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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 and the [National SAVE Rock-A-Thon](#) wraps the week up on Friday. 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>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

SAVE Question of the Month – October

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 October Question of the Month: “*What is your SAVE Chapter doing for America's Safe Schools Week, National SAVE Day and the National SAVE Rock-A-Thon?*” 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!

OCTOBER

- **October 5-7: 8th National Conference on Preventing Crime: Helping Build Safer Communities.**
A forum and training for all crime prevention practitioners to identify and learn about emerging trends and issues and ways to address them; to network with colleagues from across the country to share experiences and successes; and to renew commitments to prevention as a priority in reducing crime. Hilton Atlanta Hotel - Atlanta, GA. More info:
<http://quest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?i=ef06b71a-0983-455c-ade7-969cf9711efb>
- **October 21-27: AMERICA'S SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK** - Activities conducted during America's Safe Schools Week will draw attention to the continuing problem of school violence and educate everyone about how schools can be made safer and more secure. America's Safe Schools Week offers an opportunity to address this very important issue and to take steps to ensure that schools offer students and teachers an environment in which they can perform to the best of their abilities. More information:
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/safe%20schools%20week.php>

- **October 24: NATIONALSAVE DAY** - The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) invites you to participate in National SAVE Day! Mark your calendars for this important event to take place on October 24, 2007. This event occurs during America's Safe Schools Week. More info: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDay.php>
- **October 26: National SAVE Rock-A-Thon** - The National SAVE Rock-a-thon is an opportunity for your SAVE chapter and community to come together to raise proceeds and awareness for achieving the mission of Students Against Violence Everywhere. The event provides a forum for SAVE members to 1) highlight information and awareness on your SAVE chapter and its activities; 2) conduct a safe and fun activity for chapter members that can build friendships and assist your chapter in performing as a team early in the school year; and 3) raise funds for your SAVE chapter and the National Association of SAVE. More info: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php>
- **October 29-31 – Washington, DC: National Conference on Safe Schools and Communities** - The Hamilton Fish Institute on School and Community Violence and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will hold the National Conference on Safe Schools and Communities. The conference will feature bullying prevention, mentoring, program evaluation, and community programs, with special sessions on youth courts and mental health. Additional sessions will address gangs, juvenile and restorative justice, and protective factors and resilience, among other subjects. To learn more, visit <http://gwired.gwu.edu/hamfish/AnnuaIConference/2007/>

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

Violence Prevention Resources & Information

- **PAX/Real Solutions to Gun Violence Offers Free Materials**
PAX has created a Safe Schools Week Events and Activities Planning Guide. The guide is free to download at safeschoolsweek.org. It contains event suggestions, project ideas, tips for getting press and useful templates and materials.
- **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>
- **Safe Schools/Healthy Students Fact Sheet Spotlights Juvenile Justice**
The National Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention has published [Developing Safe Schools Partnerships: Spotlight on Juvenile Justice](#). The information provided in this 2-page fact sheet draws on the experience of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, a collaborative effort of the U.S. Departments of Justice, Education, and Health and Human Services. Among the resources cited for developing effective juvenile justice-school relations is the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Preventions' [Model Programs Guide](#), an online portal to scientifically tested and proven programs that address a range of issues across the juvenile justice spectrum. <http://www.promoteprevent.org/Resources/briefs/juvenile%20justice%20resources.html>
- **Reading, Writing, and... Drinking? Survey Summary Shows Underage Drinking Begins as Early as Fourth Grade**
"Children are drinking, and our concern with underage drinking needs to start in elementary school, not in high school or college," says John E. Donovan, Ph.D., author of "Really Underage Drinkers: The

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Epidemiology of Children's Alcohol Use in the United States." Published in the September issue of Prevention Science, the study finds that 10 percent of fourth graders have already had more than a sip of alcohol -- and this percentage not only increases with age but doubles between grades four and six. Donovan maintains that parents and teachers would do well to begin alcohol-prevention programs as early as fourth grade, rather than waiting until middle or high school. <http://www.preventionresearch.org/>

➤ **CDC Reports 'Significant' Increase in Youth Suicides**

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today reported the biggest annual increase in 15 years in suicides by females 10 to 19 years old and males 15 to 19 years old. The increase occurred between 2003 and 2004, and officials said they do not know if the rise in number of suicides was short-lived or represents the beginning of a trend. "Either way, it's a harsh reminder that suicide and suicide attempts are affecting too many youth and young adults. We need to make sure suicide prevention efforts are continuous and reaching children and young adults," said Dr. Ileana Arias, director of CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. The overall increase in suicides was 8 percent, with firearms the most common method for both boys and girls, followed by hanging/suffocation. Further information is available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr

Funding Opportunities:

Looking for funding to Attend the SAVE Summit on April 5, 2008????

Target Corporation Expands Student Field Trip Grant Program

The Target Field Trip Grant program will award grants to schools across the United States for field trips in the spring of 2008. Grant-funded field trips may involve museum, environmental, or science projects; artistic and cultural experiences; and civics or community service projects. Up to 1,600 grants of up to \$1,000 each will be awarded in February 2008. <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-002537>

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MACY'S "SHOP FOR A CAUSE"

The Shop For a Cause event is sponsored by Macy's twice a year and is a wonderful tool for raising money and community awareness for your SAVE Chapter. Ticket sales have already begun for the **October 13th** event. All participating chapters sell \$5 shopping passes to the event. The shopping pass has a discount of up to 20% and includes an offer of \$10 off a single \$20 purchase with the shopping pass that day. All of the proceeds from your chapter's shopping pass sales will go directly to your chapter. By purchasing a shopping pass, customers can support their favorite cause while enjoying a shopping event full of special discounts and a chance to win a \$500 shopping spree. Contact National SAVE for additional information on how to participate.

PAY IT FORWARD FOUNDATION -- YOUTH SERVICE MINI-GRANTS

The Pay It Forward Foundation is accepting applications for its mini-grants that support one-time only service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Projects must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others - with the results growing exponentially. **Deadline October 15, 2007.** More info:

<http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/ops1081.asp>

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:

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- 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 deadlines are **October 12, 2007** and **February 15, 2008**.

YOUTH LEADERS FOR LITERACY GRANTS

Youth Leaders for Literacy is an initiative of the National Education Association and Youth Service America to help youth direct their enthusiasm and creativity into reading-related service projects. The NEA will be awarding 20 grants of \$500 each to youth-led literacy projects that begin March 3, Read Across America Day, and end April 25-27, Global Youth Service Day. The deadline to apply is October 26. To learn more, visit <http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer>

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>

PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC. – SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recognizes middle and high school students for outstanding volunteer service to their communities. More info: <http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/ops1082.asp> Deadline: **October 31, 2007**.

SUBMIT STORIES FOR THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ALLIANCE GLOBAL YOUTH YEARBOOK

The Youth Empowerment Alliance, Inc is creating the Global Youth Yearbook and is looking for the best of the best youth-told stories worldwide. The Global Youth Yearbook will serve as a "snapshot" of life as a teenager during this year and will be distributed in schools, bookstores, and online. The Youth Empowerment Alliance is looking for all types of stories including print, photography, video, and design. The submissions will be evaluated by a group of leading journalists, including Pulitzer Prize winners. For more information on submitting stories, contact sara@tampabay.rr.com

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APPLICATION FOR THE 2008 100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE NOW AVAILABLE

The America's Promise Alliance invites applicants for the 2008 100 Best Communities for Young People Competition. The 100 Best Communities for Young People is an annual competition that recognizes outstanding community-wide efforts that improve the well-being of youth. The 2008 application is now available for download. The deadline to apply is **November 2**, and applicants are encouraged to start the process early. To learn who the 2007 winners were and read the guidelines for 2008 applicants, visit <http://www.americaspromise.org/APAPage.aspx?id=5922>

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/>

2008 INNOVATOR AWARD

Southern Growth Policies Board is seeking nominations for the 2008 Innovator Awards. The awards honor unique programs that target youth ages 14-24 and encourage volunteerism and community service, involve youth in meaningful decision-making roles, increase youth participation in the political process, serve non-traditional populations, and promote youth entrepreneurship. To learn more, visit <http://www.southern.org>

MTV LAUNCHES FIRST ONLINE COMMUNITY TO MAKE YOUTH FAMOUS FOR DOING GOOD

MTV along with founding partners the Case Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Goldhirsh Foundation and the MCJ Foundation, recently launched a new movement in youth activism: Think.MTV.com. Think.MTV aims to be the definitive online resource and rally point for young changemakers to "Get Educated, Get Connected, Get Heard, Get Active, and Get Rewarded." To learn more, visit <http://think.mtv.com>

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>