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Tragedy on a School Campus

The events of February 14, 2008 at Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, IL and other recent incidents at post-secondary campuses across the country are so very tragic. National SAVE wishes to extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the victims. We are again reminded that school violence can happen anywhere and at anytime. We must continue to be vigilant in making our schools as safe and secure as possible. There will be time for analyzing the questions that this incident at Northern Illinois University raised, but for now we must deal with the grief and find ways to move forward. SAVE will continue our efforts to make all campus settings safe and secure while they remain conducive to learning. For resources visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/schoolviolence.php>

Monthly Focus – YOUTH EMPOWERMENT!

Reach for the Stars! **SAVE** was started by students in 1989 with the vision that all students would embrace the idea that the power of positive change is in your own hands. Still to this day the overall goals of the program are guided with the assistance of a [Youth Advisory Board](#) (YAB). Youth who are EMPOWERED to make a difference in their schools and communities is a key component to the **SAVE** program. No matter what your age or school level, you can make a difference. Your ideas, views on safety and violence prevention, as well as your talents are important and vital to your protection since you are the future. Never set limits on what you want to accomplish. Feel the power within to take a step forward and Reach for the Stars! For suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/march.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>.

SAVE Question of the Month – March

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 March Question of the Month: "March 31 – April 4 is National Youth Violence Prevention Week, how will your SAVE chapter celebrate this week?" 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!

- **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

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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.
- **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

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."



- **Registration Information -**
<http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/Registration.pdf>
 - **SUMMIT REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15TH!**
- **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."
- **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 15, 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 15, 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: 1) School/ Chapter name 2. Advisor name 3. Date and Name of Event pictured (and possibly names of students in the photo)

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- **Shout Out For SAVE!** - The SAVE Summit is the place to share your great violence prevention chants and raps. SAVE Chapters are encouraged to create a shout out or rap for this year's SAVE summit. Winning entries will be chosen to "shout out" their chants/raps at the Summit. Submit your chapters shout out/rap to the National SAVE office no later than March 15, 2008.
- **SAVE's TOP 10 Count Down!** - What are your Chapters favorite top five songs that promote peace and nonviolence? Please send your chapter's list via email to cwray@nationalsave.org before March 15th! All votes will be tallied and SAVE's Top Ten Countdown will be played at the National SAVE Summit!
- **Summit Lodging** - We have a block of rooms being held at the [Best Western Cary Inn & Extended Stay](#) at a special rate of \$69 plus tax for a double room. A complimentary, continental "plus" breakfast is included. When making your reservation, please mention that you are attending the SAVE Summit to get this special rate.

SPECIAL OF THE MONTH! SAVE Flags - Special price this month only for SAVE Chapters!

During March, SAVE flags will be on sale for \$100 each for registered SAVE Chapters. That's a savings of \$50 per flag! Flags are 47" high x 72" wide on white nylon with 2-color SAVE logo & have grommets on side for hanging. These flags can be used inside or out and help make a strong statement at SAVE meetings and assemblies. Place your order before March 31, 2008 to take advantage of this special offer!

<http://www.nationalsave.org/order/saveflag.php>

Violence Prevention Resources & Information:

CDC STUDY WARNS OF DEATHS DUE TO THE "CHOKING GAME"

Most fatalities in 11-to-16 year old boys. At least 82 youth have died as a result of playing what has been called "the choking game," according to a study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the February 14 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. The choking game involves intentionally trying to choke oneself or another in an effort to obtain a brief euphoric state or "high." Death or serious injury can result if strangulation is prolonged. Eighty-seven percent of these deaths were among males, and most fatalities occurred among those 11 years to 16 years old; the average age was 13, the report said. Choking game deaths were identified in 31 states, it said. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5706a1.htm>

PRESIDENT BUSH ESTABLISHES INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH PROGRAMS

On February 7, President Bush signed an Executive Order establishing the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs, a coalition of Federal agencies that will help support communities and organizations working on behalf of our nation's youth. The order builds on the success of Helping America's Youth. To learn more, visit

<http://www.helpingamericasyouth.gov/>

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.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S SAFE SCHOOLS/HEALTHY STUDENTS PROGRAM

This program supports integrated, comprehensive, community-wide plans that create safe and drug-free schools and promote healthy childhood development. **Deadline: March 14.**

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/dvpsafeschools/index.html>

JORDAN FUNDAMENTALS GRANT PROGRAMS OFFERS FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

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The Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program awards \$1 million annually to teachers across the United States who motivate and inspire students toward achieving excellence. The program is presented by the Jordan Brand, a division of Nike, Inc. Applicants must be public school teachers or paraprofessionals working with students in grades one through twelve. At least 50 percent of the school's student population must be eligible for the free or reduced school-lunch program at the time of application. The program makes grants in two categories: 1) Innovation Grants: Grants averaging \$2,500 each will be awarded to individual teachers for projects that will impact classroom innovation and improve instruction. 2) Inspiration Grants: Winners of Innovation Grants may apply for an Inspiration Grant. Grants totaling \$10,000 will be awarded to teams of teachers in support of scaling-up implementation of approaches developed with Innovation Grants. For complete information about the program, including eligibility requirements and application procedures, visit the Jordan Fundamentals Web site at <http://www.nike.com/jumpman23/features/fundamentals/overview.html> **Deadline: March 30, 2008**

HAMBURGER HELPER ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HOMETOWN HELPER GRANT PROGRAM

Hamburger Helper, a General Mills company, has announced a call for entries for the 2008 "My Hometown Helper" grant program, a nationwide initiative designed to lend a "helping hand" to local groups making a difference in their community. People looking to improve their hometown -- from helping to fund a volunteer fire department, to restoring a town landmark, to supporting a local school -- are encouraged to submit entries. Last year, the program gave away more than \$200,000 in total grants and helped communities purchase new band equipment, build a school playground, and fund a tornado warning system, among other projects. Applicants are invited to submit an essay of 250 words or less describing how the grant would help with their community project. Award amounts will range from \$500 to \$15,000 each, and all requests for funding must be sponsored by a charitable organization, municipal or civic organization, or a public school. Funds will be awarded based on the merit of the project, including its impact on, and support within, the community. **Deadline: March 31, 2008**
<http://www.myhometownhelper.com/>

BE THE CHANGE! PROGRAM GRANTS FOR YOUTH-LED PROJECTS

Peace Child International empowers young people to take responsibility for peace, human rights and the environment through education, leadership development, and direct participation in the events that shape our world community. Be the Change! Program provides small scale grants for youth-led projects. To learn more, visit <http://www.peacechild.org/www/pci/?id=121> **Deadline: March 31, 2008**

PAY IT FORWARD MINI-GRANTS

Funded by the Pay It Forward Foundation, this grant opportunity is designed to support one-time, youth-identified service projects that benefit schools, neighborhoods, or communities. **Deadline: April 15, 2008.** For more information, visit <http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html>

SPRINT AHEAD FOR EDUCATION

The Sprint Foundation has a forthcoming grant program in character education. It offers grants for schools (up to \$5000) and districts (up to \$25,000). **Deadline: April 15.**
<http://www.sprint.com/citizenship/education/sprintahead/index.html>

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! These 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

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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>

GOOGLE INVITES CHILDREN TO DESIGN SPECIAL LOGO

Google (<http://www.google.com/>) has announced the launch of Doodle 4 Google, a competition that invites K-12 students in the United States to design a Google logo on the open-ended theme "What If...?" The winning design will be used as Google's logo on May 22, 2008, with the artist receiving \$10,000 toward his/her college education. The winning student's school will also win a \$25,000 technology grant. Visit the Doodle 4 Google Web page for further information and entry guidelines. **Deadline: March 28, 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**

THE PEOPLE SPEAK VIDEO CONTEST

The People Speak is challenging U.S. high school students to create one to two minute video news stories showing a local angle to global issues. The prize for the top three teams is an all-expenses-paid trip to New York to attend the United Nations Foundation Youth Leadership Summit July 17-19. Video finalists will also be broadcast at the UN and seen by thousands of people from all over the world. To learn more, visit <http://www.thepeoplespeak.org/contests/reportlocally.html> **Deadline: May 2, 2008**