

YouthVenture_US

Dear Haley,



YV Minnesota Regional Newsletter

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Dream It. Do It.

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Introducing genv.net!

Youth Venture has been working hard for months to bring you the most interactive and exciting new website out there.

Why is it genv.net instead of youthventure.org? Because at YV we're inviting all youth to become a part of Generation Venture, a new generation of young people creating a movement of social change.

So don't wait any longer! Log on, and enjoy!

Around Minnesota...

YV Minnesota Launches 6 Teams!

Youth Venture Minnesota held two Selection Panels with local partner the Breakthrough Collaborative and Mounds Park Academy this month. Of the six teams that went to Panel, all six were successfully launched!

Everyone was in celebratory spirits after the last team presented and thanks were given for their year of hard work and dedication to their projects.

Food for Your Feelings

Lead by Ann, age 13.

YU: Youth United

Lead by Dede, age 14.

Free Burma

Lead by Myint, Cortez, and Kyle,
age 14.

Project Clean Up

Lead by Anny, age 13

YEAH: Youth Education and Awareness of HIV/AIDS

Lead by Jasmine, age 14.

The First Five Pages

Lead by Dylan, John, and Eric,
age 14.

[Venturers in the News](#)

Youth Venture's "That was Easy" Competition in Partnership with Staples, was featured on ABC's News Now program on April 4. Five extraordinary youth were highlighted and were given the opportunity to share their stories with the nation. Click below for footage of these remarkable youth.

[ABC's News Now Program from April 4](#)

[Opportunities around MN...](#)**Share about YOUR school and win a FREE iPod shuffle!**

In the last few years, 10,000 students have left the Minneapolis Public Schools. Student voices are missing from this debate. Why do YOU think kids and their parents are deciding to leave?

Take [this survey](#) (provided by the Citizen's League and the Humphry Policy Forum Education Group) by May 15 and be entered for a chance to win a FREE iPod shuffle!

For more information and to find out what other students have to say, [click here!](#)

[Opportunities for Venturers](#)



Tu Voz, My Venture

Youth Venture, in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and MTV Tr3s Voces, will select teams of two or more youth, ages 13 – 20, every week through June 29th, 2007, who submit great ideas for encouraging their Latino peers to graduate from high school and college. Tu Voz My Venture winners will receive grants of up to \$1,000 to create their ventures designed to help young Latinos stay in school and prepare for college and careers. And, five winners will be awarded \$5,000 scholarships *per team* by Youth Venture in partnership with MTV Tr3s. Take charge, don't wait for adults! Get your team together and help bring about positive changes in your community. For more information, visit www.genv.net or www.mtv3voces.com.



The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its 2007 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,000 to support their service work or higher education. Nomination deadline is April 30. For more information and to nominate, visit <http://www.barronprize.org/>

Youth ActionNet Awards

Each year twenty exceptional young social entrepreneurs are selected as YouthActionNet Fellows through a competitive application process. In addition to receiving a \$500 grant, YouthActionNet Fellows participate in a week-long capacity building workshop in Washington, D.C.

The contest is open to all young people between the ages of 18 and 29. Applicants should be founders of existing projects/organizations or leading a project within an organization, and must be able to clearly articulate their learning objectives through the fellowship. Proficiency in English is required, and applications must be submitted in English.

Complete program information and application materials are available at the program's Web site.

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10006753/youthactionnet>

Technical Allies Special Guest Series



Youth Venture Technical Allies Special Guest Series

Youth all over the country are discovering the Special Guest Series workshops. These workshops provide a great opportunity for youth to continue their education and get help with their Ventures.

Twice a month, Venturers can call in and get tips from experts and other Venture Teams on how to make their own Ventures a success.

Next week's call is on Monday, April 30 and will focus on **Advertising**.

If you're interested in getting more information or signing up, contact Lauren at lsatterlee@youthventure.org or call 612-455-2007.

Quote of the Month

The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others. ~Mahatma Ghandi

Ashoka

Ashoka, Innovators for the Public, Youth Venture's parent organization, is a global organization that finds and funds over 1,500 leading social entrepreneurs in 49 different countries who implement innovative ideas for change in their communities, regions, countries and continents. Minnesota is proud to host 3 fellows.





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