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The Allstate Foundation Partners with Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) to Promote Teen Safety

Raleigh, NC, July 20, 2009 — The Allstate Foundation presented \$35,000 to Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) to support SAVE chapters in Charlotte (the birthplace of SAVE) and other urban areas of North Carolina in their efforts to prevent violence and increase youth safety. West Charlotte High School will participate in the Allstate Foundation/SAVE program in the 2009-2010 school year and will host the 20th Anniversary National SAVE Summit on October 17, 2009. Past Allstate Foundation assistance has benefited SAVE schools in North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Nevada, Michigan, Texas, Oklahoma, Utah, Wisconsin, and Ohio.



Allstate Agents Leon Scott and Luther Carter Award \$25,000 to SAVE on behalf of The Allstate Foundation

SAVE is a peer to peer organization that strives to increase youth involvement in their own safety efforts. SAVE believes in the power of positive peer influences. According to an Allstate Foundation report, **when it comes to teen safe driving, peers are a major influence on teens. Forty-four percent of teens said they drive more safely without friends in the car. More than half (53 percent) said friends would be the most effective influence in getting them to drive more safely.**¹

SAFETY TIPS

The Allstate Foundation Offers These Tips for Teen Drivers

- Reduce the number of passengers in your car.
- Hang out with friends at the mall, the coffeeshop, the beach, at home (basically anywhere without wheels) instead of in the car.
- Don't drive if you've been drinking or doing drugs, and don't ride with anyone who has been either.
- Drive the speed limit.
- Don't text or use the cell phone while driving.
- Put down the MP3 player while you're in the car.

SAVE Offers These Teen Safety Tips for Your School & Community

- **Get involved!** Get involved in making your school and community safer – Join or start a SAVE Chapter!
- **Pass it On!** Educate your peers about different ways to be safe.
- **Say No!** Don't use alcohol or drugs and stay away from students associated with them.
- **Educate Yourself!** Be educated on the topic of violence prevention and teen safety.
- **Stand Up!** Do the right thing - even when it is the most difficult thing to do!

“Teens today have to spread the news about how to drive smarter and The Allstate Foundation support will help to provide our SAVE chapter with the tools needed to do that,” said John Scott,

student at West Charlotte High School and member of the National SAVE Youth Advisory Board. "This generous grant from The Allstate Foundation will assist students in finding real solutions to the issues of teen safe driving that they face each day," stated Dr. Pamela L. Riley, Executive Director of SAVE.

"By empowering teens to become smart driving activists in their schools and communities, we hope to reverse the staggering statistics," said Julianna Sparks, Field Foundation Chair for The Allstate Foundation's SE region. "Through The Allstate Foundation, we seek to develop innovative, teen-informed approaches to raise awareness of the issue and ultimately, to help save lives and reduce injuries."

With support from Allstate agents and employee volunteers, SAVE chapters in the Charlotte and other urban areas of North Carolina area will be able to provide leadership school-wide to ensure that all students will be encouraged and empowered with healthy life skills while being engaged in educational activities and opportunities to promote teen safe driving and youth safety. SAVE believes that every student should be able to attend a school that is safe and secure, free of fear and conducive to learning. If you are interested volunteering, starting or supporting a SAVE chapter in your school or community or in obtaining additional safety tips for parents and students, visit the SAVE website at www.nationalsave.org or call toll free at 1-866-343-SAVE.

¹The Allstate Foundation: "Chronic: A Report on Teen Safe Driving 2005"

About SAVE

SAVE started at West Charlotte High School (NC) in 1989 following the tragic death of a student who was trying to break up a fight at an off-campus party. Students met first to console each other, then as an organization to promote violence prevention and to work together to prevent future incidents from occurring. SAVE provides education about the effects and consequences of violence and engages students in safe activities that benefit them and their community. SAVE currently has over 1,800 chapters in 47 states, with over 200,000 members. The National Association of SAVE is a student-run, student-initiated violence prevention organization that operates out of Raleigh, NC. Additional information on SAVE can be reviewed at www.nationalsave.org or calling toll free 866.343.SAVE.

About The Allstate Foundation

Established in 1952, The Allstate Foundation is an independent, charitable organization made possible by subsidiaries of The Allstate Corporation. The Allstate Foundation partners with non-profit organizations on community initiatives that promote "safe and vital communities," "tolerance, inclusion, and diversity" and "economic empowerment." Teen driving and empowering victims of domestic violence have been major initiatives for the Foundation since 2005. For more information visit www.ProtectTeenDrivers.com.