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**SAVE Summit – October 17, 2009 – Charlotte, NC**  
**SPECIAL SAVE CHAPTER REGISTRATION FEE – \$10.00 EACH!**

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**REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2009 SAVE SUMMIT!**  
**The SAVE Masquerade: Unmasking Violence**  
**for 20 Years!**  
**October 17, 2009**  
**Charlotte, North Carolina**



Thanks to a partnership with the Allstate Foundation, the 2009 Summit will be held on the campus of West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, North Carolina on Saturday, October 17, 2009 to celebrate SAVE's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the birth place of SAVE. There will be motivating workshops, outstanding speakers, a multimedia slide show presentation, and a national service project dedication. Workshop sessions will be filled with both fun and educational information. The sessions will be presented by SAVE members from across the country. Visit the Summit Web Page for information on speakers, presenters, other summit highlights and to register for this historical summit! <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>

**SAVE Summit Scholarships – Register for the Summit now!!!!**

National SAVE has been fortunate to secure a limited number of SAVE Summit Scholarships! Current SAVE Members, Advisors and Family members can register for the SAVE Summit for \$10.00 each! Fax in your registration today and mention scholarship code 09MASK!

**Summit Raffle – Get Your Tickets Now!**

This year's Summit Raffle includes an assortment of prizes donated to SAVE from various companies and organizations. Please visit our Summit Raffle page at <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/raffle.php>. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the Summit, by calling the SAVE office at 919-661-7800 with a credit card number, or online via the Paypal button on the Raffle webpage. Raffle tickets will be mailed after purchase, free of charge. Phone and web raffle ticket sales will be accepted through Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 5 pm. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win. There will also be an ebay auction held the week of the Summit. Watch the Summit page for more information!

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## Monthly Focus: School & Community Crime Prevention

This year we will be kicking off America's Safe Schools Week with the National SAVE Youth Summit on October 17th. This event will be celebrating SAVE's 20th Anniversary and will be held at West Charlotte High School - where the very first SAVE chapter originated. Please join us in celebrating this historic event. National SAVE Day is celebrated on the Wednesday of Safe Schools Week and the National SAVE Rock-A-Thon wraps up the week 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 and downloads, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org>. For additional information on upcoming monthly topics, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>.

## SAVE Question of the Month – October

Please share the SAVE Question of the Month with your SAVE members. The Youth Voices section of the forum is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country. **The October Question of the Month: "How is your SAVE Chapter participating in America's Safe Schools Week and National SAVE Day?"** 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– Submitted by Brehanna Jordan, National Youth Advisory Board CoChair (IL)

October is here and it's time to celebrate SAVE! This year marks our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that theme will be reflected at the National SAVE Summit on October 17th. There is still time to register for this important event! We will be hosting a special memorial event the evening before, October 16<sup>th</sup>, where SAVE will dedicate a Memorial Bench in Alex Orange's honor to West Charlotte High School. October 19-23 is America's Safe Schools Week and the activities that we do for Safe Schools Week will draw the attention to continuing school violence that is occurring in our nation schools every day and how students can make a difference. October 21st is National Save day where SAVE chapters across the country conduct activities and create awareness of this important issue. October 23rd is the National Save Rock-A-Thon and by participating in the Rock-A-Thon your chapter can raise funds to assist you in your activities throughout the year. Be sure to visit [www.nationalsave.org](http://www.nationalsave.org) for ideas on the great activities your chapter can do to create safer schools and communities!



## Moser's Moments – SAVE Advisor of the Year, Mike Moser

Work with your SAVE Chapter officers to make your chapter visible in your school and community. The big mission of SAVE is to spread a message about crime prevention, conflict management, and service projects for students in your school. This can only be done from outside of your meeting area. Go down your halls and ask any students if they know about your SAVE program. Stop by your local YMCA and do the same thing. Ask people if they are aware of the program and its benefits to your school and community. If you get no response then you have the thing that your chapter needs to work on. In the past the Chapter at Kernodle set up tables in the halls in the mornings and asked students to sign a violence free pledge statement. Students signed their names on strips of orange and purple construction paper. The chapter made a SAVE chain from the strips by gluing the ends together in a link then adding the links together. The chain was very long and hung unbroken for several months in the halls of the school. This served as a visible testimony that SAVE was in fact in the building. It also created a situation where all or most of the student population became involved in an activity. This was very low cost with a high output. Ask your local YMCA or a business such as a grocery store if the Chapter can setup an information booth and give out SAVE information to their patrons. You would be surprised what happens when people know your organization is at your school. Thanks and I hope to see you at the upcoming SAVE Summit.

## Highlighting Chapter Activities – Thornton Township High School (IL)

**Call to Action by Thornton Township High School SAVE Chapter!** Thornton Township HS SAVE chapter in Illinois is calling all SAVE chapters to action to STOP THE VIOLENCE! Chapter members have prepared flyers and petitions. For additional information on how your chapter can become involved, email

them at [TTHSSAVE@yahoo.com](mailto:TTHSSAVE@yahoo.com). Congratulations to TTHS SAVE chapter for undertaking this activism project.

UPCOMING EVENTS			
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	MORE INFO
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
16	<b>Alex Orange Memorial Dedication</b>	Charlotte, NC	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php">http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php</a>
17	<b>2009 National SAVE Summit</b>	Charlotte, NC	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php">http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php</a>
19-23	<b>America's Safe Schools Week</b>	Global	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/safe%20schools%20week.php">http://www.nationalsave.org/main/safe%20schools%20week.php</a>
21	<b>National SAVE Day</b>	Global	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDay.php">http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDay.php</a>
23	<b>SAVE Rock-A-Thon</b>	Global	<a href="http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php">http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php</a>

### Violence Prevention Resources & Information:

#### **CASA Report Finds Teens Who Have Infrequent Family Dinners Likelier To Drink, Smoke, Use Marijuana**

Teens likelier to be able to get prescription drugs, marijuana, within an hour when family dinners infrequent. Compared to teens who have frequent family dinners (five or more per week), those who have infrequent family dinners (fewer than three per week) are twice as likely to use tobacco or marijuana; more than one and a half times likelier to use alcohol; and twice as likely to expect to try drugs in the future, according to [The Importance of Family Dinners V](#), a new report by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University. The CASA report also found that compared to teens who have frequent family dinners, those who have infrequent family dinners are more than twice as likely to be able to get marijuana in an hour and one and a half times likelier to be able to get prescription drugs to get high within an hour. "The magic of the family dinner comes not from the food on the plate but from who's at the table and what's happening there. The emotional and social benefits that come from family dinners are priceless," said Elizabeth Planet, CASA's Vice President and Director of Special Projects. <http://www.casacolumbia.org/templates/Home.aspx?articleid=287&zoneid=32>

#### **Peer Victimization Linked to Youth Suicide**

Youth who are threatened, experience physical violence, or are injured by peers, report more suicidal thoughts and behavior than non-victimized youth, according to a study released in the July 19, 2009 online edition of the Journal of Pediatrics. Conducted by scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the study documents a significant connection between this type of peer victimization and youth [suicide](#). Scientists measured physical violence by peers, a form a peer victimization that can occur during bullying and other incidents, and, the relationship to suicidal thoughts and behaviors. Findings show that youth threatened or injured by a peer were 2.4 times more likely to report suicidal thoughts, and 3.3 times more likely to report suicidal behavior than non-victimized peers. Youth suicide is a serious problem that can have lasting harmful effects on individuals, families, and communities. Investing in programs and policies that reduce peer victimization experiences in schools might have far-reaching effects on suicidal behavior. <http://www.cdc.gov/injury/pdfs/InjuryCenterConnection-Fall2009-a.pdf>

#### **New CDC Website for Youth Violence Statistics**

Violent injury and death disproportionately affect adolescents and young adults in the United States. Homicide is the second leading cause of death among youth aged 10–24 years. [Violence](#) is also a major cause of nonfatal injuries among youth. However, it is possible to prevent violence and help our youth to live healthier and more fulfilling lives. Monitoring and tracking trends in [youth violence](#) across the U.S. provides critical data to help prevent youth violence. CDC's new [website](#) provides national and state-specific statistics on youth homicide and non-fatal assault-related injury rates. These data can help public

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health officials, researchers, practitioners and the public to describe and monitor youth violence trends and to develop and evaluate prevention programs and strategies. Together we can create communities in which youth are safe from violence. [http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/youthviolence/stats\\_at\\_a\\_glance/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/youthviolence/stats_at_a_glance/index.html)

### **Free Resource: Building Blocks of Peace**

The Institute for Economics and Peace is proud to announce the Building Blocks of Peace - a series of downloadable teaching materials that offer a fresh perspective to the issues surrounding global peace. Available as separate modules or a combined curriculum, these comprehensive teaching aids will guide students to understand global peace and discover solutions to violence and conflict. The Building Blocks of Peace offer:

- Four free peace education modules designed for 14 to 16 year olds
- Unique breadth of coverage - built on the latest global peace research
- Exclusive links to information sources including the Global Peace Index and video clips from the acclaimed documentary Soldiers of Peace
- Comprehensive curriculum guides, complete with teacher notes, student handouts, assessment suggestions and extension activities

Download at: <http://www.economicsandpeace.org/Education>

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

#### **Allstate Foundation Grants**

**Thanks to a partnership with The Allstate Foundation, SAVE will be conducting special activities and events in the following areas of the country: Southeast Region, North Central Region, Midwest Region, Southwest Region, West Central Region, New Jersey, Texas and California. If you know of schools interested in receiving grant funds in these areas, please contact the SAVE office.**



#### **National Student Design Project (Deadline: October 16, 2009)**

The **National Student Design Project** is intended to get middle and high school students thinking about the safety of their schools and communities. **High Schoolers:** students can submit a poem, story, song, or rap that expresses their feelings on school violence and safety. Any form of writing is accepted. Their submissions can be fictitious or factual, and are meant to encourage kids to speak up against school violence. **Middle Schoolers:** students can design a T-shirt that includes the SPEAK UP hotline (1-866-SPEAK-UP) and website ([www.speakup.com](http://www.speakup.com)). The T-shirt can depict a symbol, pattern or simple image that is eye-catching and contains a message promoting safety. A handout with a blank t-shirt template and tips about designing T-shirts can be found on the NSSW website. Please visit [www.speakup.com](http://www.speakup.com) for more information.

#### **National Gardening Association & Home Depot – 2010 Youth Garden Grants (Deadline: 11/2/09)**

The National Gardening Association and The Home Depot provide Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. <http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>

#### **Adobe Youth Voices International Photo Competition - Round 2 (Deadline: November 1)**

When written in Chinese or Japanese, the word "crisis" is composed of two characters--one represents crisis or danger, and the other represents hope or opportunity. We have taken this as inspiration for our first-ever international photo competition. "Crisis and Hope" offers an exciting opportunity for youth around the world to express themselves and make their voices heard--on both what is challenging and what gives hope in today's difficult world. Winning photographs will be showcased online, in a traveling exhibit, and in a book. The call for photos is part of Adobe Youth Voices, a global youth media initiative, in collaboration with WKCD (What Kids Can Do). This contest is open to all young people--anywhere in the world--between the ages of 12 and 19. Learn more at: [http://www.whatkidscando.org/AYV\\_Photo\\_Competition/Home\\_.html](http://www.whatkidscando.org/AYV_Photo_Competition/Home_.html)

#### **U.S. DOJ Weed & Seed Grants (Deadline: December 1)**

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Community Capacity

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Development Office (CCDO) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications from interested communities to participate in the Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program. This program furthers the Department's mission to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity. The Weed and Seed initiative comprises a community-based, comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration. It is designed for communities with persistent high levels of serious violent crime and corresponding social problems. Organizations eligible include: state, local or tribal governments or nonprofit organizations in communities with persistent high levels of serious violent crime and that have not previously been an approved Weed and Seed site. [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/funding/appl\\_kit.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/funding/appl_kit.html)

**Teaching Tolerance Grants (Deadline: Ongoing)**

The Teaching Tolerance Grants Program, administered by the Southern Poverty Law Center, offers grants to pre-K-12 educators for projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools and/or support educator professional development in these areas. Proposals from community organizations and houses of worship will be considered on the basis of direct student impact. Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance tend to be focused on character/moral education, conflict resolution, multiculturalism, community service, and other aspects of tolerance education. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>