

# Youth Venture Dream It. Do It.

Come dialogue about one thing you would like to change about our community, your neighborhood, or your school.

**Share your ideas.**

**Be inspired by others.**

**Create a venture.**

**Be a change maker.**

Youth Venture inspires and invests in teams of young people, ages 12-20, to start social ventures, and is working to build a powerful network of young social entrepreneurs across the United States and the world.

Come to an organizational meeting for youth, ages 12-20, to find out more, share your ideas on community change, and consider starting your own venture.

**Saturday, September 8  
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Wednesday, September 12  
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Metro United Way  
Community Meeting Room  
334 East Broadway  
Louisville, KY 40202**

**Bring a friend! Adults interested in finding out more are welcome too!**

The favor of a reply would be appreciated. Please RSVP to John Nevitt, Metro United Way, (502) 292-6128 or via e-mail: [john.nevitt@MetroUnitedWay.org](mailto:john.nevitt@MetroUnitedWay.org)

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# Youth Venture...in a nutshell

Youth Venture is an emerging national nonprofit organization whose **mission** is to invest in the ideas and capacity of youth, ages 12-20, to create, launch, and lead sustainable community-benefiting organizations.

Our **vision** is of a world in which society recognizes, and young people commonly demonstrate, that youth have the ability to bring about lasting positive change in their communities.

We achieve our mission by partnering with organizations and individual citizens across America who share our vision and philosophy, and want to implement and maintain a Youth Venture program within their organization or community.

Among the ways that Youth Venture empowers and invests in young people are providing materials; workshops and training; connection to a national network of like-minded youth; recognition and media opportunities; **start-up grants of up to \$1,000 per venture**; and more.

A youth venture consists simply of a **team** of two or more young people who develop an idea and a basic plan to launch a club, business, or other organization that uses their talents, energy, or interests in creating some kind of positive community impact. A Youth Venture can be almost anything a young person imagines!

How Youth Venture benefits youth, the schools or organizations which they attend, and their communities:

- Meets students where they are—builds on their unique strengths and interests and provides for individualized learning and engagement.
- Helps kids develop and practice 21st century workplace skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork.
- Enhances traditional learning in subject areas like language arts and math, and helps kids practice research, public speaking, and more.
- Leadership development—Youth Venturers practice the skills of, and actually are, social entrepreneurs and community leaders—they're not just learning theory, performing simulations, or engaging in short-term projects.
- Students lead and teach peers—engagement occurs mostly at the powerful peer-to-peer level, not teacher-to-student level.
- Bridge-builder – Youth Venture equally well engages youth who are on the fringe (i.e. at risk for dropping out) as well as for more naturally motivated students. Inasmuch, Youth Venture helps break down barriers and stereotypes among young people.
- The whole community benefits—youth create lasting youth-run organizations, bringing enormous new capacity to improve local communities.

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# **Timeline for Youth Venture Jefferson County Fall, 2007**

August 28 ----- 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Organizational meeting for Adults

September 8 ----- 10:30 - Noon

September 12 ----- 4:30 to 6 p.m. - “Dream It Do It” Workshops - Organizational meetings for youth

September 22 ----- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - “Developing Your Youth Venture Action Plan” Workshop

October 6 ----- 10 a.m. to noon - Drop in Session for help with Action Plan Worksheet

November 19 ----- Action Plans due by 5 p.m.

December 1 ----- 10 a.m. to noon - Presentations to Selection Panel

December 4 ----- Award letters mailed; recipients contacted by phone

December 10 ----- 5:30 to 7 p.m. - Media Pitch and Party for all applicants

March 15----- Initial Results reporting

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