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## ***Happy Holidays from the National SAVE Staff!***

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### **Are You Still Looking for that Perfect Holiday Gift?**

Help make the season a little brighter by honoring a friend or family member with a holiday gift of a donation to SAVE in their name. Your tax deductible contribution directly benefits students nationwide by assisting in creating safer schools that are free of fear and conducive to learning. Please supply us with the name and address of your honoree and we'll send them a card informing of them of your generosity. We at SAVE wish you a safe and happy holiday season and New Year! Visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/holidaydonation.php> for more information. Also, don't forget a SAVE t-shirt, wristband, pen or pencil would make a great gift for that younger person on your list! Visit the National SAVE Store to browse for that special someone: <http://www.nationalsave.org/order.php>

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Mark Your Calendar for these Events!**

- January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service  
<http://www.mlkday.gov>
- No Name Calling Week – January 22-26, 2007  
<http://www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/home.html>
- February 13-19 - Random Acts of Kindness Week  
<http://www.actsofkindness.org/>
- **National SAVE Summit – March 31, 2007**  
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>
- **National Youth Violence Prevention Week – March 26-30, 2007**  
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YVPC.php>
- **Other events**  
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/events.php>

### **Register now for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual National SAVE Summit! – March 31, 2007**

Each year the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere hosts an annual Summit for students, advisors, and community members to celebrate the success of SAVE chapters for the year. Chapter members lead workshop sessions, display accomplishments in Exhibit Alley, and have the opportunity to network with students from across the country. This year's theme, "Teaming Up for a Better Tomorrow," was chosen by the National SAVE Youth Advisory Board to reflect the promise of SAVE and its stand against violence of all kinds by students everywhere for years to come! This year's Summit will feature Miss Virginia 2006, Adriana Sgarlata, as the keynote speaker. Visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php> to learn about Summit details, contests, and activities that your chapter can participate in for this important event. Watch your mail for the official Summit Flyer!

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## National Youth Violence Prevention Week – March 26-30, 2007

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (**SAVE**) is proud to be a founding partner, along with the [Guidance Channel](#), of the [National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign](#). The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness and to educate students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school staff, parents, and the public on effective ways to prevent or reduce youth Violence. This weeklong national education initiative will involve activities that demonstrate the positive role young people can have in making their school and community safer. Visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YVPC.php> to learn how your SAVE Chapter can be involved!

### SAVE Question of the Month – December

**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](mailto:forum@nationalsave.org) Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

### 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 service to the community, 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. The most important aspect of this rewarding experience is the positive service performed and the people being served by your chapter.

**2007 National SAVE Service Project: Team Up for Kids!** This year's national service project entitled, **Team Up for Kids**, involves chapters creating care packages for students. The National Youth Advisory Board suggests purchasing backpacks and filling them with essential items including school supplies, toiletries, etc. Chapters are encouraged to provide them to the social worker in their own school or neighboring schools to distribute to students in need. Chapters who attend the summit are asked to bring some of the care packages to the summit.

For other suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/decembertheme.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

### Funding Opportunities:

#### Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant Program

To empower parents and further encourage their involvement in their children's schools, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has established the Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program to fund school improvement projects initiated by parents. Lowe's will donate a total of \$5 million to schools and school parent teacher groups at more than 1,000 different schools in 2006 and 2007. Any nonprofit K-12 school (including charter, parochial, private, etc.) or parent group (associated with a nonprofit K-12 school) that has a group tax ID number and official 501(c)(3) status from the IRS is eligible to apply. Parent groups that do not have 501(c)(3) status should apply through their school. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored. Up to \$5,000 per school is available. Application information: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>. **The grant deadline is February 15, 2007.**

#### The Allstate Foundation Partners with SAVE To Support Chapter Efforts Throughout US!

The Allstate Foundation has partnered with the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere to support chapters and national efforts in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Indiana. Thanks to a \$20,000 grant for each of these regions, eight chapters in each state are receiving support and services including their Chapter Affiliation fee for a year, a SAVE Essentials Manual, enhanced technical assistance, Supplemental Lesson Plans and Activities and \$250 mini grants. Thank you Allstate for your support of SAVE!

## Recognition Opportunities:

### NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR SAVE ANNUAL AWARDS

Nominate a SAVE *member, advisor or chapter* who has made a difference in your school or community. Annual award recipients are announced at the SAVE Summit. Recipients do not have to be present to win. Award recipients will receive a certificate and letter of recognition.

Award Categories:

- **SAVE Student of the Year at the elementary, middle and high school level**
- **SAVE Advisor of the Year at the elementary, middle and high school level**
- **SAVE Chapter of the Year at the elementary, middle and high school level**

Nomination Deadline: Nominations are due in the National SAVE Office by March 1, 2007. Visit [www.nationalsave.org](http://www.nationalsave.org) to download nomination forms.

### No Name Calling Week 2007 Creative Expression Contest

No Name-Calling Week (January 22 - 26, 2007) is a week of educational activities aimed at stopping name-calling and verbal bullying in schools. The Creative Expression Contest is an opportunity for students to submit essays, poetry, music, original artwork, or other pieces that convey their experiences and feelings about name-calling, and their ideas for putting a stop to verbal bullying in their schools and communities. To learn more, visit <http://www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/news/record/57.html>