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The Allstate Foundation Partners With SAVE to Curb Violence

Raleigh, NC, October 1, 2008 — The Allstate Foundation recently presented \$8,000 to Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) to support SAVE chapters in elementary, middle and high schools in New Jersey in their efforts to prevent violence.

The SAVE Chapters receiving support include:

- *Immaculata High School, Somerville*
- *Abraham Lincoln High School, Jersey City*
- *Mahwah High School, Mahwah*
- *Monongahela Middle School – Peace & Respect, Sewell*
- *Texas Avenue School, Atlantic City*

For more than 19 years, SAVE, a student-led nonprofit organization, has educated and empowered young people in schools and community-based organizations to prevent youth crime and violence. SAVE's efforts engage close to 200,000 student members in schools and communities in 46 states, decreasing the potential for violence in K-12 schools and communities by promoting meaningful student involvement, education, and service opportunities.

"This generous grant from The Allstate Foundation will assist students in finding real solutions to the issues of violence that they face each day," stated Dr. Pamela L. Riley, Executive Director of SAVE.

With support from Allstate agents and employee volunteers, SAVE chapters in New Jersey will be able to provide leadership school-wide to ensure that all students in these schools will be encouraged and empowered with healthy life skills while being engaged in educational activities and opportunities to promote 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. Through The Allstate Foundation grant, participating SAVE chapters will receive:

- Materials for upcoming activities:
 - America's Safe Schools Week – October 20-24
 - National SAVE Day – October 22
 - National SAVE Rock-A-Thon – October 24
- printed classroom resource materials including lesson plans and awareness brochures, affiliate chapter certification and membership cards, access to restricted site information

- via the National SAVE Web site, which includes the most up-to-date information and direct technical assistance.
- ☑ special recognition opportunities, including highlights on SAVE members, advisors and chapters.
 - ☑ ongoing updates on cutting-edge research on such topics as bullying, harassment and intimidation will be provided in schools.
 - ☑ eligibility to apply for SAVE mini grants for local school safety activities.

The role of SAVE is becoming increasingly more important as crime and violence in our schools continues to erode the teaching and learning process. ***For the 2007-2008 school year, sixteen school associated violent deaths occurred nationwide. (National School Safety and Security Services, 2008).*** It is an extremely scary and unsettling situation for students, parents, and community members alike.

"The Allstate Foundation recognizes the importance of enabling youth to reduce violence in their schools and create a more positive educational atmosphere," said James Griffin with The Allstate Foundation in New Jersey. "Teaching conflict resolution skills to children and teens is essential to the overall quality of life for young people. SAVE is exemplary of the type of non-profit organization that provides the proper direction to the students involved in their program, and we are glad The Allstate Foundation can partner with them to help build safe and vital communities."

If you are interested in starting or supporting a SAVE chapter in your school or community or in obtaining safety tips for parents and students, visit the SAVE website at www.nationalsave.org or call toll free at 1-866-343-SAVE. The Allstate Foundation also supports SAVE chapters in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin. If you or your business/organization would like to support a SAVE chapter, please contact National SAVE.

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 1,600 chapters in 45 states, with nearly 200,000 members, and adds an estimated one new chapter and 50 new student members each business day. 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

The Allstate Foundation is an independent, charitable organization made possible by the Allstate Corporation. The Allstate Foundation sponsors community initiatives to promote "safe and vital communities"; "tolerance, inclusion, and diversity"; and "economic empowerment". The Allstate Foundation believes in the financial potential of every individual and in helping America's families achieve their American dream. Additional information about The Allstate Foundation can reviewed at www.allstate.com/foundation.