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### **Poway High School Students Against Violence Everywhere Member Nationally Recognized for Violence Prevention Efforts**

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**Washington, D.C., February 16, 2004**—Brittany Hinchliff of Poway High School in Poway, California was nationally recognized for her violence prevention efforts through Student Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE). On February 16, 2004 Hinchliff received the Inspiration in Prevention Award from Youth Crime Watch of America and The National Crime Prevention Council.

The Inspiration in Prevention Award honors those who have encouraged and motivated others by their efforts to reduce violence in their schools and/or communities. The award recognizes individuals those who have become a vital part of their communities' solutions to the problems of crime, violence, and drugs.

Brittany Hinchliff helped start the SAVE chapter at Poway High School during the 2001-2002 school year and has been active in SAVE for three years. Currently, Hinchliff serves as the secretary of her SAVE chapter. Hinchliff also serves as the West Coast Regional Representative on the National SAVE Youth Advisory Board. The Youth Advisory Board helps to determine SAVE's yearly focus, travel to and present at national conferences, plan the annual SAVE Summit, as well as create lesson plans for SAVE Chapters. As a member of the Youth Advisory Board, Hinchliff presented at workshops in her region, spreading the SAVE message. She also presented at national and international family violence prevention conferences, plans local service activities, mentors a sixth grade boy, and coaches for local city youth sport teams.

Hinchliff will be attending and presenting at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual SAVE Summit this year where she will be again recognized for receiving this prestigious award. She is also taking part in two workshops that have been planned by the Youth Advisory Board. Hinchliff and other members of the Youth Advisory Board will be conducting a workshop on dating violence and one on how to serve on the Youth Advisory Board. The dating violence workshop will educate middle and high school students on the facts on warning signs of dating violence.

The annual SAVE Summit is a rare and much anticipated opportunity for young people to speak with other young people and exchange ideas. SAVE students and advisors learn about the successes of each other's SAVE chapters, receive tips on how to make their chapter more effective, and how to influence other students at their school to be proactive and join SAVE. This year students, teachers, law enforcement officers, counselors, and community leaders from across the nation will attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit, "SAVE: Lighting the Peaceful Way for 15 Years!" to share ideas and accomplishments and to help celebrate 15 years of SAVE. The event will take place on Saturday, March 27, 2004 in Raleigh, NC.

Currently, the National Association of (SAVE) is a student-run, student-initiated violence prevention organization with nearly 1,300 chapters in 42 states with over 109,000 members in elementary, middle, high schools, colleges and communities nationwide. SAVE provides education about the effects and consequences of violence and helps provide safe activities for students, parents and communities.

SAVE has continued to grow nationwide due to support from its national sponsor, Chevrolet, as part of its community service initiative, Chevy **R.O.C.K.** (**R**eaching **O**ut to **C**ommunities & **K**ids). Chevrolet sponsors SAVE on a national level to generate awareness as SAVE continues to expand and spread their message to youth everywhere.

For further information on the Summit or other SAVE activities, please visit **[www.nationalsave.org](http://www.nationalsave.org)**. Anyone interested in starting a SAVE chapter at their school can contact SAVE at 1-866-343-SAVE to receive free start-up materials and guidance.

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