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Allstate Foundation Youth Voices... Grown-Up Choices Chapter Summaries

Adams Elementary Cary, NC

The Adams Elementary SAVE Chapter used the funds for Violence Prevention Kits including Second Step and Steps to Respect. The kits were used in the classrooms at Adams Elementary and helped the students learn strategies and skills to eliminate the need for violence. Additional educational resources were purchased such as videos including Use Your Words, Be a Better Listener, All about Responsibility, I get so Mad, and I'm Telling: A Tattlers Tale. These will help reinforce the conflict management skills students will be taught. Students will be taught empathy, self control and problem solving skills. All 880 students at Adams Elementary from grades K-5th grade were involved. The chapter participated in activities leading up to the National SAVE Summit including awareness activities and the national service project of collecting art supplies for the Hurricane Katrina ravished areas. The impact of the SAVE activities included: all students were trained in peer mediation; students participated in multiple service projects; students were able to participate in the National SAVE Summit where they gained valuable knowledge and violence prevention strategies; entire school and community were informed of school safety efforts through awareness activities and positive media.

Chapel Hill High School Chapel Hill, NC

Chapel Hill High School initiated a SAVE chapter at their school. They worked hard to publicize SAVE through activities. The SAVE awareness materials were very helpful as they spread the word about SAVE. The funds will help to sponsor a Mock Car Crash. This event was staged for all Juniors and Seniors. They worked with their SADD chapter, local law enforcement and emergency service agencies to produce an assembly with speakers and a Mock Crash with 2 vehicles, actors and real emergency personnel. The chapter also visited the area 8th grade health classes to speak about such topics as: drug/alcohol awareness, sexual issues, dating violence and bullying. Their hope was that through successful implementation of several effective and high profile projects the SAVE chapter built a solid foundation for the future in the chapter and to expand SAVE into other schools in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro School System. The chapter also attended the National SAVE Summit. At this event, chapter members will gain information and excitement to help them grow the chapter for future years. Through the Mock Crash activities, they exposed 900+ students in grade 11-12 to the ideals of SAVE. Through outreach to the feeder middle schools, they exposed another 100-200 students to information about SAVE, conflict management and crime prevention.

Chewning Middle School Durham, NC

The Chewning SAVE chapter used the funds to order educational items and SAVE T-shirts for all the members in the chapter. They also attended the National SAVE Summit and received training, materials and have the opportunity to network with other SAVE chapters from across the country. The chapter implemented various violence prevention strategies through SAVE's essential elements: crime prevention, conflict management and service to the school and community. The chapter also implemented a campus crime stoppers initiative and the advisors will attend a relational aggression seminar for materials and skills to bring back and share with the chapter. The chapter participated in a SAVE Back-to-School activity at the mall, sharing tips with students and parents on how to have a safe school year. The chapter adopted a 5th grade class at Oak Grove Elementary School where they taught violence prevention lessons to the students and mentored them on positive behavior. The chapter conducted various service projects in their school and community.

**East Garner Middle School
Garner, NC**

The SAVE Club members at East Garner Middle School determined that most rising 6th grade students were overwhelmed by all of the new experiences associated with beginning middle school. SAVE members planned and conducted a very successful daylong SAVE summit that addressed several of these concerns. Eighty students from feeder elementary schools were invited to attend and participate in workshops designed to ease their transition into middle school. One goal of the summit was to eliminate some of the concerns that new students face, allowing them to put more focus on academic pursuits and to become better overall citizens in the school and the community. Workshops covered a wide variety of topics such as navigating middle school, bullies, dealing with a larger and more diverse population, community service, leadership skills, styles, and opportunities, self-esteem and co-operative games. Current SAVE members learned goal setting, planning, and evaluation skills that the normal school setting is not equipped to provide. Over 975 students in Garner area schools were be exposed to the ideals of SAVE through the chapter activities.

**Franklin Academy
Wake Forest, NC**

The Franklin Academy SAVE chapter used the funds to purchase and implement a curriculum designed to improve character and leadership traits among high school students. The chapter used the curriculum to address drug use, increase awareness and skills for preventing violence in relationships, and conflict management. The chapter actively participated in classroom presentations, discussions, and other activities. SAVE members enhanced their leadership skills and were positive peer role models to other students.

**Holly Springs High School
Holly Springs, NC**

The newly formed Holly Springs High School implemented a SAVE Chapter at the school. The Chapter utilized the mini-grant funds to support peer mediation training for students, safe schools week activities, and National SAVE Day. SAVE ambassadors had public speaking engagements and the chapter participated in numerous community and school based service projects. These initiatives helped to promote nonviolence within the school and community through action, education and exposure to the SAVE ideals. Approximately 30 students were trained as peer mediators providing students an alternative to traditional administrative discipline options. Student awareness of alternate methods for conflict resolution were raised and students were trained in conflict management strategies. These activities helped to reduce the number of in-school and out of school suspensions.

**Millbrook High School
Raleigh, NC**

The Millbrook SAVE chapter in recognition of National Youth Violence Prevention Week hosted a series of activities during the entire week. The themes and activities for each day include: Monday – Erasing Violence. Chapter members will distribute erasers with an index size card containing “Tips for Erasing Violence in Our School”; Tuesday – Building Safer Schools. Chapter members will conduct activities with students with popsicle sticks promoting building safer schools. Wednesday – Cool It. Chapter members distributed cold drinks to students during lunch if they can provide a list of three things they will do to make Millbrook safer; Thursday – Whistle for Peace. Whistles were distributed to students with the Alex Orange story attached. Friday – Hammering Out Violence. The SAVE chapter set up an easy striker in the courtyard – the old fashioned “ring the bell” carnival midway game. Members promoted safe physical ways of dealing with anger. These activities helped the entire school to celebrate National Youth Violence Prevention Week. They inspired students to work together to make the school a safe place. The activities will helped to promote the SAVE ideals to over 2000 students ranging in age from 13 to 18 years old.

**Northern Durham High School
Durham, NC**

The Northern Durham High School SAVE Chapter utilized the funds for awareness and service project activities. Students attended the National SAVE Summit to gather new ideas and network with SAVE members from across the country. Educational materials and training materials were purchased to further educate the chapter members on crime prevention, conflict management, violence prevention, and how to be of service to the school and community.

**West Clayton Elementary
Clayton, NC**

The SAVE Chapter at West Clayton Elementary School utilized the grant funds to further parental involvement and support for SAVE in the school. They coordinated essay contests on embracing SAVE goals and objectives, or a personal experience supporting SAVE, for grades 3, 4 and 5. Students were recognized at a school wide assembly where local law enforcement officials presented awards and recognized parents and students. Students also were involved in numerous crime prevention and conflict management lessons and activities.

**Zebulon Gifted/Talented (GT) Magnet Middle School
Zebulon, NC**

The SAVE Chapter at Zebulon GT Magnet Middle School used the funds to promote National Youth Violence Prevention Week in April to help educate the students and staff regarding positive conflict resolution. They used creative strategies and techniques to teach skills and encourage student participation in violence prevention. The chapter shared healthy ways to deal with stress via their "Morning Show." They also taught appropriate ways to handle anger and resolve conflict to SAVE members and other students. They involved the entire student body in violence prevention activities including school-wide competitions and interactive events. Students increased their knowledge of healthy ways to 1) handle stress; 2) deal with anger; and 3) resolve conflict. Students participated in mix-it-up day activities where they mingled with students who they do not normally mix with. This was an attempt to increase tolerance and diversity. The activities involved 1100 students in grades 6-8. The funding allowed the SAVE club to creatively present their message of "No More Violence" to our entire student body. They also invited students to take on the responsibility of ensuring a safer learning environment.