

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

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# Allstate Foundation New Jersey Region

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### General overview of the program and how it addresses the Allstate Foundation's focus area:

- The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere is teaming up with the New Jersey Allstate Foundation to continue and enhance the integrated program called the **Allstate Foundation SAVE: Youth Voices...Grown-Up Choices! Program**. This initiative will engage and empower young people with the knowledge and skills necessary to prevent violence and promote safety in their communities and their schools. Special emphasis was given to Back to School Safety, America's Safe Schools Week, and National SAVE Day.
- This grant from the Allstate Foundation is supporting the efforts of students and staff at 6 schools in the New Jersey Region.

### Media Coverage

- [http://www.nj.com/reporter/index.ssf/2009/07/somervilles\\_immaculata\\_high\\_sc.html](http://www.nj.com/reporter/index.ssf/2009/07/somervilles_immaculata_high_sc.html)

### Highlights and successes of the program

- **Sponsorship of New Jersey Region Schools** - Schools being sponsored number of people impacted by the program:

School	# Youth reached	Ages
Monongahela Middle School	663	11-14
Texas Avenue School	620	5-14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1283</b>	

- Sponsored schools received a Banner highlighting Allstate's sponsorship of SAVE for display at chapter meetings and events.
- Allstate Foundation sponsorship of SAVE was highlighted in newsletters, via publication of resource materials and on the National SAVE website:
  - ❖ <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/Allstate.php>
  - ❖ <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/Allstate%20New%20Jersey.php>
  - ❖ <http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/eSourceAUG09.pdf>
  - ❖ <http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/eSourceSEP09.pdf>
  - ❖ <http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/eSourceOCT09.pdf>
  - ❖ <http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/eSourceNOV09.pdf>
  - ❖ <http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/eSourceDEC09.pdf>

- **Sponsored chapters received:**

- **Mini Grant Funds for School Safety Activities**
- **Free Chapter Membership for the 2009-2010 school year**
- **Free SAVE Materials–**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition SAVE Essentials Manual: A SAVE Tool Kit

- Back to School Safety Materials
  - National SAVE Day Materials
  - Youth Safety Calendar
- **Ongoing Support and Technical Assistance for SAVE's Youth Safety Efforts**

## Award Recipients and Highlights of Chapter Activities

- **Monongahela Middle School, NJ** – Members of the Monongahela's Peace and Respect Club meet twice a month to work on projects for the school and community. Programs that build self-confidence, positive behavior and respect for others include the Positive Note Program, Days of Peace and Respect, Good Citizen Grams and assigning Peace and Respect Homeroom representatives to bridge the gap between the club and the student body.

**Allstate Agent Involvement:** Allstate agents will be invited to the Spring Pep Rally when the date is decided upon.

**Upcoming Events:** A Peace and Respect Pep Rally is planned for the spring. The Club will also restock a soup kitchen in the "Souper" Bowl of Caring Learning Project.

- **Texas Avenue School, NJ**  
Texas Avenue School's SAVE Chapter had a very busy fall. The Breaking Down the Walls of Intolerance project saw students creating a wall of intolerance by creating individual "bricks" with a solution to improving tolerance and understanding written on each one. After several weeks, the wall was "torn down." The Walk the Talk contest promoted expressions of tolerance, empathy and peaceful solutions to conflict through art, poetry and song. During America's Safe School Week National SAVE Day was celebrated with purple clothing, purple cake and Keep Your Peace stickers. Mix it Up Day had students getting to know others and sitting at lunch with students they might not have otherwise interacted with. The week ended with Beat the Bullying Blues Day where everyone wore blue and each grade level received a special presentation geared specifically to them.



**Allstate Agent Involvement:** Allstate agents participated in handing out cake and stickers on National SAVE Day and assisted with the judging of the Walk the Talk contest.

## Spring Activities

- Chapters will continue their school safety efforts during the Spring.

Thank you again to the Allstate Foundation for your continuing support of the activities of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) chapters in the New Jersey Region. With your assistance we are making great strides in reaching our goal to engage and empower young people with the knowledge and skills necessary to encourage non-violence and safe school practices among their peers.

***Respectfully submitted by:  
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