

SAVE eSource
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SAVE Question of the Month –

The December Question of the Month is: *“How will your SAVE chapter help the less fortunate this holiday season?”*

Send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org

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

Inspire Your Students

Students ages 10-20 have the opportunity for their writing, art or music to be published in two **Guitars Not Guns** benefit projects, a book and music CD to be sold to the public. Students will help promote safety in schools. These projects raise funds for guitars for at-risk students to help promote music as an alternative to school violence. Selected entries will be published in a book or recorded on a music CD backed by professional musicians. See entry requirements at <http://www.astarrynightproductions.com/> or email starrynight_kids4kids@yahoo.com with questions before sending copies, not originals, postmarked by December 31, 2005 to: A Starry Night Productions; P.O. Box 1648; Woodbridge, CA 95258.

Monthly Focus – Reaching Out Through Service

In a time full of sharing and giving, such as during the holidays, violence can be more devastating for its victims. By reaching out through community service, we can create a better environment for those who may not otherwise have a happy holiday season. Learning by doing is a key component of SAVE. Empowering students to get involved in hands-on efforts to prevent violence is the most rewarding learning experience of SAVE. SAVE is a way for youth to get involved! Service projects are traditional projects of service to others, such as donating time to a local mission or soup kitchen or even holding a coat drive for the needy. Service learning projects put practical knowledge and information into action, such as in the areas of crime prevention or conflict management, in a service-oriented learning experience with an after-action reflection component. However, the most important aspect of this rewarding experience is the positive service performed and the people being served by your chapter. For additional information visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

Opportunities of the Month: SAVE & ESA Foundation Mini-Grants

SAVE chapters in good standing with National Association of SAVE are eligible to apply for a *SAVE Star Grant* sponsored by the ESA Foundation for implementation in the spring of 2006. These funds (up to \$1,000) can be used for violence prevention activities, resource material, SAVE curriculum, and projects for your chapter. Sign onto the chapter access section of the website for a downloadable version http://www.nationalsave.org/access_chapter/index.php of the application. This brief two-page application should be completed and faxed, emailed or mailed as soon as possible to ensure that you will be considered for this mini-grant opportunity, as funds are limited. Applications must be received at the National SAVE office by 5:00 p.m. EST on **January 18, 2006**.

THINK MTV YOUTH VENTURER GRANTS

MTV will award 33 grants of up to \$1,000 each to youth-led community-service programs. The Think MTV Youth Venturer grants will support projects that focus on discrimination, education, environmental, international, or sexual-health issues. Individuals ages 13 and older may apply. Deadline is Dec. 31. For more information, contact [Youth Venture](mailto:thinkventures@youthventure.org), 690 Eighth Ave., Sixth Floor, New York, NY 10036; 212-278-8930; e-mail: thinkventures@youthventure.org

YSA YOUTH VENTURE FUNDING

Get up to \$1,000 in start-up funds for sustainable National and Global Youth Service Day (N&GYSD) projects by becoming a YSA Youth Venturer. Youth Service America (YSA) and Youth Venture are teaming up to make every day National & Global Youth Service Day. They are giving young people the opportunity to create sustainable projects for N&GYSD 2006, April 21-23! Twenty five awards of up to \$1,000 in start-up funds are available to young people (ages 12-20) who want to create new, sustainable and civic-minded organizations, clubs or businesses ("Ventures"). These Ventures must be youth-led and designed to be a lasting asset to the community. YSA Youth Venturers are required to host an event on N&GYSD. For further information or to download an application, visit www.youthventure.org/ysa or email amutima@youthventure.org. **Applications must be RECEIVED by 12:00 noon on December 19th, 2005.**

DISNEY MINNIE GRANTS

Youth Service America and Disney are offering the Disney Minnie Grants for youth across the globe. These grants of \$500 are for youth (ages 5-14), or the teachers, schools and organizations that engage them to implement service projects on National and Global Youth Service Day, April 21-23, 2006. To learn more, please download an application and Frequently Asked Questions at www.ysa.org/awards. After reviewing the application and FAQ's, if you would like further information, please email MinnieGrant@ysa.org. **POSTMARK DEADLINE: January 13, 2006.**

Upcoming Event: 2006 National SAVE Summit

Mark your calendars! The 2006 National SAVE Summit is scheduled for April 1, 2006. The National Youth Advisory Board has begun planning for this important event and chapters will be receiving information in the mail in mid December. This year's theme is *SAVE: Erasing the Colors of Violence*. The Summit is an opportunity for students, advisors, and community members to celebrate the success of their SAVE chapters for the year. Chapter members lead workshop sessions. Every participant in the Summit receives valuable educational information from exhibits, hears from outstanding speakers, and has the opportunity to network with other students across the country who are making a difference. The students will also have the opportunity to participate in an on-site national service project which this year includes the collection of coloring books and crayons to be distributed to needy children. For additional information and to download the registration flyer for the 2006 National Summit visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>

Daimler Chrysler Sponsors SAVE Chapters

Daimler Chrysler is sponsoring five chapters nationwide in communities where they have facilities. Chapters will be receiving materials and support for this school year. Chapters who are being sponsored by Daimler Chrysler include:

- Leggett Elementary School, Akron, Ohio
- Shelby Junior High School, Shelby Twp, Michigan
- Jane Adams Middle School, Royal Oak, Michigan
- Finney High School, Detroit, Michigan
- North Chicago High School, Grayslake, Illinois

**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
from the SAVE staff!**