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Congratulations on a Job Well Done! –National SAVE Day, National SAVE Rock-A-Thon, and America’s Safe Schools Week,

Thank you to all of the chapters who have submitted emails, letters and pictures of their activities for America’s Safe Schools Week, National SAVE Day and the National SAVE Rock-A-Thon! If you haven’t shared with National SAVE the success of your activities, please do so! Click here to see highlights of the wonderful press coverage across the nation on your activities <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/news.php>

Monthly Focus – Weapon Safety

In 2005, 19 percent of students in grades 9-12 reported they had carried a weapon anywhere, and about 6 percent reported they had carried a weapon on school property (Indicators of School Crime and Safety, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2006). Many weapons, not just firearms, are discovered on school campuses every year. Do students at your school know what is considered a weapon? Each state has a specific definition of what is considered a weapon and what the consequences are for bringing a weapon on campus. November is a great time to remind students what school policies exist on weapons and the consequences for bringing weapons on campus. For suggested on weapon safety, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/novembertheme.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

SAVE Question of the Month – November

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 November Question of the Month: “If a student is interested in starting a SAVE chapter at their school, what three things would you tell them about SAVE?”** 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!

- **It's Drowsy Driving Prevention Week (November 5-11)**
Fifty five percent of all motor vehicle crashes in which the driver fell asleep involved drivers 25 years and under (Pack 1995). This sobering statistic is one of many that confirms young drivers are at increased risk of motor vehicle deaths. National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) Member, National Sleep Foundation (NSF) is taking action by launching Drowsy Driving Prevention Week (DDPW) on November 5 - 11, 2007. DDPW is a far-reaching, public awareness and advocacy campaign developed to educate young drivers, their parents, and others about drowsy driving and its prevention. More info: www.DrowsyDriving.org
- **National Family Week (November 18 - 24)**
With support from the The Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Alliance for Children and Families announces

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National Family Week. It is intended to highlight the importance of strong communities that are connected with the needs of families and the positive impact this has on children's lives. Get something started in your hometown! <http://www.nationalfamilyweek.org/>

- **2007 National Youth Court Conference (December 9-12)**
This outstanding federally sponsored and funded National Conference will feature more than a dozen sessions for adult staff and adult volunteers who are involved in local teen courts, peer courts, student courts and youth courts. Registration is limited to only 350 adult participants - so register now and do not miss out. Learn how to plan and implement a youth court; educate new staff and stakeholders; enhance your existing program; and network with your peers from around the country. Location: Historic Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, LA. For more information: <http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/1027/315/>
- **4th Annual Youth Service Institute, Surfing the Wave of Change (December 12-14)**
Youth service allows young people to take action on very real and very serious social issues, transforming themselves and their communities. The youth service field is at a position of strength. This maturity, combined with better positioning in the public's eye and on the candidates' platforms, and with record participation by youth allows us to think bigger and more boldly about breadth and depth. By "surfing the wave of change," we are embracing the opportunity to conquer some of the world's most challenging issues through youth service and encouraging others to become engaged in this movement. Location: Omni San Diego Hotel, San Diego, CA. For more information: <http://ysa.org/ProgramsServices/YouthServiceInstitute/tabid/181/Default.aspx>
- **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 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 31 – April 4)**
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)**
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." Mark your calendar so you don't miss this important event. Visit www.nationalsave.org frequently to learn about the National Service Project, Keynote Speakers, Activities and opportunities associated with this year's summit. www.nationalsave.org

Other events: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/events.php>

Violence Prevention Resources & Information

- **SAVE PARTNERS WITH PERIWINKLE NATIONAL THEATRE – Bring *HALFWAY THERE* to Your School!**
A cast of professional actors tell the story about 5 teens who have one thing in common...drug and alcohol abuse. *Halfway There* captivates audiences with its gritty depiction of a treatment center for
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young addicts and the performance is heightened by original poems written by troubled teens during the recovery process. By empathizing with the on-stage characters, teenagers look deeper into their own personal challenges with peer pressure, self-esteem, respect, family tension, and making the right choices. Run time-65 minutes. Normal Performance Fee: \$2,450.00. **Thanks to a special partnership SAVE MEMBERS - \$600.00 performance fee.**

➤ **OAS REPORT PRESENTS "A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AMERICAN ADOLESCENTS"**

According to a recent report published by the [Office of Applied Studies](#) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in 2006, one third of U.S. youth age 12 to 17 drank alcohol and one fifth used an illicit drug in the past year. The October 18, 2007, issue of [The OAS Report](#) draws on the 2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health and other data to describe "[A Day in the Life of American Adolescents: Substance Abuse Facts](#)." Resources: To access the report and related resources, visit <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k7/youthFacts/youth.cfm>.

➤ **SPEAK OUT AND MAKE NOYS IN YOUR COMMUNITY!**

NOYS has just released the updated version of the project planner and organizer "Speak Out and Make NOYS". Speak Out and Make NOYS is a health and safety awareness project planner that can be used to address a specific need in your community. This project manual was developed with the direction and input of youth. These youth conducted their own projects and have provided their success stories, personal advice, inspiring ideas, real-life examples, and proven techniques to give a project planning kit that is truly "teen tested and approved". Download a FREE copy of this program by visiting <http://noys.org/Speakout.htm>. This Web page offers a download of the manual and also the accompanying video.

➤ **COMIC BOOK FEATURES SPIDER-MAN IN BATTLE AGAINST UNDERAGE DRINKING**

A special comic book titled "Hard Choices", featuring Spider-Man and the Fantastic Four characters, educates 4th- through 8th-graders about the perils of drinking. Developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in collaboration with Marvel Entertainment and the Elks USA, "Hard Choices" urges children to become real-life heroes by making healthy choices in a battle against underage drinking. A teacher's guide features interactive activities for educators, parents, and youth leaders to use with children. A PDF version of the teacher's guide is available on the SAMHSA Publications Web page, and a free hard copy of the teacher's guide is included with every order of 25 or more comic books. To order the comic books, contact SAMHSA's Health Information Network at 1-877-SAMHSA-7 or 1-800-487-4889 (TDD).

➤ **STOP BULLYING NOW ILLUSTRATED BOOKS AVAILABLE**

Many of you are familiar with the TIME for Kids "TFK Extra!" series illustrated books based on the Stop Bullying Now! Campaign. These materials include activities and stories for youth using characters and situations from the SBN! Webisodes. Each 12-page issue encourages youth to be more socially accepting of one another and to respect one another's differences. There are three volumes in the series and an accompanying Teacher's Guide. All of these materials are available online for you to print and use right away. We hope you'll take advantage of this valuable tool.

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/class/about/article/0,17401,1147582,00.html>

Funding Opportunities:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE -- GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION TRAINING

The U.S. Department of Justice is accepting applications for its Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T) grant program. The purpose of the program is to support school-based primary prevention of delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership through the school-based G.R.E.A.T Program.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08GREATsol.pdf> (Deadline: 12/13/07)

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 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 is **February 15, 2008**.

TOLERANCE.ORG -- MIX IT UP GRANTS

The Mix It Up Grants program funds youth-directed activist projects that focus on identifying, questioning, and crossing social boundaries in schools and communities. Grants are limited to \$500. For more information, go to: <http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>

Contests/Recognition Opportunities:

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>

OJJDP ANNOUNCES MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY POSTER CONTEST

The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) has announced its [2008 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest](#). The theme is "Bring Our Missing Children Home." Held annually, the contest challenges 5th-grade students to develop artwork that represents America's goal to bring missing children home safely. The winning poster will be displayed at the National Missing Children's Day ceremony at the U.S. Department of Justice, which will be held in May 2008. For additional information about the Missing Children's Day Poster Contest, visit <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/postercontest/index.html>.

2008 BRICK AWARDS

Have you made a real difference in the lives of others? Are you age 25 and under and a permanent resident or citizen of the U.S. or Canada? If you have answered "Yes!" to all of the questions above, then you should **apply for a BRICK Award**. Apply for a chance to win \$100,000 in community grants and scholarships. **The deadline to apply is December 31, 2007**. For more information, see <http://www.dosomething.org/brick>

AARP ANNOUNCES AARP U@50 CHALLENGE The Grand Prize Winner receives \$5,000!

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Where do you see yourself by the time you turn 50? Enter AARP's U@50 Challenge for a chance to win \$5,000! Here's how to participate: 1. Watch the AARP U@50 Challenge call-out video. 2. Produce a creative 1-2 minute video describing where you see yourself by the time you turn 50. 3. Go to the U@50 group page. 4. Submit your video! Submission deadline is **November 30, 2007**. For more information, visit <http://www.youtube.com/Uat50>.

JOIN THE THREE DOT DASH INITIATIVE

The We Are Family Foundation has launched a global initiative designed to recognize and support the efforts of teens around the world who are working on projects that promote a more peaceful society. Twenty-five to thirty Global Teen Leaders between the ages of 13-19 are being selected from nominations by organizations for their prior accomplishments, and invited to participate in a year-long Three Dot Dash initiative, beginning with the Just Peace Summit in New York, in April, 2008. To learn more, visit <http://www.threedotdash.org/>

NO NAME-CALLING WEEK 2008 CREATIVE EXPRESSION CONTEST

No Name-Calling Week (January 21 - 25, 2008) is a week of educational activities aimed at stopping name-calling and verbal bullying in schools. The *Creative Expression Contest* is an opportunity for students to submit essays, poetry, music, original artwork, or other pieces that convey their experiences and feelings about name-calling, and their ideas for putting a stop to verbal bullying in their schools and communities. The contest is divided into three different judging categories. It is open to all individual students ages 5 to 15, and to schools or school districts that serve students in grades 5 through 8. All entries must be postmarked on or received via fax or e-mail by 6pm Eastern time on Tuesday, **November 20, 2007**. Winners will be notified by telephone, mail, or e-mail by mid-January 2008. <http://www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/news/record/57.html>

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 a SAVE chapter and supporting school safety activities. Please contact Carleen Wray, Assistant Director, at cwray@nationalsave.org.