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The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation Partners With Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) to Promote Youth Voices...Grown-Up Choices!

Raleigh, N.C., (February 23, 2010) — The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation presented \$2,000 to Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) to support SAVE chapters in Johnston County and Garner, North Carolina in their efforts to prevent violence and increase youth safety. West Clayton High School and Garner Magnet High School are participating in the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation/SAVE program in the 2009-2010 school year.

The West Clayton Elementary SAVE Chapter is enhancing and extending their peer remediation program, conducting various violence prevention contests, and creating public awareness of their SAVE program through crime prevention, conflict management and service projects.

The Garner Magnet High School SAVE chapter is conducting activities during National Youth Violence Prevention Week (March 22 – 26, 2010). Activities will include an awareness campaign, poster contests, and daily focus themes that encourage crime prevention, conflict management and service projects.

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. SAVE is a student-run, student-initiated public nonprofit violence prevention organization with more than 1,800 chapters in 47 states and more than 200,000 members in elementary, middle, high schools, colleges and communities nationwide. The organization works in partnership with the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation to support the violence prevention efforts of students through their SAVE chapters.

About the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere:

SAVE started at West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, N.C. 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 helps provide safe activities for students, parents and communities. For more information on SAVE or starting a SAVE chapter, visit www.nationalsave.org, or contact SAVE at (866) 343-SAVE to receive free start-up materials and guidance.

About the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation

The Wachovia Foundation is a private foundation that is funded annually by Wachovia Corporation. The mission of the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation is to build strong and vibrant communities, improve the quality of life, and make a positive difference. It is a private foundation providing grants to eligible 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations to support these focus areas: education, community development, health and human services, arts and culture, the environment, and civic life.