

## SAVE eSOURCE March 2009



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### Monthly Focus: Youth Empowerment!

Reach for the Stars! **SAVE** was started by students in 1989 with a vision that all students would embrace the idea that the power of positive change is in your own hands. Currently the overall goals of SAVE are guided with the assistance of a [Youth Advisory Board](#) (YAB). Youth who are EMPOWERED to make a difference in their schools and communities are a key component to the **SAVE** program. Regardless of 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! March 23 – April 3, 2009 is National Youth Violence Prevention Week, and a perfect time for you to be empowered and to empower other youth to make a difference! For suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/march.php> or <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YVPC.php>. For additional 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 23 – April 3, 2009 is National Youth Violence Prevention Week, how will your SAVE chapter celebrate this week?”** 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!

### YABer Yak on Youth Empowerment!

#### – Submitted by Candy Gonzalez, Western Regional Representative

Youth are often underestimated because of the statistics we set. When I say we I don't mean all of us, there are those who try to be part of the solution instead of the problem and that's YOUTH EMPOWERMENT. The youth that steps out of the crowd and wants to make a positive difference in our schools and communities has the power to change the world. We have the power of change right in front of us and all we have to do is grab it. **SAVE** is a great example of Youth Empowerment. It started in 1989 as a vision that students had because they wanted to be part of a solution instead of a problem towards violence, and as you can see it has been making a difference for 20 years! These students are proof that everyone anyone can make a difference. In the next couple of months your SAVE members have a chance to share their empowerment with other students. National Youth Violence Prevention Week is March 23-27 and



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SAVE member across the country will be conducting activities throughout the week. Be a positive influence to the youth around them and empower them with knowledge and skills to make a difference.

Be sure to inform your local media of your events so they can share how you are making a difference. Also, it's time for the National SAVE Awards! Be sure to submit your nominations for Student, Advisor and Chapter of the Year. Remember as long as you have positive goals the sky should never be your limit, because there are footprints on the moon!

### **SAVE is Now Accepting Nominations - Student, Advisor and Chapter of the year**

It is time to recognize how SAVE is making a difference in your school and community! 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**

Award recipients will be announced during National Youth Violence Prevention Week on Friday, March 27, 2009. Please visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/awards.php> to download applications. The deadline for submission of nomination forms is **Friday, March 20, 2009**.

### **SAVE is Seeking a Few Outstanding Teens! National Youth Advisory Board**

Interested in serving as a member on the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Youth Advisory Board? To learn more about the Board and their activities throughout the year, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YAB0809.php>. If you would like to apply to serve on the 2009-2010 National Youth Advisory Board, please fax or mail a completed application to National SAVE before **May 15, 2009**. If you have questions contact **SAVE** at 866-343-SAVE or via email at [cwray@nationalsave.org](mailto:cwray@nationalsave.org).

### **Need a Volunteer?**

The Allstate Foundation has graciously offered to provide volunteers in selected areas to get involved in your chapter, whether one-time volunteer opportunities, events where you need support, events where you need participation, or ongoing volunteer commitments. The more information and preparation time you can provide the better. For each opportunity, please provide: 1) Dates 2) Times: start time and duration, 3) Location, and 4) Contact within your organization for volunteers to ask questions or sign up. Send your requests to [info@nationalsave.org](mailto:info@nationalsave.org)



### **SAVE Across the Country and World:**

#### **SAVE MEMBER TO MAKE ACTING DEBUT ON NATIONAL TELEVISION SHOW**

Tyrese Magee, President of the Marion County Chapter of SAVE in Indianapolis, Indiana, recently spent time in California to participate in the production of an episode of the NBC television show *My Name Is Earl*. The episode is scheduled to run on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Tyrese is scheduled to appear in a role where he plays a son. He is expected to have speaking lines in a scene with an astronaut and his on-screen father. Submitted by Byron Johnson, SAVE Coordinator, Indianapolis, IN.



#### **SAVE MEMBERS TAKE TO THE MALL FOR FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK**

All three SAVE Chapters of Montague, Morell, and Souris High Schools helped to raise awareness about relationship abuse and where to go for help. Students handed out Mission Statements, buttons, balloons and made picket signs that read slogans of "Say No To Abuse" and "VIP - Violence Is Preventable" we created quite a stir in the mall that day. The children wanted our purple balloons and the parents wanted our information. Submitted by Maxine McLennon, Prince Edwards Island SAVE Chapters, Canada.



### SAVE MEMBERS CONDUCT CALL TO ACTION

On February 19, 2009 nearly 100 people, mainly youth, attended the CALL TO ACTION - SPEAK OUT WEST CHARLOTTE (NC) Community Violence Prevention Forum hosted by three Charlotte area SAVE Chapters –West Charlotte High School, Harding University High School, and EE Waddell High School. The event was very emotional, yet uplifting and hopeful - these kids are amazing. Channel 9 Eyewitness News was there as well and interviewed West Charlotte High School SAVE Chapter Co-presidents Olivia Scott and Jalisa Walker. Special thanks to the Allstate Foundation for supporting for this event.



### How does SAVE make a difference? Evaluation data released

A recent qualitative evaluation on SAVE's positive influences on the students and the school environment was conducted utilizing the CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health School Health Index (SHI), which is an on-line interactive assessment tool that school team members completed in order to identify a safety or violence prevention area for improvement. SAVE chapter members successfully developed and implemented programs to improve these identified areas. Success was determined through student-written success stories, a tool designed to show a program's progress over time as well as its value and impact. These Success Stories reflected the efforts of SAVE students working to improve school connectedness, build respect, and establish a safer physical environment, as well as to decrease harassment and bullying at their schools. (A full report to be available from National SAVE in April)

UPCOMING EVENTS			
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	MORE INFO
<b>MARCH</b>			
18-21	<b>The 20th Annual National Service-Learning Conference: Growing Hope, Cultivating Change</b>	Nashville, TN	<a href="http://www.nylc.org/conference">http://www.nylc.org/conference</a>
23-27	<b>National Youth Violence Prevention Week</b> <b>National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign</b> <small>Presented by: National S.A.V.E. and The Guidance Group</small>	Nationwide	<a href="http://www.nyvpw.org">http://www.nyvpw.org</a>
24	<b>Allstate Teen Safe Driving Summit</b>	Brownsville, TX	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/Brownsville%20workshop%20flyer.pdf">http://www.nationalsave.org/PDF/Brownsville%20workshop%20flyer.pdf</a>
<b>APRIL</b>			
19-22	<b>20th National Youth Crime Prevention Conference &amp; International Forum</b>	Orlando, FL	<a href="http://www.ycwa.org/youthcon/">http://www.ycwa.org/youthcon/</a>
<b>MAY</b>			
May	<b>National Youth Traffic Safety Month</b> 	Nationwide	<a href="http://noys.org/YouthTrafSafe/toolkit.html">http://noys.org/YouthTrafSafe/toolkit.html</a>
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
17	<b>2009 National SAVE Summit</b> 	West Charlotte High School ~ Charlotte, NC	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php">http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php</a>

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## **Violence Prevention Resources & Information:**

### **Free Toolkit Available**

Request your free National Youth Traffic Safety Month toolkit that includes a Youth Traffic Safety Month 18 month wall calendar, poster with lesson plans and handouts, and the National Youth Traffic Safety Month toolkit on CD by e-mailing your mailing address and request to NOYS at [info@noys.org](mailto:info@noys.org). These materials are made possible through support from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. and The Allstate Foundation.



### **ThatsNotCool.com: A campaign to prevent digital dating violence among teens**

This campaign, conducted by the Advertising Council, in partnership with the Family Violence Prevention Fund and the Department of Justice's Office on Violence against Women, is designed to help teens recognize digital dating abuse and take steps to prevent it. Digital abuse is a growing form of abuse, particularly among teens. According to recent research studies, approximately 70% of teens talk daily with friends on a cell phone, 60% send text messages daily, 54% send instant messages, 47% send email messages daily over social networking sites, and many teens are blogging. However, with the benefit of these new technologies comes the risk of digital abuse, which can include unwanted, repeated calls or text messages, breaking into email or social networking accounts, or being pressured to send private or embarrassing pictures or videos. Although this issue has gone largely undetected by most adults, it is prevalent in teen life. The new multimedia campaign includes: an interactive website; mobile component; PSAs for television and radio; posters in schools and malls; and Web ads. For more information, visit the campaign website where teens can find tools to "draw their own digital line" and a forum to discuss this form of abuse and seek help. Visit <http://www.thatsnotcool.com/>

### **Register Now for the Stop Bullying Now! CyberBullying Web Cast!**

This Web cast is a great opportunity to learn from experts in the field about bullying prevention and awareness. CyberBullying is an emerging phenomenon among youth. Traditionally, bullying has involved actions such as hitting, punching, teasing, name-calling, or intimidation. In recent years the popularity of technology has given children and youth a new means to bullying each other. CyberBullying is a serious problem. In separate studies, 18% of students in grades 6-8 said they had been cyber bullied at least once in the last couple of months; and 17% of 6-11 year-olds and 36% of 12-17-year-olds reported that someone said threatening or embarrassing things about them through e-mail, instant messages, web sites, chat rooms, or text messages. You can help to reverse this trend by educating yourself on best practices in bullying prevention and intervention. Tune in on April 22, 2009 from 3:00-4:30 PM EST to learn about cyber bullying. <http://www.mchcom.com/liveWebcastDetail.asp?leid=371> Learn more today about the Stop Bullying Now! Campaign by visiting the Stop Bullying Now! <http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/index.asp>

### **FindYouthInfo.gov Launch Announcement: Federal Agencies Develop Web Site to Strengthen Youth Programs**

The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs is pleased to announce the launch of [FindYouthInfo.gov](http://FindYouthInfo.gov), a collaborative effort of 12 Federal departments and agencies developed out of a shared goal of strengthening community resources to support our Nation's youth. This site provides targeted information to help youth-serving organizations and community partnerships plan and implement effective youth programs. Visit [FindYouthInfo.gov](http://FindYouthInfo.gov) today and learn about all its great features and benefits for individuals and communities. Sign up for e-blasts to stay abreast of the latest youth-related news and new site features.

### **Funding/Contest Opportunities:**

#### **Got To Be Safe! (Deadline: March 23, 2009)**

To encourage teachers at elementary schools nationwide to help their students learn these valuable and potentially life-saving lessons, Honeywell and NCMEC launched the Got 2B Safe! Contest in 2005 where teachers were invited to submit brief lesson plans emphasizing Got 2B Safe's rules for personal safety. Five grand prize winners receive professional classroom makeovers worth \$10,000 and more than 100 other winners receive gift certificates for school supplies worth up to \$500. <http://www.got2bsafe.com/>

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**Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation, Inc. - Youth Development Grant (Deadline: 4/1/09)**

The Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation, Inc. strives to support programs that provide educational, cultural and career-development opportunities for youth. The Foundation is also committed to supporting health-related organizations that affect a diverse population of youth.

<http://www.tommy.com/opencms/opencms/corporate/foundation/grantdeadlines.html>

**Mountain Dew Voltage and Do Something, Inc. – Power in Numbers: Win Group Grants to Ignite Change (Deadline: 4/6/09)**

Mountain Dew Voltage and Do Something, Inc. are seeking youth teams that create and implement community-change projects. Submissions will be judged according to their ability to create measurable change, be focused on communities, have long-term problem solving actions, creativity, and diversity and be youth led and driven. <http://www.energizyourcommunity.com/>

**Teens for Planet Earth Service Awards (Deadline: 4/15/09)**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Teens for Planet Earth Service Awards. The TPE Service Awards recognize teens around the world for service-learning projects that demonstrate their commitment to the environment. TPE teams whose projects are deemed to be of exceptional quality will be awarded at three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Gold Award winning teams receive US\$1000 to further enhance their projects or education. This is an **international award** and we highly encourage all teens who are involved in environmental projects to apply. Learn more at

<http://teens4planetearth.com/serviceawards>

**Wal-Mart Foundation – State Giving Program Grant (Deadline: 4/17/09)**

Through the State Giving Program, the Wal-Mart Foundation seeks to support organizations that create opportunities so people can live better. The Foundation has four areas of focus: Education, Health and Wellness, Environmental Sustainability and Workforce Development/Economic Opportunity.

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8169.aspx?p=8168%20>

**Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes (Deadline: 4/30/09)**

NOMINATE A YOUNG SERVICE-LEARNING LEADER FOR A \$2,500 BARRON PRIZE!

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its 2009 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 that have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Nomination deadline is April 30. For more information and to nominate, visit

<http://www.barronprize.org/>

**A.L. Mailman Family Foundation, Inc. – Early Child Education Grant (Deadline: 5/1/09)**

The A.L. Mailman Family Foundation strives to promote the building of sustainable systems that provide access to high quality early learning experiences for all children. The Foundation also seeks to support children in the context of their families and communities.

<http://www.mailman.org/guidelines/index.html>

**Target – Family Violence Prevention Grant (Deadline: 5/31/09)**

Target's Family Violence Prevention Grant is intended to support programs that strengthen families and communities by keeping them safe. Target strives to prevent family violence by supporting programs that offer parenting classes and family counseling in addition to providing assistance to support groups and abuse shelters. <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031767>

**BJ's Charitable Foundation – Community Program Grant (Deadline: 7/10/09)**

The BJ's Charitable Foundation strives to enhance and enrich community programs that primarily benefit children and families. The Foundation seeks organizations that promote safety and well-being of children and families, support education and health programs provide community service opportunities and aid in hunger and disaster relief. <http://www.bjs.com/about/community/charity.shtml>