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Monthly Focus: Relationship Violence Prevention

SAVE members can strive to prevent relationship violence by educating the public about warning signs, consequences and proactive steps to safeguard victims. By focusing on this important topic and approaching it from three angles: crime prevention, conflict management, and service projects, SAVE members can help decrease this growing area of violence. Relationship violence can cover many areas including dating violence, child abuse, sibling abuse, domestic violence, and interpersonal violence (e.g. between friends). April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, so relationship violence prevention is a timely topic to address in your school community. The National Youth Advisory Board has created a Dating Violence Prevention Lesson Plan for use with teenagers. For suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/april.php>. (For additional information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>).

SAVE Question of the Month – April

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. **The April Question of the Month: “April is the start of Prom activities. How is your SAVE chapter promoting healthy and safe activities for Prom goers? Are you addressing healthy relationships, alcohol and drug free activities?”** Send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

YABer Yak on Healthy Relationships

– Submitted by Gerardo Ceballos, Vice Chair (Denver, CO)

Students across the country are counting down the days until summer break so they can spend time with their friends or significant other. But did you know that relationship violence affects one in nine high school students? Relationship violence includes dating violence, child abuse, sibling abuse, domestic violence, and violence in-between friends. Many times teens are blind to see that they are not being treated right. Relationship violence is a pattern of controlling behaviors that include physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Be a friend; if you know one of your friends is affected by relationship violence report it to an adult or authorities. We may not want to talk about this issue but it is an issue that is of growing concern across America. It can be recognized and hopefully prevented by speaking up and showing awareness. Perhaps, schools could display creative drawings or posters to show anger can be a part of our lives, but violence should not be. As prom draws nearer these actions increase; don't become a victim, speak up if your date isn't treating you right it's just a matter of saying NO. For activities regarding Teen Dating Violence, visit National SAVE's website: www.nationalsave.org



SAVE is Seeking a Few Outstanding Teens! National Youth Advisory Board

Interested in serving as a member on the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Youth Advisory Board? To learn more about the Board and their activities throughout the year, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YAB0809.php>. If you would like to apply to serve on the 2009-2010 National Youth Advisory Board, please fax or mail a completed application to National SAVE before **May 15, 2009**. If you have questions contact **SAVE** at 866-343-SAVE or via email at cwray@nationalsave.org.

Need a Volunteer?

The Allstate Foundation has graciously offered to provide volunteers in selected areas to get involved in your chapter, whether one-time volunteer opportunities, events where you need support, events where you need participation, or ongoing volunteer commitments. The more information and preparation time you can provide the better. For each opportunity, please provide: 1) Dates 2) Times: start time and duration, 3) Location, and 4) Contact within your organization for volunteers to ask questions or sign up. Send your requests to info@nationalsave.org



SAVE Across the Country and World:

Illinois SAVE Chapter Chosen to Pilot Teen Lures Prevention TV Newscast Program

North Chicago SAVE (Student's Against Violence Everywhere) Chapter and Aspire Students pilot the new Teen Lures Prevention TV Newscast for High Schools.

The Chapter was approached last fall by the Emmy Award-winning producers Kenneth Wooden, Rosemary Wooden Webb, and Jennifer Wooden Mitchell to be the first High School across the nation to participate in the news broadcast. The newscast is geared to speak directly to middle and high school students, in an effort to enlist their involvement in preventing sexual crimes against teens – the age group most often targeted by sexual offenders.



North Chicago High School will be broadcasting the series in house on the school's closed-circuit TV system. Also, beginning this month, during **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, the broadcast will be run on the local Lake County TV Channel. This will bring prevention education in a personalized peer-to-peer format. Currently, both the SAVE students at North Chicago High School and at Neal Math & Science Academy are in the process of taping the newscasts for other identified lures. Neal students are also producing a Spanish Version.



By talking about sexual crimes and **violence prevention** openly, this generation of teens can be the first in history to have a direct influence on reducing the incidence of these crimes. For more information, please visit TeenLuresPrevention.com.

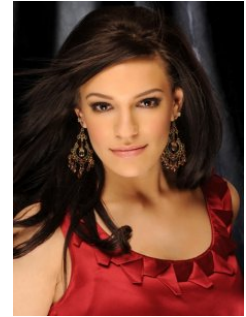
National SAVE Youth Advisory Board Presents National Teen Driving Safety Summit – Brownsville, TEXAS

Thanks to the Allstate Foundation, National SAVE coordinated a Teen Safe Driving Summit for students in Brownsville, TX on March 24, 2009. Attendees included students and advisors from Hidalgo and Cameron Counties. Students participated in activities to raise their awareness of Teen Safe Driving Issues and created action plans to implement with their SAVE chapters for the spring. The students signed a Safe Driving Pledge and presented it to Chief Carlos Garcia of the Brownsville Police Department.



Miss Teen Virginia International Spreads SAVE Message

Victoria Goldberg of Newport News, Miss Teen Virginia International 2009 and a spokesperson for SAVE, worked closely with the school resources officers, guidance counselors, and school principals in the Newport News/Hampton School districts to schedule appearances and get involved in school activity programs highlighting National Youth Violence Prevention Week (NYVPW).



She visited Woodside High School in Newport News, Va. Where she met with students and educated them about NYVPW and engaged them in meaningful discussions afterwards. She also presented her message and the SAVE mission and values on their morning information broadcast, Wake-Up Woodside. This was aired throughout the entire school on 3/27/09. In addition she met with senior guidance counselors on the 27th to seek their support and assistance in becoming involved with students at every grade level in an effort to advocate for the SAVE organization and her platform, "Growing Up Shouldn't Hurt, SAVE our Youth".

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	MORE INFO
APRIL			
19-22	20th National Youth Crime Prevention Conference & International Forum	Orlando, FL	http://www.ycwa.org/youthcon/
22	Webinar: Cyberbullying: Tools and Tips for Prevention and Intervention	Internet	http://www.mchcom.com/liveWebcastDetail.asp?leid=371
24-26	Global Youth Service Day (<i>SAVE is proud to be a National Partner!</i>)	Global	http://www.gysd.org/
MAY			
May	National Youth Traffic Safety Month 	Nationwide	http://noys.org/YouthTrafSafe/toolkit.html
OCTOBER			
17	2009 National SAVE Summit	Charlotte, NC	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php
19-23	America's Safe Schools Week	Global	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/safe%20schools%20week.php
21	National SAVE Day	Global	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDay.php
23	SAVE Rock-A-Thon	Global	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php

April 20, 1999 – 10th Anniversary of Columbine Approaches

As we approach the 10th Anniversary of the tragic school shooting at Columbine, SAVE members are more resolved than ever to move forward with meaningful safety efforts that can decrease the potential for such violence. Remembering the victims of Columbine and other school shootings that are etched in our national consciousness helps us to see what we have learned and what we still need to learn to make our schools and communities safer and more secure, free of fear, but yet, conducive to learning and living. SAVE believes that a strong student involvement program, such as SAVE, when implemented within a comprehensive safe school plan can make a school safer. Thanks to all SAVE chapters that are engaging youth in safety activities nationwide!



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Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) is a time in the year when we come together to focus the world's attention on what young people are contributing every single day. GYSD is organized by Youth Service America with the National Youth Leadership Council, the Global Youth Action Network, and with thousands of partners in the U.S. and across the world. National SAVE is proud to a partner. During Global Youth Service Day, millions of youth around the world organize community service projects to address the needs of their local communities through service, to be recognized for their contributions, and to be a part of a global youth service movement. GYSD is held during a weekend every April in over 100 countries in every region of the world. For more information visit www.gysd.org



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2009 SAVE SUMMIT! The SAVE Masquerade: Unmasking Violence for 20 Years!

**October 17, 2009
Charlotte, North Carolina**

The 2009 Summit will be held on the campus of West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, North Carolina on Saturday, October 17, 2009 to celebrate SAVE's 20th Anniversary and the birth place of SAVE. There will be motivating workshops, outstanding speakers, a multimedia slide show presentation, and a national service project. Workshop sessions will be filled with both fun and educational information. The sessions will be presented by SAVE members from across the country. Visit the Summit Web Page for information on speakers, presenters, other summit highlights and to register for this historical summit! <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>

2009 National SAVE Service Project & Alex Orange Memorial – Peace Gardens!

The National Youth Advisory Board has announced the 2009 National SAVE Service Project Initiative – Peace Gardens! Each year, SAVE chapters across the country participate in a common service project. This is a chance for SAVE chapters to feel a part of the national effort, while making a difference in their own community. The YABers are encouraging every SAVE chapter to create a Peace Garden in their school or community. A place where students and adults can sit, reflect and enjoy the friendship of others. Please be sure to send us a photo of your SAVE members in your Peace Garden so that it can be displayed at the National SAVE Summit! In addition, in honor of SAVE's 20th Anniversary, the YAB would also like to be able to purchase a memorial in honor of Alex Orange for the Peace Garden at West Charlotte High School. Since the 2009 SAVE Summit is going to take place at West Charlotte High School on October 17th it will be an opportune time to present the memorial to them! In order to accomplish this, we are asking each SAVE Chapter to conduct a small fundraiser and send the proceeds to National SAVE – be sure to mark the donation for Alex's Memorial. Thank you for remembering Alex Orange and the first SAVE chapter formed in 1989 through this effort! More info: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>

Violence Prevention Resources & Information:

Safe Routes to School 2009 Policy Report: Moving to the Future and Building on Early Achievements

As reported in the [Safe Routes to School 2009 Policy Report: Moving to the Future and Building on Early Achievements](#), half of all students walked or bicycled to school in 1969. In 2001, just 15 percent of children did. The Safe Routes to School program is working to reverse this trend and get students physically active once again. This report identifies ways in which the program could be strengthened to create communities that help even more children be physically active by walking and bicycling to school. http://www.all4ed.org/publication_material/understanding_HSgradrates

Understanding High School Graduation Rates

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According to the Alliance for Excellent Education, graduation rates are a fundamental indicator of whether or not the nation's public school system is doing what it is intended to do: enroll, engage, and educate youth to be productive members of society. Yet nationally, one-third of students—about 1.2 million each year—leave high school without a diploma, at a high cost to themselves and society at large. The Alliance's recent report, [Understanding High School Graduation Rates](#), examines the unacceptably low graduation rates, particularly among poor and minority students, which have been obscured by inaccurate data, calculations, and reporting, and inadequate accountability systems at the state and federal levels. http://www.all4ed.org/publication_material/understanding_HSgradrates

School Connectedness: Strategies for Increasing Protective Factors Among Youth

As reported in the [School Connectedness: Strategies for Increasing Protective Factors Among Youth](#), school connectedness is an important factor that can act as a buffer for youth against negative factors such as violence. Analysis indicated that school connectedness is the strongest protective factor against substance use, early sexual initiation, violence, absenteeism and injury. It is also associated with higher grades and less propensity to engage in risky behaviors when compared to students without school connectedness. This report delineates six strategies for school administrators, teachers and school staff to use in order to enhance school connectedness.

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/AdolescentHealth/connectedness.pdf>

Free Toolkit Available

Request your free National Youth Traffic Safety Month toolkit that includes a Youth Traffic Safety Month 18 month wall calendar, poster with lesson plans and handouts, and the National Youth Traffic Safety Month toolkit on CD by e-mailing your mailing address and request to NOYS at info@noys.org. These materials are made possible through support from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. and The Allstate Foundation.



Funding/Contest Opportunities:

Teens for Planet Earth Service Awards (Deadline: 4/15/09)

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Teens for Planet Earth Service Awards. The TPE Service Awards recognize teens around the world for service-learning projects that demonstrate their commitment to the environment. TPE teams whose projects are deemed to be of exceptional quality will be awarded at three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Gold Award winning teams receive US\$1000 to further enhance their projects or education. This is an **international award** and we highly encourage all teens who are involved in environmental projects to apply. Learn more at

<http://teens4planetearth.com/serviceawards>

Wal-Mart Foundation – State Giving Program Grant (Deadline: 4/17/09)

Through the State Giving Program, the Wal-Mart Foundation seeks to support organizations that create opportunities so people can live better. The Foundation has four areas of focus: Education, Health and Wellness, Environmental Sustainability and Workforce Development/Economic Opportunity.

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8169.aspx?p=8168%20>

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes (Deadline: 4/30/09)

NOMINATE A YOUNG SERVICE-LEARNING LEADER FOR A \$2,500 BARRON PRIZE!

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its 2009 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 that have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Nomination deadline is April 30. For more information and to nominate, visit

<http://www.barronprize.org/>

A.L. Mailman Family Foundation, Inc. – Early Child Education Grant (Deadline: 5/1/09)

The A.L. Mailman Family Foundation strives to promote the building of sustainable systems that provide access to high quality early learning experiences for all children. The Foundation also seeks to support children in the context of their families and communities.

<http://www.mailman.org/guidelines/index.html>

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Habitat for a Humanity Service-Learning Partnership Grant (Deadline: 5/15/09)

The Service-Learning Partnership provides funds for teachers and schools to develop and implement service-learning projects in partnership with their local Habitat affiliate. For the 2009-2010 school year, teachers and their local Habitat affiliates can jointly apply for a one-year grant of up to \$7,000 to cover educational expenses associated with the service-learning project. View Service-Learning Partnership information: http://www.habitat.org/youthprograms/habitat_trekkers/grants.aspx

Brower Youth Awards (Deadline: 5/15/09)

Earth Island Institute established the Brower Youth Awards in 2000 to honor our founder and legendary environmental activist, David R. Brower and to call forth a new generation of leaders. The annual Brower Youth Awards honor six young people for their outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and social justice advocacy. Each winner is awarded \$3000 and brought to San Francisco for the award week and a backcountry camping trip. The Brower Youth Awards not only promote the accomplishments of these young leaders but also invest in their continued success by providing ongoing access to resources, mentors, and opportunities to develop their leadership skills through Earth Island Institute's New Leaders Initiative. <http://www.broweryouthawards.org/article.php?list=type&type=12>

Girls Helping Girls College Scholarship Art Contest (Deadline: 5/13/09)

Girls Helping Girls' Fund-for-Respect Program is organizing a "Mirror, Mirror" art and multimedia contest to empower girls to redefine "real beauty" and widen their perspectives on beauty. Girls aged 11-19 can submit a visual, literature, or video piece responding to the question, "Who is the most beautiful woman to you?" All entries must fall into the categories of literature (poem, short essay, song, etc.), visual art (painting, sketch, photography, etc.) or video, and must be received by May 13. The winners in each of the three categories will receive a \$500 scholarship and publicity. More information and guidelines can be found at: <http://www.sisters4peace.net/blog/sejal/win-college-scholarship-entering-our-art-contest>

Target – Family Violence Prevention Grant (Deadline: 5/31/09)

Target's Family Violence Prevention Grant is intended to support programs that strengthen families and communities by keeping them safe. Target strives to prevent family violence by supporting programs that offer parenting classes and family counseling in addition to providing assistance to support groups and abuse shelters. <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031767>

BJ's Charitable Foundation – Community Program Grant (Deadline: 7/10/09)

The BJ's Charitable Foundation strives to enhance and enrich community programs that primarily benefit children and families. The Foundation seeks organizations that promote safety and well-being of children and families, support education and health programs provide community service opportunities and aid in hunger and disaster relief. <http://www.bjs.com/about/community/charity.shtml>

Southern Poverty Law Center - Mix It Up Grants Program (Deadline: Rolling)

The Southern Poverty Law Center's Mix It Up Grants Program funds small-scale, youth-directed activist projects that focus on identifying, crossing and challenging social boundaries in schools and communities. Projects must promote collaboration across social boundaries. <http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>

mtvU Grants (Deadline: Weekly Throughout School Year)

The Every week throughout the school year, mtvU in partnership with Youth Venture will help fund a new student-run community service organization, or a new project being undertaken by an existing organization. If you've got an original idea about how to make the world--or your campus--a better place, mtvU Grants can help you make it happen. Are you interested in launching your own organization to address issues like global warming, literacy, health issues, civic participation, community and social problems - any problem you can identify mtvU grants can get you started to help find a solution. You could receive: Up to \$1,000 for your organization; An opportunity to be featured on mtvU News; and Exclusive access to helpful resources and tools in cooperation with Youth Venture, including the opportunity to join a global network of other young changemakers on genV.net.

<http://www.genv.net/mtvU>