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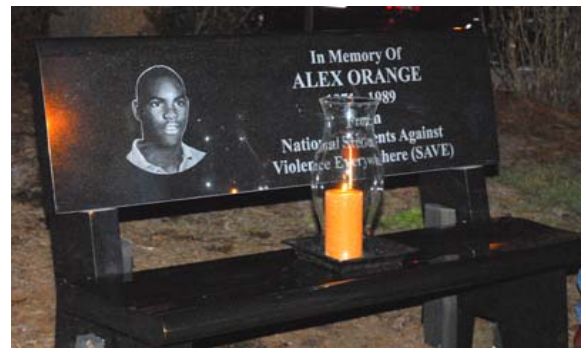
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*Students Against Violence Everywhere wishes everyone a
blessed and safe holiday season!*

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Dawne Orange: Turning Tears Into Smiles

Dawne Orange, Alex Orange's mother, spoke at the Alex Orange Memorial Dedication in conjunction with the National Youth Summit. She was very touched by the kindness of SAVE members across the country that raised funds to purchase the beautiful memorial bench for West Charlotte High School's Peace Garden. Dawne sent a thank you addressed to all SAVE members: ***"I would like to take the time to say "Thank You" for making the 20th Anniversary of my son's death, Alex Orange, a memorable occasion." ~ Love Always, Dawne Orange & Family.***



Thank you Dawne for sharing your son for all these years. We appreciate your support of SAVE and the great things that students are doing across the country to continue his legacy.

Chapter Highlight: Montbello High School

Allstate and the Montbello Students Against Violence Everywhere Chapter invite you to make the pledge to not text and drive. Allstate's national road tour stopped by Montbello High School during lunch on November 30th and asked students to take the pledge. Car crashes are the Number 1 killer of teens and the holidays are one of the deadliest times of the year. Texting while driving is dangerous and deadly yet the majority of teens still do it. By making the pledge to not text and drive, you are making a personal commitment to make the roads safer for you, your friends and other people on the road.

<http://www.facebook.com/ThumbsUpPledge>

THUMBS UP TO THE SAFEST HOLIDAY EVER.
TXTNG KILLS.
MAKE A PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE.
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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 our school and community, 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 as a promising effort in preventing violence in our schools and communities. Youth should not only know their rights, but responsibilities in areas of the law, government, the Constitution, and in daily civic activities. It is difficult to emphasize to youth that they "should" be and feel a part of their community without providing opportunities to learn 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 of **SAVE**. **SAVE** is a way for youth to get involved! For suggested activities and downloads, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/decembertheme.php>. For additional information on upcoming monthly topics, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>.

SAVE Question of the Month – December

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 December Question of the Month: **"How will your SAVE chapter help the less fortunate this holiday season? 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!

YABer Yak– Submitted by Jonai Lloyd, National Youth Advisory Board (NC)

The holidays are here and we are all excited to go out and buy gifts for our family. While you are out in the store buying for your friends and family, please consider picking up a toy for charitable children's organizations. December's monthly focus is reaching out through service. There are many ways you and your SAVE chapter can reach out to your community and school. Visit your local elementary school and read to the children. Conduct a food drive and feed a needy family for the holidays. Have your SAVE chapter adopt an underprivileged child for Christmas. My SAVE chapter collected toys and books for the local organization that helps people and their families to overcome barriers and succeed as a family. In my area many military families who have family members deployed are in need. Also our chapter is partnering with local youth club to sponsor an event on Martin Luther King Day to prevent violence and promote health and wellness. Even when the holiday season ends, it never means you should stop reaching out to your community and school. December is the month of giving, so do what's right and give back to you community.



Moser's Moments – SAVE Advisor of the Year, Mike Moser

One of the main keys to being successful in any organization or task to insure that you have as much support as possible. SAVE is an organization that depends upon support of all types. You should make it a priority to get support for your chapter from other teachers and staff members in your school. Certainly your principal is automatically a supporter by the position that he/she holds in the school. He or she is, after all, responsible for everything that happens at the school including the SAVE Chapter activities. Teachers in your school can help you in so many ways that it would be very hard to list them all. Let's start with a look at the trip to the SAVE Summit each year for example. In most school districts the ratio of students to adult supervisor for a field trip is normally 8 to 10 students per adult. The summit trip would be next to impossible without support of other teachers and parents of your members. Trips are not the only thing. Think of all the coordination that must happen for events to take place. Sometimes you may need someone to stand in for you for a chapter monthly meeting. You should also seek parental support and involvement. Work with your school PTA. In some cases the PTA may be able to provide some financial support for your events and activities. Twice a year our SAVE Chapter at Kernodle Middle School partners with our PTA and conducts a school cleanup as a service project. We have in the past also been granted some money from our PTA to buy materials to conduct a fund raiser for the chapter. Remember that support is very important to the success of your chapter. Ask for that support and you may very well be surprised what you get. Thanks, Mike Moser

National SAVE Begins a Nationwide Search for Board Members

Know someone that would serve on the National SAVE Board of Directors? National SAVE is now taking nominations from chapters and advisors for the 2010-2011 Board. Please email info@nationalsave.org with suggestions or for more information.

Violence Prevention Resources & Information:

The Influence of Perceived Family and School Contexts on Bullying

Bullying and victimization among boys and girls in middle school: The influence of perceived family and school contexts (2009) C. Wienke, et al., The Journal of Early Adolescence, 29 (4) 571-609.

<http://jea.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/29/4/571>

Bullying Peaks in Early Adolescence

Many parents report they worry about bullying, but bullying often goes unnoticed by adults with children in their care. Child Trends' new brief offers questions to ask and ways to address bullying among young teens.

http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2009_10_29_RB_AssessingBullying.pdf

Media Should Tread Carefully in Covering Teen Suicide

Teens are especially susceptible to "cluster suicides," where one appears to spark others. In this Nov. 30 segment, National Public Radio reports on ways in which careful media reporting, school screening for depression and other risks and erecting physical barriers can help avoid tragedy.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=120755264&ps=rs>

Online Tool Provides Strategies for Preventing Community Gang Violence

OJJDP has created an online tool that teaches communities effective strategies to address local gang problems. The tool, provided by OJJDP and BJA's [National Gang Center](#), is called the Comprehensive Gang Model Overview. It provides a 23-minute discussion of OJJDP's Model for identifying target areas with high levels of gang activity, locating gangs, and focusing appropriate resources on them. The tool also describes how communities can follow proven anti-gang strategies and how to implement the Model locally. To access the Comprehensive Gang Model Overview, visit

www.nationalgangcenter.gov/Comprehensive-Gang-Model/Online-Overview. Learn about the National Gang Center at www.nationalgangcenter.gov.

Funding/Contest Opportunities:

Allstate Foundation Grants

Thanks to a partnership with The Allstate Foundation, SAVE will be conducting special activities and events in the following areas of the country: Southeast Region, North Central Region, Midwest Region, Southwest Region, West Central Region, New Jersey, Texas and California (San Diego). Special opportunities for high schools in Grand Junction, CO; Wichita, KS; St. Louis, MO; Springfield, MO; Kansas City, MO; Omaha, NE; and Lincoln, NE are also available. If you are aware of schools interested in receiving grant funds in these areas, please contact the SAVE office.



Act Out Loud Countest! - Win up to \$10,000 (Deadline March 1, 2010)

It's time to raise your voice against distracted driving in your community! Join the 2010 Act Out Loud contest! Create an Act Out Loud team at your school and a great traffic safety project to give your team the opportunity to win a cool video camera and up to \$10,000 sponsored by The Allstate Foundation! www.actoutloud.org

Second Annual Keep the Drive High School Journalism Awards (Deadline: March 20, 2010)

Use your journalism skills to make a difference and create awareness about the No. 1 killer of teens. The Allstate Foundation is sponsoring the second annual **Keep the Drive High School Journalism Awards** to encourage teens to educate their peers about the dangers of texting while driving. This year, the Keep the Drive Journalism Awards wants teens to **specifically address the dangers of texting while driving**. All stories and news segments must incorporate this topic and include the Web site www.KeeptheDrive.com. KeeptheDrive.com is a great resource for your peers to learn more about texting while driving, and how to be a great driver. Award entries will be accepted from November 5, 2009, through March 20, 2010. <http://www.KeeptheDrive.com/HSJ.aspx>

2nd Annual U.S. State Department ExchangesConnect Video Contest (Deadline: January 12)

Together with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, we invite you to address this year's theme, "Change Your Climate, Change Our World." Your "climate" is not only the air you breathe, but also the people, places, and relationships that affect your daily life. Tell us in a video no longer than 2 minutes what you or someone you know is doing to make your community a better place, and in the process, contributing to a healthier, safer, cleaner, and more peaceful world. The contest is open to individuals from all countries and territories worldwide. Contestants must be registered members of ExchangesConnect (<http://connect.state.gov>) and 14 years or older at the time of submission. Four (4) Grand-Prize Winners will be eligible to receive an all-expense paid international exchange program trip. Check out <http://connect.state.gov> today to view Secretary Clinton's address and for more details about this contest.

ING - Unsung Heroes Program Grant (Deadline: 4/30/10)

The ING Unsung Heroes program annually provides grants to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning. The program looks for techniques and methods that are innovative, creative, and that positively influence students. <http://www.ing-usa.com/us/aboutING/CorporateCitizenship/Education/INGUnsungHeroes/index.htm>

Teaching Tolerance Grants (Deadline: Ongoing)

The Teaching Tolerance Grants Program, administered by the Southern Poverty Law Center, offers grants to pre-K-12 educators for projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools and/or support educator professional development in these areas. Proposals from community organizations and houses of worship will be considered on the basis of direct student impact. Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance tend to be focused on character/moral education, conflict resolution, multiculturalism, community service, and other aspects of tolerance education. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>

Kinder Morgan Foundation - Youth Program Grants (Deadline: 10th of Every Other Month)

The Kinder Morgan Foundation is aimed at providing youth the opportunity to learn and grow by supporting nonprofit youth programs that focus on education, the arts and the environment. Awards are typically between \$1,000 and \$5,000 and the program must serve a community where Kinder Morgan has operations. All organizations must have 501 (c) (3) status. Please contact the Kinder Morgan Foundation for more information and to apply for this funding: <http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/>

Disney Parks Hopes to Inspire 1 Million Volunteers Beginning January 1, 2010

Disney Parks has announced a new program that celebrates the spirit of volunteer service with a simple proposition: "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day." Disney hopes to inspire families to volunteer in their communities during 2010 through this first of its kind program. One million people who perform volunteer service for a participating organization will receive a free one-day admission ticket to a Walt Disney World Resort or Disneyland Resort theme park. While the "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day" program kicks off Jan. 1, right now guests can learn more about the program and how to get their free one-day admission to a Walt Disney World or Disneyland theme park by visiting www.DisneyParks.com