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National SAVE wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year!

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Monthly Focus – Diversity

Recognizing diversity is important at every age level and in every part of the country. In every school there will be different groups and issues to consider. Look at your own chapter, school and community; is the membership in your chapter a reflection of your student body? Are there recruitment activities that you could use to bring in new members from underrepresented groups? Many chapters face challenges recruiting male members. Talk to males in your student body to see what might encourage more of them to join and be active in SAVE. Emphasize that being against violence doesn't make you a wimp or less macho. Continue to make being in SAVE a "cool" thing to do. For suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/januarytheme.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

SAVE Question of the Month – January

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 January Question of the Month: "How is your chapter making an effort to get students to speak up about their knowledge of destructive activities taking place or ones that are planned to take place prior to a terrible event occurring?" 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!

- **January is National Mentoring Month**
Share what you know – be a mentor! January is National Mentoring Month, so take time to show appreciation to the mentors in your life, as well as help a young person reach their full potential by being a mentor yourself. National Mentoring Month resources are available at <http://www.mentoring.org>
- **National Dropout Prevention Center Effective Strategies Institute (January 15-18)**
Daytona Beach, FL; <http://www.dropoutprevention.org/conferen/conferen.htm>
- **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

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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 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 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 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 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 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>
- **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 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.

Violence Prevention Resources & Information

ANNUAL REPORT ON SCHOOL SAFETY COVERS THE PREVALENCE OF BULLYING

The newly released (2007) edition of Indicators of School Crime and Safety, an annual report by the Bureau of Justice Statistics in partnership with other Federal agencies, examines the prevalence of crime and violence in US schools using indicators based on information drawn from a variety of data sources, including national surveys of students, teachers, and principals. Findings on indicator 11, Bullying at School include:

- * 24% of schools in 2005-6 reported that bullying was a daily or weekly problem
- * More middle schools than high schools reported daily or weekly occurrences of bullying
- * 28% of students ages 12 to 18 reported being bullied at school during the last 6 months.

Of those students who reported being bullied:

- * 24 % reported that they had sustained an injury as a result of the incident
- * 8% reported being bullied daily.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

NEW CYBERBULLYING PREVENTION CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

"If you wouldn't say it in person, why say it online? Delete cyberbullying. Don't write it. Don't forward it." This is the message of the National Crime Prevention Council's ad campaign to prevent cyberbullying. Audio/visual messages show teens publicly insulting peers in ways that would seem absurd in person, such as at a school assembly, or in the kitchen with friends. While most bullying prevention is school based, community groups, state and local public health, and law enforcement among others can use the PSAs, banners, and awareness-raising materials to mount their own campaigns, reinforce school-based prevention, and complement HRSA's Stop Bullying Now! Campaign. <http://www.ncpc.org/newsroom/current-campaigns/cyberbullying/>

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

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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**.

2008 GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY DISNEY MINNIE GRANT

Funded by the Walt Disney Company, Youth Service America is offering grants of up to \$500 to support youth (ages 5-14) in planning and implementing service projects in their community. Youth are encouraged to address issues such as climate change, diseases, human rights, and literacy. Applications are welcome from all countries and must be received by January 21. To learn more and download application materials, visit <http://www.ysa.org/awards>

HITACHI FOUNDATION OPENS NOMINATION PERIOD FOR YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Hitachi Foundation (<http://www.hitachifoundation.org/>) presents the Yoshiyama Award for Exemplary Service to the Community each year to ten high school seniors from around the U.S. on the basis of their community service activities. Activities must foster longer-term community change and be focused in socially and/or economically isolated communities. The award is accompanied by a cash prize of \$5,000 dispensed over two years. Recipients may use the award at their discretion. The award is not a scholarship. Deadline: April 1, 2008

GRANTS TO HELP TEACH TOLERANCE

Tolerance.org invites preK-12 classroom teachers to apply for grants of \$500 to \$2,500 to support projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools, and/or support educator professional development in these areas. There is no deadline for proposals. To learn more, visit <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>

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>

YOUTH FILM MAKERS SOUGHT FOR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Human Rights Watch International Film Festival and Adobe Youth Voices are looking for youth produced works on human rights from around the globe to screen in their newly established Youth Producing Change

Program. To learn more, visit

http://www.hrwgraphics.com/ffhtmlimages/YOUTHPRODUCINGCHANGE_Submissions.pdf

***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.***