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# NOYN Newsletter

Newark Opportunity Youth Network (NOYN) is New Jersey's leading advocate of opportunity youth with a body of replicable initiatives that are designed to address youth disconnection. NOYN's work is organized around four key elements of Education, Workforce Development, Policy Advocacy, and Systems Building.

Read how NOYN's initiatives are working together to re-engage opportunity youth while drastically changing systems that inhibit their success.



## NOYN earns \$300K grant from Aspen Institute

Newark Opportunity Youth Network (NOYN) recently received the Building Ecosystems for Youth Opportunity (BEYO) grant valued at \$300,000 from the Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions. NOYN intends to pass \$150,000 of the grant funds directly to local community-based organizations (CBOs) as part of NOYN's plan to strengthen the overall youth workforce ecosystem in the city which focuses on providing more high-quality seats to opportunity youth.

"Even from the early days of YouthBuild Newark, we have been laying the groundwork for this city-wide strategy with our partners for nearly 20 years," said Robert Clark, Chief Executive Officer of NOYN. "We are grateful that Newark's efforts continue to be supported by a variety of national organizations, including the Aspen Institute, JP Morgan Chase, and Prudential Financial, among others. The Collaborative is excited to put the wheels in motion on a plan to reach even more young people throughout the city." [Read the full story below.](#)

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## Uneeda Bolt & Screw Co. grants \$1,500 to NOYN in inaugural Founder's Fund celebration

Uneeda Bolt and Screw Co., a New Jersey-based construction material supply company, recently presented Newark Opportunity Youth Network (NOYN) with a \$1,500 grant as part of its inaugural Founder's Fund celebration. For more than 60 years, Uneeda Bolt has provided bolts, screws and fasteners to its loyal customers. This year, they're sharing \$5,000 with three community organizations in recognition of its modest origin.

Uneeda Bolt and Screw Co. is commemorating its anniversary this year by paying it forward and gifting \$5,000 to three local community based organizations in New Jersey. Uneeda Bolt selected NOYN as one of its inaugural recipients due to its long history as a workforce development provider for opportunity youth in Newark. NOYN will use the donation to support the network's workforce development initiative, YouthBuild Newark.

"YouthBuild Newark is a comprehensive workforce development program that empowers young people to not only change their lives, but the lives of those around them," said Robert Clark, Chief Executive Officer of NOYN. "Through the support of organizations like Uneeda Bolt, we can continue to provide these services to opportunity youth throughout the city." [Read the full story below.](#)

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Community-based organizations throughout Newark have been a part of the ecosystem serving young people for decades resulting in cutting recidivism rates, increasing attainment of industry recognized certifications, and increased rates of sustained post-secondary placement. The passage of A4663 is a step in acknowledging the work CBO's continue to engage in on behalf of the community.

- Mark Comesañas, Executive Director of My Brother's Keeper Newark

## New Jersey's Senate and Assembly vote yes on "Restorative and Transformative Justice for Youths and Communities Pilot Program"

Mark Comesañas, Executive Director of My Brother's Keeper Newark, recently testified in the Assembly Appropriations Committee in favor of A4663, the Restorative and Transformative Justice for Youths and Communities Pilot Program. And now that the full Senate has passed the bill, A4663 is one step closer to becoming law!

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