

Dear Youth Venture Friend,

## Greetings from Youth Venture Minnesota!

We are happy to announce the release of our own regional newsletter!

**Dream It. Do It.**

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### YV's New Website

Youth Venture's Website is Getting a New Look: Keep your eye out for our new website that will be launching in April. Our web development team, along with Zincroe ([www.zincroe.com](http://www.zincroe.com)) have been working to produce a new and improved website that promises to be interactive and help connect Venturers from all over the globe.

### Technical Allies Special Guest Series



**Youth Venture Technical Allies**  
**Special Guest Series**

Did you know that YV hosts a series of free teleconference workshops every

### 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,

Guest Series is an opportunity for Venturers from all over the nation to spend an hour learning about all kinds of different topics. The calls consist of a professional speaker as well as a fellow Venturer. The last part of the call is open for questions and answers from the participants. Keep your eye out for upcoming calls in March.

**If you're interested in signing up or would like more info**, contact Haley at 612-455-2007 or email [hbuenzli@youthventure.org](mailto:hbuenzli@youthventure.org) to reserve your spot.

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### **Venturers in the News**

Omar Faruk, a Venturer from New York, is featured in this month's Inc. Magazine for his work with BlueStream Corp, a web development organization that he founded three years ago. Check out the article [by clicking here!](#)

For more information on BlueStream Corp, check out: <http://www.bluestreamcorp.com/>

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### **Around Minnesota...**

**Minnesota Youth Advisory Council**  
Happy 2007 from the MN Youth Council!

The MYAC was established in September 2006, and is a group of 10 Venturers who have come together with the common goal of promoting Youth Venture in their communities. The group has plans to host events in honor of YV, create t-shirts, and spread the Youth Venture Movement.

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### **Profiles of Local Venture Teams**

Box City Vigil for Youth Homelessness  
Box City Vigil for Youth Homelessness is an all night sleep out on the steps of the state campital to raise awareness

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.youthventure.org](http://www.youthventure.org) or [www.mtv3voces.com](http://www.mtv3voces.com)

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### **Film Your Issue!**

Yahoo Inc, has teamed up with FYI— Film Your Issue as the exclusive online sponsor of the "Issue Film" competition ([www.filmyourissue.com](http://www.filmyourissue.com)), an unprecedented initiative to engage young adults in public dialogue about pressing issues of importance, locally or internationally. Entries will be posted on Yahoo! beginning February 1, 2007. The submission deadline is April 15, 2007, while the official voting period will be April 25 to May 8, 2007. Winners will be announced in New York in June 2007. Winners will receive a summer 2007 internship at Universal Pictures, a trip to New York for the FYI 2007 Awards Ceremony at United Nations Headquarters and their entries broadcast on STARZ and STARZ Edge. For rules and more information on the competition, visit [FilmYourIssue.com](http://FilmYourIssue.com).

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### **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

homelessness. Last year, the capital was filled with legislators, media, educators and local organizations working together to fight for the same cause. The team is currently preparing for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Box City event this spring.



A picture of Box City Vigil

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### Profile of an Ashoka Fellow

**Steven Clift** is the founder of e-democracy, and was recently inducted into the Ashoka Family as a fellow because of the work he has done to expand participation and build stronger democracies and communities through the power of information and communication technologies and strategies. E-democracy hosts a variety of issues forums on various topics to promote communication and well-informed citizens.

nominate, visit

<http://www.barronprize.org/>

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### Quote of the Month

Nothing in the world is so powerful as an idea whose time has come.

--Victor Hugo

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### Ashoka

Ashoka, Innovators for the Public, Youth Venture's parent organization, is a global organization that finds and funds over 1500 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 of these fellows.



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