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Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE)
Youth Voices... Grown-Up Choices Initiative

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Youth Voices... Grown-Up Choices Initiative HIGHLIGHTS

❖ North Central Region Partnership with SAVE

- Eight Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) chapters sponsored for school safety activities in Indiana

School	# Youth reached	Ages
Eastern Greene Elementary	600+	5-11
Eastern Greene Junior High	400+	12-14
Edgewood Junior High	650+	11-14
Gerdon Youth Center	75+	8-18
Numerous Indianapolis Public Schools through the Marion County Health Department	1500+	5-18
TOTAL	3225+	

Chapters received:

- **Chapter Support and Technical Assistance**, including certification and student membership cards, regular updates on cutting-edge research related to tolerance, inclusion, diversity, bullying, harassment, intimidation in schools, and other topics, and access to a members-only section of the National SAVE website with the latest information and technical assistance.
 - **Educational Materials and Activity Guides**, including *The SAVE Essentials Manual*, a 200+ page resource book with lesson plans, handouts, brochures, and videos that provide violence prevention, crime prevention, and conflict management information to help students become peer mentors and trainers. Included newly added student developed elementary and secondary lesson plans on tolerance and diversity. Activity guides for National Youth Violence Prevention Week and National SAVE Day were provided.
 - **Resource Information and Special Opportunities** were made available to chapters. These included information on mini-grant funding opportunities for SAVE chapter activities, award and recognition opportunities that publicize and reward excellent work by SAVE members, advisors, and chapters, as well as additional resource material on safe school activities and events including tolerance, inclusion and diversity. Allstate Foundation sponsorship of SAVE chapters was highlighted in newsletters, via publication of resource materials and on the National SAVE website.
- **Back to School Activities Conducted in August and September.** Activities and materials for youth violence prevention back to school activities were distributed to all SAVE Chapters in the North Central Region. The Allstate Foundation was promoted through printed materials as sponsoring publications and activities.
 - **America's Safe Schools Week Conducted October 16-20, 2006.** Activities and materials for youth violence prevention activities were distributed to all SAVE chapters in the North Central Region during America's Safe Schools Week. The Allstate Foundation was promoted through press releases and printed materials as sponsoring publications and activities.

- **Allstate Support Awareness** - Allstate Foundation sponsorship of SAVE chapters was highlighted in press releases, newsletters, via publication of resource materials and on the National SAVE website.
- **Media Highlight - Media Highlight** - The Daily World in Greene County ran an article on December 18, 2006 that recognized the Allstate Foundation's support of the Eastern Greene Elementary and Junior High SAVE Chapters.
<http://www.dailycitizen.com/articles/2006/12/18/news/save.txt>
- **Equipment/Software/Office Supplies.** National SAVE purchased computer equipment and updated software as well as office supplies for project support.

Allstate Foundation North Central Region Youth Voices... Grown-Up Choices Recipient Summaries 2006 Award Recipients

Eastern Greene Elementary School Bloomfield, IN

The Eastern Greene Elementary School Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Chapter had a busy fall! The chapter hosted monthly educational and planning meetings. In early October the chapter conducted a Membership Drive. On National SAVE day (October 18), the student advisory board hosted a SAVE rally for students in the fourth and fifth grades. The SAVE Rally educated the students about SAVE. The rally included



bullying and conflict resolution skits, poems, and cheers and was both fun and educational. The students will walked away with an understanding of what SAVE stands for, how they can start making a difference in their school, and how to relate that information to their everyday lives. In November, the chapter hosted an “Only Turkeys Choose Violence” event with violence prevention activities throughout the day at school. In December the Chapter hosted an awareness and educational day called “Tell Violence Nighty-Night!” where all students were encouraged to wear their pajama’s to school in support of nonviolence. ***“Eastern Greene SAVE is sharing the SAVE message with other schools in our community and county. We are building on the success of our elementary chapter by adding a Junior High Chapter this year.” Stated Kimberly Hill, Greene County SAVE Advisor.***



Eastern Greene Junior High School Bloomfield, IN

As a newly formed SAVE Chapter, the Eastern Greene Junior High Chapter members are not strangers to the SAVE program. Many of the students were active in the Elementary SAVE Chapter and were anxious to continue the program when they started Junior High. The chapter has hosted two meetings a month since October and

hosted a SAVE Rally on October 19th in honor of National SAVE Day. The rally educated students about SAVE and focused on important middle school issues that students face including bullying, peer pressure and ways to deal with conflict at home and at school. The chapter hosted a membership drive in October and hosted a “Don’t Let Violence Turn You Inside Out!” day in November where students wore their clothing inside out in support of preventing violence. In early December the SAVE Chapter visited Linton Elementary to teach them about SAVE and safety issues for elementary students. They have numerous activities planned for the spring including the Bloomfield SAVE Rally, a Rock-A-Thon, activities for National Youth Violence Prevention Week, and will host a end of the year SAVE celebration.

Edgewood Junior High Ellettsville, IN

The Edgewood Junior High SAVE Chapter reached out to fifth grade students to build relationships with the students for when they enter junior high next year. The fifth grade students had a chance to learn about junior high life, take a tour of the school and had an opportunity to ask students and adults questions. The Edgewood chapter participated in America's Safe Schools Week and National SAVE Day by hosting a "Reach out to the Unreached" event. Each SAVE member was challenged to get to know at least one student they currently do not know during the week and bring them to the next SAVE meeting. The chapter hosted numerous activities during Red Ribbon Week in October where they encouraged students not to use drugs and alcohol. The chapter held a poster contest based on the theme "I've got better things to do than DRUGS." The chapter also conducted a Ghost Out Activity. SAVE chapter members painted their faces white, wore black, and were unable to speak for an entire day. They wore signs around their necks explaining how they died at the hand of violence. Chapter members participated in a Youth Network Middle Level Training Institute where they were educated on the topics of communication, drugs, bullying, and building effective teams. The chapter is taking on numerous community service projects including a stuffed animal drive to benefit the local fire department.

Gerdon Youth Center Corydon, IN

The Gerdon Youth Center is an after school program that caters to students ages 8-18 by providing safe and educational activities. The Center is in the process of establishing their chapter. They have created a leadership advisory team and will begin working with the students in early January. Their primary focus in January will be bullying and effective strategies for preventing and responding to it.

Marion County Health Department Indianapolis, IN

A local implementation team has been developed and now consists of four adult members for the Community SAVE Chapter. Informational mailings were sent to the Safe and Drug-Free Schools coordinators for the Indianapolis Public Schools and surrounding township school systems. The submissions included a number of materials to promote the mission and goals of SAVE. Contacts were also made with several of the other area schools including private and charter schools. Follow-up activities included phone conversations and face to face meetings with school principals, program coordinators and other school staff members to identify prospective participating schools. Four student recruitment sites are currently planned and the number of participating schools is expected to increase significantly with additional promotional activities. **They have also gained the support and involvement of the public safety director of the City of Indianapolis for their SAVE Chapter. The public relations officer is now in the process of preparing a press release that will be sent to a number of local media outlets to introduce the SAVE chapter to the general Indianapolis community.**

(Note: We anticipate adding at least 3 more chapters early in the new year from this effort. We felt that it was worth the slight delay to get more chapters in the INDY area.)