

SOCIAL INNOVATION FAST PITCH



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Social entrepreneurs compete for over \$20,000 in grants

- Two month mentoring program for some of LA's most innovative non-profits!
- Culminates with a "fast pitch" competition and showcase, which includes keynote speaker [Dr. Peter Diamandis](#), and a networking reception.
- Count on being educated and inspired!

Thanks to all who attended for making it a great event!

See [Meet the Nonprofits](#) for 2010 winners & participants...



Youth Speak Collective
Presenter: David Keitzman

Youth Speak Collective (YSC) is a youth-driven organization founded on the idea that all young people can succeed if provided with the right opportunities. YSC's mission is to empower low-income, at-risk youth with the skills necessary to pursue higher education and create strong communities. [Click here](#) to view the pitch.

www.youthspeakcollective.org

2010 Showcase Participants

[Fertile Action](#)
[Healthy Child Healthy World](#)
[Homeboy Industries](#)
[New Visions Foundation: The LENZ Project](#)
[P.S. ARTS](#)
[The C5 Youth Foundation](#)
[The Unusual Suspects Theatre Company](#)



Spirit of America
Presenter: Jim Hake

Spirit of America helps our troops be more successful and to come home sooner and safer by providing items such as solar water pumps, school supplies, sewing machines, tools, blankets, and books to local villages where the US has troops stationed. [Click here](#) to view the pitch.

www.spiritofamerica.net



Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum
Presenter: Robin Petgrave

Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum's (TAM) mission is to encourage youth involvement in aviation as an alternative to drugs, gang violence, and other self-destructive activities. [Click here](#) to view the pitch.

www.TAMuseum.org

2010 Finalists

\$10,000 Prize Winner for the Best Overall Presentation plus \$2,500 Coaches' Award



BTS Communications, a Social Venture of Beit T'Shuvah
Presenter: John Sullivan

BTS Communications is a nonprofit advertising and social media agency housed within Beit T'Shuvah, a drug treatment facility. BTS helps recovering addicts by providing internships as graphic designers, copywriters, web developers and marketers. [Click here](#) to view the pitch.

www.BeitTShuvah.org

\$5,000 Prize Winner for Innovation & Impact plus \$1,000 Audience Favorite Award



Food Forward
Presenter: Rick Nahmias

Food Forward is Southern California's largest backyard harvesting and produce rescue nonprofit. Twelve months of the year, an all volunteer corps of several hundred Angelinos harvest fruit from single trees or massive orchards, donating 100% to local food pantries and hunger-relief organizations. [Click here](#) to view the pitch.

www.foodforward.org

\$5,000 Prize Winner for Pitch



South Central Scholars Foundation
Presenter: Meredith Curry

South Central Scholars (SCS) provides a support network, programs, and services to ensure that underprivileged students from South Central Los Angeles and surrounding areas are equipped with the tools needed to graduate from college and succeed in life. [Click here](#) to view the pitch.

www.southcentralscholars.org

Other Finalists



Ballroom Madness
Presenter: Jane Dorian

Ballroom Madness brings ballroom dance to elementary school children. Through dances such as the foxtrot, swing and waltz the program provides students an artistic outlet within an environment that is safe and constructive. [Click here](#) to view the pitch.

www.ballroommadness.org



California Youth Connection
Presenter: Jacque Lindeman

CYC promotes the participation of foster youth in policy development and legislative change to improve the foster care system with the assistance of current and former foster youth as well as other committed community members. [Click here](#) to view the pitch.

www.cal youthconn.org



Levitt Pavilions
Presenter: Sharon Yazowski

Levitt Pavilions is a nonprofit organization that transforms neglected bandshells and public spaces into Levitt Pavilions, forming the only national network of outdoor venues with free programming. [Click here](#) to view the pitch.

www.levittpavilions.org



Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship
Presenter: Estelle Reyes

The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Greater Los Angeles provides programs that inspire young people from low-income communities to stay in school, recognize business opportunities, and plan for successful futures. [Click here](#) to view the pitch.

www.nfte.com