead Venturer, Anthony, had a simple idea: teach young people skills they need to succeed and everyone in the community will benefit. Busy Ants will work to improve their communities by providing home maintenance at affordable rates and by employing local youth.



Are you interested in learning more about what other Venture teams are doing....Are you ready to start a Venture....Interested in chatting with other Venturers...Check out these links...[Youth Venture Teams](#), [Team Profile](#), [Action Plan](#) and [Forums](#).





## All Around the World

### Brazil

The last few months have been huge for GMM (**Geracao MudaMundo**, which is the Youth Venture program name in Brazil), which has brought together

Fellows, youth and YV enthusiasts throughout Brazil. In November, Ashoka fellows and 500+ youth attended the launch event in Fortaleza. The event was followed by a 2-day integration retreat that 130 Venturers attended in preparation for panel. Later in the month, 80 teams presented to 50 panelists in a 3-day marathon panel. GMM also launched in Belo Horizonte and Santa Catarina. What's more, the first Venture Fair was held, and 35 teams presented to an audience of 400 people!

### Mexico

The "**Youth as World Changemakers**" (First National Gathering in Mexico) was held on November 23rd - 25th, 2007 in Zautla, Puebla. 51 Venturers came from 8 states to exchange experiences, learn from each other and generate proposals to define and create their youth movement in Mexico. The workshop focused on a variety of themes such as building the movement, teambuilding, collaborations, sustainability, etc. During this meeting Venturers decided to initiate a common fund to support other Ventures, they organized a cultural fair in Mexico City which took place in December, and 2 teams decided to collaborate in order to pursue HIV prevention amongst youth. Additionally, 7 youth were elected to oversee Venturer collaboration and represent their states in the National Venturers Board. At the same time, 5 Venturers were selected to participate as YV representatives in a conference called 'Youth Without Borders' that took place in Nicaragua in December.



Interested in what Youth Venture is doing globally....Check out these links... [YV Canada](#), [YV Brazil](#), [YV Mexico](#), [YV Spain](#), [YV Thailand](#), [YV India](#). Interested in participating in the GenV online network in a different language...check out this link...[YV Language](#).



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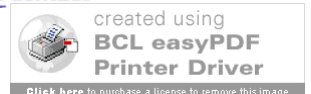
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