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*National SAVE wishes everyone a safe and blessed Holiday Season!
Thank you for everything you do to ensure the safety and
Well being of students across the country!*

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Monthly Focus – Reaching Out Through Service

In a time full of sharing and giving, such as the holidays, violence can be more devastating for its victims. By reaching out through service, we can create a better environment for those who may not otherwise have a happy holiday season. SAVE emphasizes the importance of developing responsible citizens in the effort to prevent violence in our schools and communities. Youth should not only know their Constitutional rights, but also daily civic responsibilities in the areas of the law, and government. To emphasize to youth that they should be a positive influence in their community, they must learn and have experiences first-hand. Learning by doing is a key component of SAVE through service projects. Empowering students to get involved in hands-on efforts to prevent violence is a very rewarding learning experience SAVE. SAVE is a way for youth to get involved! For suggested service activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/decembertheme.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

SAVE Question of the Month – December

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

The December Question of the Month: “*What service projects will your SAVE chapter be conducting over the holidays?*” Send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar for These Events!

- **2007 National Youth Court Conference (December 9-12)**
This outstanding federally sponsored and funded National Conference will feature more than a dozen sessions for adult staff and adult volunteers who are involved in local teen courts, peer courts, student courts and youth courts. Registration is limited to only 350 adult participants - so register now and do not miss out. Learn how to plan and implement a youth court; educate new staff and stakeholders; enhance your existing program; and network with your peers from around the country. Location: Historic Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, LA. For more information: <http://www.ncifcj.org/content/view/1027/315/>

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- **4th Annual Youth Service Institute, Surfing the Wave of Change (December 12-14)**
Youth service allows young people to take action on very real and very serious social issues, transforming themselves and their communities. The youth service field is at a position of strength. This maturity, combined with better positioning in the public's eye and on the candidates' platforms, and with record participation by youth allows us to think bigger and more boldly about breadth and depth. By "surfing the wave of change," we are embracing the opportunity to conquer some of the world's most challenging issues through youth service and encouraging others to become engaged in this movement. Location: Omni San Diego Hotel, San Diego, CA. For more information: <http://ysa.org/ProgramsServices/YouthServiceInstitute/tabid/181/Default.aspx>
- **No Name-Calling Week (January 21-25)**
GLSEN and the No Name-Calling Week Coalition are pleased to announce that the official dates for the fifth annual No Name-Calling Week have been finalized and are now posted on www.nonamecallingweek.org! Hundreds of schools from across the country will participate by engaging in educational activities aimed at ending name-calling and verbal bullying of all kinds. More information: www.nonamecallingweek.org
- **NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK (March 31 – April 4)**
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. <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YVPC.php>
- **12TH ANNUAL SAVE SUMMIT – Turn Off the Violence, Tune in to SAVE! (April 5)**
See highlights below! Visit www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php frequently to learn about the National Service Project, Keynote Speakers, Activities and opportunities associated with this year's summit.

Other events: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/events.php>

National SAVE Summit Highlights!

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 Summit will focus around the theme of "Turn off the Violence, Tune in to SAVE." Conference flyers will be mailed to SAVE chapters in early January.

- **Registration Information** - <http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/Registration.pdf>
- **Featured Speaker: Otis Lyons** - Rated the #1 anti-Gang, anti-Drug speaker in North Carolina, ex-Gang Leader/ex-Drug Dealer and the founder of Campaign4Change, Mr. Otis Lyons, aka Vegas Don, has a unique ability to change lives. Join Mr. Lyons for an up close and personal life testimony, with real true life stories of many of his gang members demise from living the street life. His message is powerful and real. This workshop is designed to Educate and Empower youth putting emphasis on the fact that they can be anything they want to be. Lyons is an advocate for helping at-risk youth and he's extremely passionate about his work and community involvement. Focusing on restoring hope back into their battered hearts, leaving an impression that "It's never too late to turn your life around"
- **Call For SAVE Chapters to Present** - The National SAVE Summit workshops will provide participants with skills to spread the SAVE message successfully in their schools and communities. The workshop sessions should center around preventing violence and share information on promising strategies for
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chapters as well as engage the audience interactively. We strongly encourage workshop sessions to be youth led. SAVE chapters will be given first priority for the available Break-out sessions. **Chapters chosen to present will have their registration fee waived for up to three participants.** Sessions will last 40 minutes. All proposals must be received by January 31, 2008. Presenters will be notified in February of their acceptance to present.

<http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/2008%20Call%20for%20Presenters.pdf>

- **2007 - 2008 National SAVE Service Project: Tune into Service!** - This year's national service project entitled, Tune into Service, involves chapters collecting new or gently used walkmans, CD players, mp3 players, and nonviolent CDs. Chapters are encouraged to provide these collected items to local orphanages, homeless shelters, crisis centers, to distribute to students in need. Chapters who attend the summit are asked to bring some of these items to the summit for a national need.
- **Display Your SAVE Chapter at the Summit!** - All chapters are asked to create a visual of their **SAVE** Chapter to display at the National **SAVE** Summit! This year's visual should be in the design of a CD Cover! Be creative! Be sure to send in your CD Cover before March 1, 2008 and include your chapters name, city and state!
- **Picture This! Call for Photos** - National **SAVE** is once again creating a big screen slide show to acknowledge the achievements of **SAVE** chapters. In order to make the show as inclusive as possible, we need photos by March 1, 2008 showing active work by your chapter (i.e. service projects, meetings, skits, etc.). Please email your pictures to cwray@nationalsave.org or mail them to the National **SAVE** office. Don't forget to include the following with each photo:
 - School/ Chapter name 2. Advisor name 3. Date and Name of Event pictured (and possibly names of students in the photo)
 - Photos will be kept for the National **SAVE** photo albums and exhibits.

SAVE Chapter Spotlight: Southeast Region Allstate Foundation Selected Chapter McDonald Elementary School ~ Georgetown SC!

McDonald's Elementary School SAVE Chapter in Georgetown, South Carolina has hit the ground running this fall! The chapter is led by eleven fifth graders who were hand-picked for their good character and positive attitude. The leaders must maintain a "C" average in all of their subjects and must display outstanding behavior. The students pledged to work and play safely, keep up with their assignments, show courtesy and respect for self and others in their language and behavior. These outstanding SAVE leaders serve as role models for the rest of the school population. The chapter has led the school in the Back to School Safety Campaign and a Bully Free Assembly. The SAVE leaders serve as hosts and hostesses for the school on Career Day, Health Fair, Open House and at PTO meetings. The SAVE chapter is leading multiple service projects for the school including a March of Dimes Drive, United Way projects and a project for the Ronald McDonald House. The chapter meets at least once a month and coordinates and plans upcoming projects and reviews the results of their service to the school and community. Thanks to funding from the Allstate Foundation, the SAVE chapter at McDonald Elementary has had a successful fall and have enjoyed the involvement of local Allstate Representatives at their assemblies and events. The chapter is looking forward to their upcoming winter activities a safe spring!

Violence Prevention Resources & Information

- **GARY WEART PUBLISHES BOOK! A TEACHER SHOOTS BACK.** *A Teacher Shoots Back* is the story of how Gary Weart became a social studies teacher in the public school systems of North Carolina and lost thirteen students to violence. With Angela Bynum, Gary started the very first SAVE chapter. In this engaging memoir, Gary chronicles how the family values of his ancestors shaped the goals of his life and taught him honesty, friendship, and the necessity of cooperation. It's the story of how one person can change the world. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to National SAVE.
http://www.amazon.com/Teacher-Shoots-Back-Targeting-Violence/dp/0595465722/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1196963072&sr=8-1
- **FBI STUDY REVIEWS CRIME IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation has released the study "[Crime in Schools and Colleges: A Study of Offenders and Arrestees Reported via National Association of SAVE ~ www.nationalsave.org](http://www.nationalsave.org)

[National Incident-Based Reporting System Data.](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/schoolviolence/2007/index.html)" Data on crime in schools and colleges and the characteristics of those who commit these offenses can help inform the development of theories and applications to combat such crimes. This study examines characteristics of participants in criminal incidents at schools and colleges from 2000 through 2004 as reported to the FBI by law enforcement agencies. "Crime in Schools and Colleges" is available online at <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/schoolviolence/2007/index.html>

- **JUST YELL FIRE! FREE RAPE AND ABDUCTION MOVIE DOWNLOAD.** Excellent video for girls about rape and abduction. Did you know that one in four girls now in middle school will be raped before they graduate college? That's not okay – we are putting a stop to that with **Just Yell Fire**. This is a free download! www.justyellfire.com
- **SAVE PARTNERS WITH PERIWINKLE NATIONAL THEATRE – Bring *HALFWAY THERE* to Your School!** A cast of professional actors tell the story about 5 teens who have one thing in common...drug and alcohol abuse. *Halfway There* captivates audiences with its gritty depiction of a treatment center for young addicts and the performance is heightened by original poems written by troubled teens during the recovery process. By empathizing with the on-stage characters, teenagers look deeper into their own personal challenges with peer pressure, self-esteem, respect, family tension, and making the right choices. Run time-65 minutes. Normal Performance Fee: \$2,450.00. **Thanks to a special partnership SAVE MEMBERS - \$600.00 performance fee.**
- **CDC REVIEW OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND YOUTH VIOLENCE - Research Shows Increase in Electronic Aggression.** In September 2006, experts from academic institutions, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations gathered at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia, to better understand the varied ways new media technology — blogs, instant messaging, chat rooms, email, text messaging and the Internet — influences youth aggression. The two-day meeting, "Electronic Media and Youth Violence," was held to review current research and to discuss the implications for youth, parents, school staff, and educational policymakers. Data from the review show although rates of electronic aggression are lower than rates of physical and verbal aggression, these rates seem to be increasing. In 2000, 6% of internet users ages 10-17 said they had been subjected to online harassment; by 2005, the percentage had risen to 9%--an increase of 50%. The complete review can found in the December 2007 supplement of the *Journal of Adolescent Health*. To access a complete copy of the Journal and the supporting issue briefs, which summarize the research and discuss the implications of these findings for youth, parents, school staff, and educational policy makers, please visit www.cdc.gov/injury.
- **AGE LEVEL, GEOGRAPHY, AND MORE ARE SIGNIFICANT FACTORS IN SCHOOL VIOLENCE-PREVENTION PROGRAMS.** "Public School Practices for Violence Prevention and Reduction: 2003-04" - a recent brief from the National Center for Educational Statistics -- examined the prevalence of school violence-prevention practices and found that these prevention and discipline practices vary based on grade level, surrounding community environment, and various other factors. Read the entire brief at: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2007/2007010.pdf>
- **SPEAK OUT AND MAKE NOYS IN YOUR COMMUNITY!** NOYS has just released the updated version of the project planner and organizer "Speak Out and Make NOYS". Speak Out and Make NOYS is a health and safety awareness project planner that can be used to address a specific need in your community. This project manual was developed with the direction and input of youth. These youth conducted their own projects and have provided their success stories, personal advice, inspiring ideas, real-life examples, and proven techniques to give a project planning kit that is truly "teen tested and approved". Download a FREE copy of this program by visiting <http://noys.org/Speakout.htm>. This Web page offers a download of the manual and also the accompanying video.

➤ **STOP BULLYING NOW ILLUSTRATED BOOKS AVAILABLE**

Many of you are familiar with the TIME for Kids "TFK Extra!" series illustrated books based on the Stop Bullying Now! Campaign. These materials include activities and stories for youth using characters and situations from the SBN! Webisodes. Each 12-page issue encourages youth to be more socially accepting of one another and to respect one another's differences. There are three volumes in the series and an accompanying Teacher's Guide. All of these materials are available online for you to print and use right away. We hope you'll take advantage of this valuable tool.

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/class/about/article/0,17401,1147582,00.html>

Funding Opportunities:

DO SOMETHING OFFERING WEEKLY GRANTS FOR YOUNG SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

Do Something (<http://www.dosomething.org/>) is a not-for-profit organization that works to inspire, support, and celebrate young social entrepreneurs and community activists. The organization is accepting applications for the following grant programs:

- Do Something and GameStop (<http://www.gamestop.com/>) are offering grants of \$500 each to young people, age 25 and younger, in the U.S. or Canada who have a great idea for a community-action project and need support to turn their idea into reality. GameStop grants are given out weekly.
- Do Something and Plum TV (<http://www.plumtv.com/>) are offering grants of \$500 each to social entrepreneurs, age 25 and younger, in the U.S. who have recently created a sustainable project, program, or organization and need funding to further the growth and success of their program. Plum TV grants are given out weekly. Visit www.dosomething.org for complete program information and application forms.

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, 2008**.

Contests/Recognition Opportunities:

RECOGNIZE SAVE MEMBERS WITH THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The President's Volunteer Service Award, created by The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation is a way to thank volunteers for their commitment to volunteerism and community service. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain number of volunteer hours over the course of a year, or lifetime. The National Association of SAVE is a certifying organization for SAVE members. SAVE members must track their hours of volunteer service, advisors must verify these hours and then they may be submitted to SAVE for certification purposes. If you are interested in learning more about the President's Student Service Award, please contact National SAVE or visit <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/index.cfm>

OJJDP ANNOUNCES MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY POSTER CONTEST

The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov) has announced its [2008 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov). The theme is "Bring Our Missing Children Home." Held annually, the contest challenges 5th-grade students to develop artwork that represents America's goal to bring missing children home safely. The winning poster will be displayed at the National Missing Children's Day ceremony at the U.S. Department of Justice, which will be held in May 2008. For additional information about the Missing Children's Day Poster Contest, visit <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/postercontest/index.html>.

2008 BRICK AWARDS

Have you made a real difference in the lives of others? Are you age 25 and under and a permanent resident or citizen of the U.S. or Canada? If you have answered "Yes!" to all of the questions above, then you should **apply for a BR!CK Award.** Apply for a chance to win \$100,000 in community grants and scholarships. **The deadline to apply is December 31, 2007.** For more information, see <http://www.dosomething.org/brick>

BRICKFISH AIR GUITAR SUPERSTAR SCHOLARSHIP!

Are you the best shredder on the illusive air guitar? Show us you've got chops! Send us a video or photo of you or a friend tearing up your favorite guitar riff (under 30 seconds in length) and you'll score Guitar Hero™ III: Legends of Rock with guitar and a \$500 scholarship or \$500 cash! The Brickfish "Air Guitar Superstar" Scholarship is available to students at least 14 years of age.

<http://www.brickfish.com/music/AirGuitarSuperstar>

Do you know of a school in IN, OK or UT that would like to start a SAVE chapter?

SAVE is partnering with the Allstate Foundation in these states to provide start-up funding for establishing a SAVE chapter and supporting school safety activities. Please contact Carleen Wray, Assistant Director, at cwray@nationalsave.org.