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**Don't be a Character...Have Good Character Traits**

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## **Chapter Spotlight:**

### **Mukwonago High School ~ Mukwonago, WI**

On January 17, 2011, in celebration/continuation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s efforts, the Mukwonago High School SAVE Chapter sponsored an all-school presentation by ARCH (Association for the Rights of Citizens with Handicaps) entitled "Journey to a Hate-free Millennium." During lunch hours on Wednesday and Thursday of that week, SAVE and Student Government members orchestrated a "Mix It Up" of the lunch tables. They made card stock signs that identified sections of tables by month - that way, students sat according to their birth date, rather than in their regular groups. On the flip side of the card were questions such as "What is the value of sitting next to these new people?" Following the ARCH presentations, SAVE members encouraged students to sign a pledge of leading a tolerant lifestyle. In hopes of getting students to sign these pledges without external incentive, no one was told - not even the SAVE and SG members, that they would later receive a t-shirt stating: "The journey begins with me."



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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DATE	EVENT	MORE INFO
FEBRUARY	TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH	<a href="http://www.teendvmonth.org/">HTTP://WWW.TEENDVMONTH.ORG/</a>
FEBRUARY 14-16	1ST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BULLYING	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/nationalbullyingconference.php">HTTP://WWW.NATIONALSAVE.ORG/MAIN/NATIONALBULLYINGCONFERENCE.PHP</a>
FEBRUARY 26	VOICES IN ACTION: NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/college-completion/youth-summit">HTTP://WWW.ED.GOV/COLLEGE-COMPLETION/YOUTH-SUMMIT</a>
MARCH 17	THREAT ASSESSMENT IN SCHOOLS: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SCHOOL ATTACKS, MANAGING THREATENING SITUATIONS AND CREATING SAFE SCHOOL CLIMATES	HEATHER E. GREEN-HORNER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WORCESTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 1 WEST MARKET ST., ROOM 1001 SNOW HILL, MD 21863 HHORNER@CO.WORCESTER.MD.US 410.632.1111 X-2221
MARCH 21-15	NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YVPC.php">HTTP://WWW.NATIONALSAVE.ORG/MAIN/YVPC.PHP</a>
APRIL 15-17	GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY	<a href="http://www.gysd.org/">HTTP://WWW.GYSD.ORG/</a>
MAY	TEEN SAFE DRIVING MONTH	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/teendrivingfocus.php">HTTP://WWW.NATIONALSAVE.ORG/MAIN/TEENDRIVINGFOCUS.PHP</a>
MAY 11	DECADE OF ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY	<a href="http://www.makeroadssafe.org/Pages/home.aspx">HTTP://WWW.MAKEROADSSAFE.ORG/PAGES/HOME.ASPX</a>
JULY 29-30	MILLION YOUTH PEACE MARCH INTERNATIONAL	<a href="http://www.millionyouthpeacemarch.org/">HTTP://WWW.MILLIONYOUTHPEACEMARCH.ORG/</a>
JULY 30	YOUTH PEACE DAY INTERNATIONAL	<a href="http://www.millionyouthpeacemarch.org/">HTTP://WWW.MILLIONYOUTHPEACEMARCH.ORG/</a>

## Join us at the 1st ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BULLYING!

ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
FEBRUARY 14-16, 2011

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### Have you asked yourself these questions?

- Are there episodes of bullying at my school that have been ignored?
- Could episodes of bullying be directly tied to our dropout rate or school attendance rate?
- How would we deal with a parent who lost a child due to being victimized at our school?
- What are the latest interventions that appear to be reducing the episodes of bullying?
- Our state has new anti-bullying legislation, how exactly does that impact our school efforts?
- I know our school district can be held liable to failing to respond, but can individuals?

### If these or other questions have crossed your mind, this is a conference you will not want to miss.

The School Safety Advocacy Council, in partnership with the Florida Association of School Resource Officers (FASRO) and SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) are pleased to announce the NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BULLYING to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Orlando, Florida February 14-16, 2011. Special rates at this Disney Partner Resort apply and include FREE transportation to all Disney and Universal parks. This "not to be missed event" will feature some of the nation's leading experts in the field of Bullying, both from the prevention and response side.

<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/nationalbullyingconference.php>

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### Million Youth Peace March International ~ July 29-30, 2011

On Tuesday December 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, Little Elm, Texas issued a Proclamation to The Agape Gospel Academy's "Youth Steering Committee" on behalf of America's First "Million Youth Peace March International." Mayor Charles Platt, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Cornelius and the City of Little Elm proclaimed July 30th a day of recognition called "Youth Peace Day International."

The Million Youth Peace March International will launch Friday July 29, 2011 through Saturday July 30, 2011 in Washington, DC on Capitol Hill. Our nation's youth will march against "Teen on Teen Violence" and "Childhood Obesity" with a focus of "World Peace" and "Health and Wellness." The theme of our International March is: Reclaiming Our Youth To "A New Birth Of Freedom." Our Motto is: "To Prepare Me is To Empower Me."

Please join us on July 29 and 30, 2011 on Capitol Hill as we educate our youth on how to live unified throughout their communities, teach and inspire them to embrace each other's diversities and productively revitalize our communities. Our nation's youth will also encourage each other to cease fire and urge one another against violence and for world peace. In addition, we will educate the youth on the importance of health and wellness and encourage positive things that contribute to helping them become more healthier and productive citizens.

We have allowed impoverished communities, drug dealers, and gang members to raise our children for far too long. We are uniting to restore that great foundation of family morals and values back into our society. As Parents and Leaders of our Youth, we must and will encourage them to make a stand for higher education, self respect, and brotherly love towards each other.

Thank you for your support in this endeavor, we look forward to seeing you there!

Kitra Williams, CEO, Founder-Agape Academy/  
Co-Chairman - "Million Youth Peace March International"  
[www.millionyouthpeacemarch.org](http://www.millionyouthpeacemarch.org)



### Monthly Focus: Don't be a Character... Have Good Character Traits!

All is fair in LOVE and SAVE! February, the month for love, is the perfect time to show your good character! What are some positive character traits that you admire in others? In this month especially, try to demonstrate good character traits. Be a positive role model for those around you so they can learn good traits as well. Pick out a person in your life that demonstrates good traits and shadow that person for a day. Use the activity ideas to put the following traits and others in action this month in your school and community.

*RESPECT, SELF-DISCIPLINE, CARING, GOOD JUDGEMENT, HONESTY, UNDERSTANDING,  
KINDNESS, CITIZENSHIP, RELIABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY, DEPENDABILITY, AMBITIOUS,  
COURAGE, FAIRNESS, HELPFUL, INTEGRITY, PERSEVERANCE, COOPERATIVE*

For suggested activities and downloads, visit: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/februarytheme.php>

For additional information on upcoming monthly topics, visit: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>

### Hill Briefing on Violence and Chronic Disease Prevention Links

Prevention Institute in partnership with Senator Tom Harkin and Representative Barbara Lee recently held a Congressional Briefing, "Addressing the Intersection: Preventing Violence and Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living." The February briefing highlighted the impact of violence and fear of violence (including child sexual abuse and exploitation) in undermining the effectiveness of efforts to prevent chronic diseases. Preventing violence in the first place, therefore, is proposed as a critical strategy to improving America's health. In a discussion moderated by Prevention Institute's Larry Cohen, Deborah Prothrow-Stith, MD of Harvard School of Public Health and Linda Degutis, DrPH, MSN, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Control, among others, shared:

- Evidence on the links between violence and healthy eating and physical activity.
- Evidence on what works to prevent violence, including examples from a national CDC-funded initiative, UNITY.
- Solutions to decrease violence while increasing healthy eating and active living.
- Lessons from a community pilot to integrate a violence prevention approach into efforts to increase access to healthy food.
- Implications for federal policies and policy implementation.

To learn more download the paper, *Addressing the Intersection: Preventing Violence and Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living*, at [www.preventioninstitute.org](http://www.preventioninstitute.org). Determined to improve health and safety for everyone, Prevention Institute builds prevention and equity into key policies and actions to transform the places where people live, work, play and learn.

### SAVE Question of the Month:

Please share the SAVE Question of the Month with your SAVE members. The Youth Voices section of the forum is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country.

**February Goal:** "February is National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month, how does your SAVE Chapter raise awareness about abuse in youth relationships and help to prevent Teen Dating Violence?"

Please send your responses to: [forum@nationalsave.org](mailto:forum@nationalsave.org)

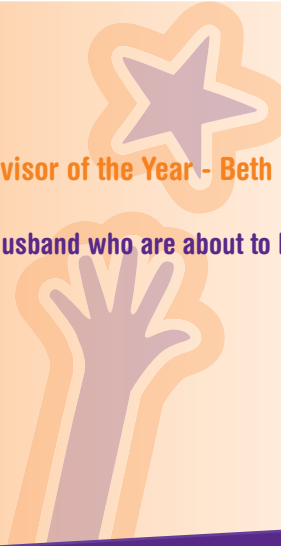
Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!





**Beth's Blog: 2010 SAVE Advisor of the Year - Beth Scheirer, Laney High School (NC)**

**Congrats to Beth and her husband who are about to have their baby boy any day now!**



**YABer Yak: National Youth Advisory Board Member - Nigel Cox, Farmville Central High School (NC)**

February is an awesome time of the year, you're halfway done with the school year and you're counting down days to the greatest date in the month: VALENTINE'S DAY. In the month of February, many things happen that kids and parents need to be aware of like dating violence, abuse from a loved one...one of the best ways to solve these types of problems is demonstrating SAVE's monthly focus: Don't be a character...have good character traits.

Some may be asking "how could this help?" Having Good Character Traits means that you are doing the right things to help this situation. Doing the right thing could just be telling your parents that you or a friend are in a situation that's hurtful.

Some things that chapters can do to build character are conducting activities such as walk for the life of a child, or a relay for life. These not only raise money for a good cause, but also bring your chapter into the spotlight for a chance of positive media. After an event like this, members of your chapter should feel good about themselves, and, through higher self-esteem, gain good character.



**Special pricing on Unmasking the Violence T-shirts!**

Purple T-shirt with 20th Anniversary SAVE Summit logo, "Unmasking the Violence for 20 YEARS!" on back. Small SAVE logo on front chest area.

Available in sizes S- XXX

Product Number: 152

SPECIAL REDUCED PRICE!! \$6.00 each

<http://nationalsave.org/order/unmasking.php>

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## Prevention Resources:

### Decade of Action for Road Safety Kicks Off Soon

This worldwide campaign launches May 11 and has big-name support. The goal: Reducing traffic deaths 50 percent by 2020. Read more: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2011/01/10/decade-of-action-for-road-safety-kicks-off-soon.aspx?admngarea=news>

### "Faces of Distracted Driving" Campaign Aims to Curb an Epidemic

Grieving parents, abandoned children, widows and widowers, lonely siblings -- these are the people affected by the distracted driving epidemic. United States Department of Transportation Secretary (USDOT) Ray LaHood has given them a face with a



revolutionary new program designed to get the word out about the hazards of not keeping your attention on the road while driving. Read

the full article: [http://www.auto-mobi.info/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=103644&Itemid=55](http://www.auto-mobi.info/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=103644&Itemid=55)

### Social Media Stars in Teen Distracted Driving Campaign

Through the 2010 High School Safety Challenge, students from Fairfax County public high schools created marketing plans for the "Orange Cones. No Phones." campaign to help reduce the number of county students who text or talk while driving in construction zones. Find out what their research reported: <http://www.convergemag.com/college-career/Social-Media-Distracted-Driving-Campaign.html>

### Violence Prevention Expert Sheds Light into Accused Gunman's Mind

An expert on violence prevention tells KGUN9 News that Jared Loughner's profile - gleaned through his online accounts with various social networking sites including YouTube videos - typifies someone capable of violent behavior. Read the full article: <http://www.kgun9.com/Global/story.asp?S=13812513>

### Voices in Action: National Youth Summit ~ February 26

President Barack Obama has set a goal that by 2020 the United States lead the world in college completion. Over the summer the United States' Department of Education (ED) conducted a National Youth Listening Tour to engage youth in a conversation on what it will take to meet the President's goal. ED met with more than 1800 middle and high school students from across the country. To close the tour, ED will host "Voices in Action: National Youth Summit."

The purpose of the summit will be to galvanize youth to shape strategies to provide pathways for all youth - those who are in middle and high school as well as those who are out of work, out of school and out of the mainstream - to be on track to achieve high school and postsecondary credentials.

The summit will share what students have told ED to date, provide additional youth the opportunity to give input, provide opportunities to communicate their views and ideas directly to senior administration officials, and allow students to plan ongoing youth-led, youth-directed efforts which will continue after the summit. For more information, visit: <http://www.ed.gov/college-completion/youth-summit>

### Global Youth Service Day ~ April 15-17, 2011

Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning. Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth. GYSD is celebrated each year in over 100 countries. This year, Global Youth Service Day will be April 15-17. Learn more at: <http://www.gysd.org/>



### Youth Survey Provides Insights into Substance Abuse

The results of the survey conducted by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research and surveying almost 50,000 eighth-, 10th-, and 12th-graders in nearly 400 schools across the country, is a mixture of good news and bad news. Find out what is good and what is bad: [http://www.silive.com/relationships/index.ssf/2011/01/youth\\_survey\\_provides\\_insights\\_into\\_substance\\_abuse.html](http://www.silive.com/relationships/index.ssf/2011/01/youth_survey_provides_insights_into_substance_abuse.html)

### Progress in Reducing Pedestrian Deaths Lags in 2010

A report released today by the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) reveals that pedestrian fatalities increased during the first six months of 2010. What percentage did pedestrian fatalities increase? Find out here: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/progress-in-reducing-pedestrian-deaths-lags-in-2010-114279869.html>

### NHTSA Works to Increase Rollover Safety

United States Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood is determined to make sure that no one dies in a car again. The newest safety protocol from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration concerns occupant ejection in side impact crashes and rollovers. Find out what changes need to be made: <http://rumors.automobilemag.com/nhtsa-works-increase-rollover-safety-13647.html>

### National Overview of Driver Education

Research has been conducted and information has been gathered to create a report of driver education systems in the United States. Find out information on your state and read the full report: [http://noys.org/mydocuments/driver\\_education\\_summary.pdf](http://noys.org/mydocuments/driver_education_summary.pdf)

### First Lady Urges More People in US to Mentor Youth

Michelle Obama says mentored youth are more likely to graduate and shun drugs and violence. Read the full article: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9KVMQN80.htm>

### Parent Rage Toward Teens is Not Rare

No parent enjoys being challenged by his or her children, and studies find that constant bickering and squabbling takes its toll on parents' mental health. Why teens question their parents authority: <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/OPINION/01/30/steinberg.adolescent.violence/?hpt=Sbin>

### Celebrate the Freedom Riders During Black History Month

As Black History Month gets under way today, don't forget that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Rides. In the spring and summer of 1961, black and white students risked their lives to integrate bus facilities across the South: <http://www.tolerance.org/magazine/number-35-spring-2009/story-corner-freedom-riders?newsletter=TT020111>

### AAG Robinson and OJJDP Acting Administrator Slowikowski Discourage the Use of Scared Straight Programs

In an op-ed published February 1, 2011, in the Baltimore Sun, Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Laurie Robinson and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Acting Administrator Jeff Slowikowski discuss how the use of scared straight programs to prevent delinquency is ineffective and can harm youth. Robinson and Slowikowski write, "The fact that [scared straight] programs are still being touted as effective, despite stark evidence to the contrary, is troubling."

Read the full article: [http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2011-01-31/news/bs-ed-scared-straight-20110131\\_1\\_straight-type-programs-straight-program-youths](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2011-01-31/news/bs-ed-scared-straight-20110131_1_straight-type-programs-straight-program-youths)

## Funding/Contest Opportunities:

### Allstate Foundation Grants

Thanks to a partnership with The Allstate Foundation, SAVE is conducting special activities and events focusing on Teen Safe Driving in the 2010-2011 school year for selected high schools in most areas of the country. If you are aware of schools interested in receiving grant funds, please contact the SAVE office.



### 3rd Annual Keep the Drive High School Journalism Awards (Deadline: 3/1/11)

Use your journalism skills to educate your classmates about the No. 1 killer of teens – car crashes – and the dangers of texting while driving. You could win up to \$2,000! All you have to do is:

- Write an article about the dangers of texting while driving, get it published in your high school paper and scan and submit it by March 1, 2011, with your completed application.

OR...

- Write/produce a broadcast story about the dangers of texting while driving, have it air on your student television network, and submit it by March 1, 2011, with your completed application.

To check out program details and find helpful writing tools to get started, visit: <http://www.allstate.com/foundation/keep-the-drive/main.aspx?cid=OTC-RedirectDomainPortfolio&att=keepthedriver.com>

### Teacher Grants (Deadline: 4/30/11)

The ING Unsung Heroes program annually provides grants to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning.

Find out more at: [http://www.grantgopher.com/grants\\_for\\_nonprofits/articletype/articleview/articleid/620/grants-for-teachers.aspx](http://www.grantgopher.com/grants_for_nonprofits/articletype/articleview/articleid/620/grants-for-teachers.aspx)

### 2011 ClipsByU Anti-Bullying Video Challenge (Deadline: 5/31/11)

ClipsByU is powered by the Great Minds Foundation. Their primary focus is to provide an outlet for students to inform and inspire each other to act responsibly and reach their highest potential. This year their video challenge is focusing on the topic of Anti-Bullying. Students will create a short video about bullying and submit it to their website: <http://www.clipsbyu.com/> to be entered into the contest. The prize for best video is \$2,000, along with 5 runner-up prizes.



### WaysToHelp.org Grants (Deadline: Ongoing)

WaysToHelp.org invites teens in the United States to apply for grants to fund their community service ideas across any one of 16 issue areas. You can apply for a grant by visiting <http://waystohelp.org/> and for any issue area, selecting "See Ways To Help" followed by "Apply for a Grant." Applications are short - just 5,000 words or less - and should summarize: how the project will involve others, who it will help, what effect it's expected to have, when it will start, and how the funds will be used. Grant requests are reviewed and responded to on a monthly basis.

### ACT OUT LOUD! Enter to win up to \$10,000 (Deadline: April 11, 2011)

Act Out Loud for youth traffic safety in your local high school! Join high schools across the country who are gearing up to create fun, creative, educational projects to help prevent distracted driving and improve teen driver safety. The first 200 high schools that enter will receive a FREE tool kit to help implement their project. Tool kits are going FAST so enter soon in order to get your FREE tool kit! For more information and to enter, visit: <http://actoutloud.org/index.asp>

