

**Young people improving their lives by improving their communities.**

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# YouthLaunch

June 2010

## YouthLaunch Graduates

Congratulations to all the YouthLaunch 2010 high school and college graduates. YouthLaunch staff is lucky to work with such bright, hardworking young people and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

### *No Kidding*

Christian Leigh graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture. She plans to work on her professional teacher certification in the fall.

Claudia Schenoda graduated from Texas State University with a Bachelors Degree in Nutrition and plans to pursue a career in that field.

April Hadnot graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelors Degree in Social Work. She will continue her studies at UT in the accelerated Masters of Social Work program.

### *Youth Partnership for Change*

Jacoby Sanders graduated from John B. Connally High School. Jacoby is headed to Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant Oklahoma.

Marissa Hornsby also graduated from John B. Connally High School. She is attending Austin Community College next fall and plans to transfer to Texas State or UT San Antonio soon after.

Jory Drew graduated from McCallum Fine Arts High School and will be attending The School of Art Institute of Chicago.

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**Graduating Senior Marissa Hornsby (left, with Divya Goruganthu)**

#### *Urban Roots*

Kayla Washington graduated from Eastside Memorial High School and will be attending Johnson & Wales University to pursue a degree in the culinary arts.

Ofelio Martinez has graduated from LBJ High School and will be attending Texas Tech in the fall.

## **Good Karma / Good Food** **Urban Roots and TNT Partnership**

TNT / Tacos and Tequila, Austin's newest, freshest Southwest grill and tequila bar is now open. In addition to focusing on locally sourced, naturally grown ingredients, TNT offers build-your-own tacos, salads, skewers, and wraps of meat, fish, and vegetables fresh off the grill. A curated, high-concept music and video project will program eclectic music and offer live music weekly. Two large screens in the central dining room showcase the latest in video art.

TNT owners Jim and Liz Baron were sufficiently impressed with the mission and goals of Urban Roots and decided to donate 50 cents from the sale of each guacamole order purchased from TNT's rolling cart – where the guacamole is made to order tableside. The Good Karma Guacamole Program will be ongoing. "Our goal is to sell at least 500 orders a month," Jim Baron says. "In other words, we plan to kick-off a long-term relationship with Urban Roots. We look forward to playing a meaningful role in the program."

Urban Roots was also the beneficiary of TNT's pre-opening event in May, which raised over \$4,500 for Urban Roots.

Check out TNT's outrageous buffet on Sunday which includes Belgian waffles, eggs benedict, huevos rancheros, omelets, grilled steak and chicken, red chile salmon, roast brisket, salads, fresh fruit, desserts, champagne, Mimosas, and more! Full buffet including champagne and Mimosas is \$17.95, children 6-10 are \$6.95, and children 5 and under are free.

**Special offer for Urban Roots supporters! Print out and bring in a copy of this newsletter and receive \$5 off Sunday brunch. Offer good through July 25, 2010.**

Not your average buffet! Lots of free parking in the garage. (10am-3pm)

TNT: 507 Pressler St., Austin 78703 (the NW corner of 5th St. & Pressler)  
(512) 436-8226  
[www.tntgrill.com](http://www.tntgrill.com)

## Friends of YouthLaunch

The Friends of YouthLaunch is a special group of friends and supporters who believe young people not only have much to gain from service, but also have much to give our community through service.

Becoming a Friend, Partner, or Ambassador of YouthLaunch supports our ground-breaking programs and our remarkable youth, and brings the following benefits:

*Friends (\$50 annual membership)*

- Invitation to Friends-only events
- Recognition on YouthLaunch website
- YouthLaunch t-shirt or re-usable shopping bag
- Friends e-newsletter

*Partners (\$100 annual membership)*

- Invitation to Friends-only events
- Recognition on YouthLaunch website
- YouthLaunch t-shirt or re-usable shopping bag
- Friends e-newsletter
- Recognition in YouthLaunch Annual Report
- One free pass to an Eat Local Week event in December
- One free pass to the Urban Roots Summer Farm Fest in June

*Ambassadors (\$200 annual membership)*

- Invitation to Friends-only events
- Recognition on YouthLaunch website
- YouthLaunch t-shirt or re-usable shopping bag
- Friends e-newsletter
- Recognition in YouthLaunch Annual Report
- Two free passes to Eat Local Week event(s) in December
- Free family pass to the Urban Roots Summer Farm Fest in June

We invite you to become a Friend, Partner or Ambassador of YouthLaunch today.

Visit [www.youthlaunch.kintera.org/foyl](http://www.youthlaunch.kintera.org/foyl) for more information and to sign up.

## Summer Farm Fest

### **Urban Roots Summer Farm Fest 2010**

Saturday June 26th

9 am - 12 noon

The Urban Roots farm is located in East Austin at 7651 Delwau Lane, Austin, TX 78725.

The Summer Farm Fest is fun for the whole family! On Saturday, June 26th Urban Roots youth will host a community celebration on the farm to share what they have learned about sustainable agriculture and celebrate their accomplishments. Join us on the farm for:

- Tomato and Pepper tastings
- Pico de Gallo making Workshop
- Face Painting
- Rotten Tomato Toss
- Compost Demonstration
- Seed Ball Making
- Educational games and more!



**Two happy participants at last year's Summer Farm Fest**

Urban Roots youth will also guide farm tours, lead volunteers in harvesting summer crops, and sell fresh produce at our farm stand. Come out and celebrate our youth and the beautiful produce they have worked hard to grow this year. Now that we have more than doubled the size of the Urban Roots program, the Summer Farm Fest promises to be more than double the amount of fun! We hope to see you there!

Suggested donation of \$5 per person / \$10 per family at the "door." Find out more at

<http://www.youthlaunch.org/news/farmfest.php>

## Thank You to Our Supporters

YouthLaunch is grateful for the generous support of the following individuals and institutions in April and May:

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## On the Calendar

Thursday, June 17th [Urban Roots Community Lunch](#)  
(featuring Jack Gilmore of Jack Allen's Kitchen)

Friday, June 18th [YouthLaunch Service Awards Luncheon](#)

Friday, June 25th [Urban Roots Community Lunch](#)  
(featuring Rene Ortiz of La Condessa)

Saturday, June 26th [Urban Roots 3rd Annual Summer Farm Fest](#) (now with more than double the fun!)

Friday, July 9th [Urban Roots Community Lunch](#)  
(featuring Ethan Holmes of Snap Kitchen)

[FORWARD](#) this e-mail.

Click [HERE](#) to support our efforts.

*YouthLaunch's **Vision** is that all young people develop skills, confidence, and resiliency through empowering service experiences and grow into healthy, active, and community-minded citizens.*

*The **Mission** of YouthLaunch is to provide empowering service opportunities for young people.*

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