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National SAVE Day – October 18, 2006

The National Association of SAVE is proud to announce National SAVE Day will be October 18, 2006. SAVE members across the country are planning activities to bring awareness to the issue of school violence and how they are searching for real solutions to this problem. Please join us in this important event. Visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDay.php> for ideas and opportunities as well as downloadable copies of media advisories and sample activities. Be sure to place your orders for SAVE merchandise early so that you receive them before National SAVE day! <http://www.nationalsave.org/order.php>

SAVE Chapters Kick-off Nationwide Rock-A-Thon – It's Not too Late to Participate!

On Friday, September 15, 2006 SAVE Chapters from across the country kicked off the National Rock-A-Thon to Benefit SAVE. By participating in the 2006 National SAVE Rock-A-Thon, SAVE chapters will have a tremendous impact on improving safety while helping to achieve SAVE's vision of schools being safe and secure, free of fear and conducive to learning. Funds received from the National SAVE Rock-A-Thon will enable chapters to conduct violence prevention activities throughout the school year and enable National SAVE to continue its mission by engaging, educating, empowering and encouraging students to make a positive difference in the safety of their schools and communities. National SAVE is a public 501(c) 3 nonprofit and is funded through public support. **Congratulations and THANK YOU! to all of the chapters who have held their Rock-A-Thons. Good luck to all the chapters that are hosting a Rock-A-Thon in October.** Many are kicking off America's Safe Schools Week with their Rock-A-Thons. **Be sure to let us know your Rock-A-Thon date so we can post it on the web and inform supporters in your area.** For more information visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php>.

Upcoming Events:

Mark Your Calendar for these Events!

- National SAVE Day – October 18, 2006
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDay.php>
- America's Safe Schools Week – October 16-20
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/safe%20schools%20week.php>
- National SAVE Summit – March 31, 2007
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>
- Other events
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/events.php>

SAVE Question of the Month – October

The October Question of the Month is: **"How is your SAVE Chapter Celebrating National SAVE Day?"** Send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

SAVE Implementation Training – Lee County Schools, Virginia

Several SAVE Youth Advisory Board Members and Ambassadors traveled to Lee County, Virginia on October 22 to conduct a SAVE Implementation Training for Lee County High School and Thomas Walker High School. Fifty students attended the one day training and learned about SAVE's history, philosophy and essential elements. As a special treat, participants from a National Spokesperson for Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), Miss Virginia 2006, Adrianna Sgarlata. If you are interested in a training for your school district, contact National SAVE for pricing information and available dates. <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/trainings.php>

Monthly Focus – School & Community Crime Prevention

Ghosts, goblins and witches too! Don't let violence haunt you! Here are some useful ideas to help keep your school and community safe during the Halloween holiday, football season, and throughout the fall! The third week of October is America's Safe Schools Week. [National SAVE Day](#) is the Wednesday of that week. This week provides a unique opportunity for **SAVE** chapters to focus on educational issues that directly affect the safety and security of your community. Planning and preparation can be done before America's Safe Schools Week to make sure your school and community have a week filled with awareness and activities. For suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/octobertheme.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

Funding Opportunities:

YouthRising Grant Program to Support High Risk Youth in Volunteer Service

Youth Service America (<http://www.ysa.org/>) and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/>) have announced the launch of the YouthRising grant program. This opportunity offers grants of \$2,000 for organizations in the United States to engage high risk and/or gang-involved youth (ages 12-25) in volunteer service to their communities. Community-based groups/organizations, local government agencies, schools, and faith-based groups that have prior experience and documented success working directly with high-risk and/or gang-involved youth are eligible to apply. The program seeks projects that are co-led by youth and adult allies such as parents, counselors, coaches, teachers, youth leaders, etc. A significant portion of the project must take place on National and Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22, 2007. Application materials are available at the YSA Web site: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10003576/YSA>

Deadline: October 12, 2006

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 deadlines are October 15, 2006 and February 15, 2007.**

Youth Organized For Disaster Action Grant

The Institute for Global Education and Service Learning (IGESL) and the National Dropout Prevention Center are sponsoring grants for AL, MD, NJ, PA, and SC schools to address disaster preparedness and community safety concerns by engaging students in service-learning activities. To learn more and apply, visit

http://www.igesl.org/html/yoda_mini_grants.html **Deadline: October 26, 2006**

Youth Leaders for Literacy to Awards Grants for Student-Led Projects

Youth Leaders for Literacy is an initiative of the National Education Association (<http://www.nea.org/>) and Youth Service America (<http://www.ysa.org/>) to help youth direct their enthusiasm and creativity into reading-related service projects. Grant applications should propose youth leadership in developing and implementing a literacy project that begins on NEA's Read Across America Day, March 2, 2007, and culminates on YSA's National Youth Service Days (<http://www.ysa.org/nysd/>), April 20-22. The National Education Association will award twenty grants of \$500 each to support student-led initiatives. Applicants aged 21 or younger can apply either as individuals or groups. Youth should be involved in preparing and submitting the grant application. More info:

<http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/> **Deadline: November 24, 2006**

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Entries Invited for the National Schools of Character Awards Program

Every year, the Character Education Partnership names ten public and private K-12 schools and districts as National Schools of Character in recognition of their outstanding work in character education. With support from the John Templeton Foundation, the 2007 award recipients will each receive a \$20,000 grant: \$10,000 to enhance their program and \$10,000 to provide outreach to other educators. State winners will be named and celebrated in each state. To be eligible, a school must have been engaged in character education for a minimum of three full years, starting no later than December 2003 for the 2007 awards. More info:

http://www.character.org/site/c.gwKUJhNYJrF/b.1761695/k.58CF/National_Schools_of_Character_Awards.htm

Deadline: December 4, 2006

Target Launches New Field Trip Grants Program

As part of the Target (<http://www.target.com/>) commitment to supporting education, the new Target Field Trip Grants program will award U.S. educators grants of \$1,000 each to fund a field trip for their students. Target Field Trip Grants may be used to fund trips ranging from visits to art museums and environmental projects to cultural events and civic experiences. Up to eight hundred grants will be awarded. Grants are awarded to educators, teachers, principals and/or classified staff. **Applications must be submitted electronically by November 1, 2006.** <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-002537>

Recognition Opportunities:

Do Something Brick Awards

The Do Something BRICK Awards honor outstanding leaders under 25 who utilize their talents to the benefit of their community. Since 1996, the BRICK Awards have honored youth who identify problems in their communities and use their talents to measurably strengthen our world. All BRICK Award winners have a shot at \$25,000 and international recognition. To learn more, visit <http://www.dosomething.org/brick/>. **Deadline: October 25, 2006**

Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program

The Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program honors young people who have excelled in school and who are making their community and the world a better place. Twenty-five young people selected from nominations from volunteers, parents, and teachers will be featured in a special publication and honored at a ceremony in Los Angeles, CA during the summer of 2007. Nestlé will provide all the expenses for the winners' trips to Los Angeles, and will also donate \$1,000 in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. Nominees should have a strong background in citizenship, school, community involvement, and reading. Legal residents of the U.S., between 10 and 18 years of age, are eligible for the program. For more information and to download an application, please visit <http://nestle-verybestinyouth.com/vbiny/home.jspa>. **Deadline is November 1, 2006.**

Young Volunteers Invited to Apply for Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in grades 5 through 12 who have demonstrated exemplary voluntary service to their communities. The program was created in 1995 and is sponsored by Prudential Financial (<http://prudential.com/>) in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (<http://www.principals.org/>). Over the past twelve years, the program has honored more than 70,000 young volunteers at the local, state, and national levels. Schools and officially designated organizations may select one middle level and one high school Local Honoree for every 1,000 students (or portion thereof). Local Honorees are judged at the state level, with 102 State Honorees from the 50 United States and the District of Columbia to be named in February 2007. Each State Honoree will receive \$1,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., (May 5-8, 2007) with a parent or guardian. While in Washington, ten National Honorees will be chosen. Each of the ten National Honorees receives an additional \$5,000, a gold medallion, and a crystal trophy for his or her school. More information is available at http://www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec.asp?CID=539&DID=48173 . **Student applications are due back to schools by October 31, 2006.**

Backstreet Boy Brian Littrell And All Stars Recruiting Student Leaders For World's Largest Thanksgiving Dinner

Backstreet Boy Brian Littrell and All Stars seeks 1,000 school teams nationwide to organize events for the World's Largest Thanksgiving Dinner. For more information visit www.4allstars.org and to hear the PSA, visit <http://www.4allstars.org/acct/content/FileGallery/UploadFolder/BLPSA.mp3>