

## SAVE eSOURCE February 2008



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### Monthly Focus – DON'T BE A CHARACTER...HAVE GOOD CHARACTER TRAITS!

All is fair in LOVE and SAVE! February, the month for love, is the perfect time to show your good character! What are some positive character traits that you admire in others? In this month especially, try to demonstrate good character traits. Be a positive role model for those around you so they can learn good traits as well. Pick out a person in your life that demonstrates good traits and shadow that person for a day. For other suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/februarytheme.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>.

### SAVE Question of the Month – February

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 February Question of the Month:** *"February 4-8 is National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Week, how does your SAVE chapter help to prevent Dating Violence?"* 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!

### Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar for These Events!

- **TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK (February 4-8, 2008)**  
February 4 - 8, 2008 is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week, a time during which schools, law enforcement, public officials, and others conduct programs and activities for youth that promote awareness and prevention tips, as well as offer suggestions on healthy teen relationships. <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/teendating.shtml>
- **NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK (March 30 – April 5)**  
*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](http://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.

- **NATIONAL YOUTH TRAFFIC SAFETY MONTH (MAY)**

Would you like to receive a \$1,000 award for your efforts to reduce teen driving crashes in your community? Plan on participating in this year's National Traffic Safety Month, sponsored by National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS)! NOYS has once again designated May as National Youth Traffic Safety Month because it is an important time for teens to be focused on driving safety. To support National Youth Traffic Safety Month and as an incentive, Allstate Foundation is awarding \$1,000 to 50 local youth organizations for their youth-developed and implemented projects that demonstrate a strong focus geared towards youth traffic safety. [www.noys.org](http://www.noys.org)

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>
  - **EARLY BIRD DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>!**
- **Featured Speaker: Otis Lyons** - Rated a #1 anti-Gang, anti-Drug speaker, 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 Presenters** - We have a few spots open for outstanding chapters to present at session at the National SAVE Summit! **Chapters chosen to present will have their registration fee waived for up to three participants.** Contact [cwray@nationalsave.org](mailto:cwray@nationalsave.org) if you are interested in presenting!
- **2008 National SAVE Service Project: Tune into Service!** - This school 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](mailto:cwray@nationalsave.org) or mail them to the National **SAVE** office. Don't forget to include the following with each photo:
  - School/ Chapter name
  - Advisor name
  - 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.

## Violence Prevention Resources & Information

### NEW CDC DATA FROM THE SCHOOL-ASSOCIATED VIOLENT DEATH STUDY

CDC is pleased to present the most recent findings from this study, the School-Associated Violent Death Study (SAVD), in the January 18, 2008 edition of Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). The report assesses national trends in school-associated violent death, focusing on common features to determine potential prevention strategies. Key findings show the total rates of school associated student homicide decreased significantly (from .07 to .03 per 100,000) between academic school years 1992 thru 2006. Of the last 109 incidents of school-associated student homicides studied, 101 involved only one victim. To view an electronic copy of this document please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5702a1.htm>. Additional information can also be found at CDC's website [www.cdc.gov/injury](http://www.cdc.gov/injury).

### TEEN BIRTHS UP FOR FIRST TIME IN A DECADE AND A HALF

The teen birth rate in the United States has been on the decline since a recent peak in 1991, but preliminary data for 2006 show a rise of 3 percent in teen births between 2005 and 2006. "It's way too early to know if this is the start of a new trend," said Stephanie Ventura, head of the Reproductive Statistics Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "But given the long-term progress we've witnessed, this change is notable." The findings, based on data from over 99 percent of all 2006 births in the United States, are featured in a new CDC National Center for Health Statistics report, "Births: Preliminary Data for 2006." <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/07newsreleases/teenbirth.htm>

## Funding Opportunities:

### **THANK YOU TO THE ALLSTATE FOUNDATION FOR SUPPORTING SAVE CHAPTERS!**

***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 SAVE chapters and supporting school safety activities. Please contact Carleen Wray, Assistant Director, at [cwray@nationalsave.org](mailto:cwray@nationalsave.org).***

## Contests/Recognition Opportunities:

### **NOW ACCEPTING SAVE STUDENT OF THE YEAR, SAVE ADVISOR OF THE YEAR, AND SAVE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS!**

It is time to recognize how SAVE is making a difference in your school and community! The National Association of SAVE is now accepting nominations for the Annual SAVE Awards! Awards are given in the elementary, middle and high school levels in the following three categories:

- **National SAVE Student of the Year**
- **National SAVE Advisor of the Year**
- **National SAVE Chapter of the Year**

Visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/spotlight.php> to view past recipients and to download this year's nomination forms. Nomination deadline is **March 3, 2008**.

### **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>

### **JANE GOODALL GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

The Jane Goodall Global Leadership Awards honor organizations and individuals who share Dr. Jane's values, vision and commitment to making a positive difference in the world for all living things. The Youth Leadership

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Award recognizes an individual (age 14 to 24) who exhibits leadership and excellence through his or her work to help preserve our natural world, protect animals, or benefit our human community. To learn more, visit <http://www.rootsandshoots.org> Deadline: February 15, 2008

#### **BEST BUY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The 2007 Best Buy Scholarship Program will award scholarships to students based on their outstanding commitment to and involvement in community service, along with a solid academic performance. To learn more, visit <http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/scholarships.asp> Deadline: February 15, 2008

#### **NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH FOR THE BARRON PRIZE FOR YOUNG HEROES**

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its 2008 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 that have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. To learn more, visit <http://www.barronprize.org/> Deadline: April 30, 2008