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Monthly Focus – Speaking Out: Communication

In September, SAVE chapters really get rolling. It takes good communication to get the word out about your chapter and the great things you are doing. Have kick-off meetings, membership drives, and start planning projects and fund-raisers for the year. This is the time when most chapters elect their officers for the year and begin publicizing SAVE and all of the great activities that will lie ahead. Start contacting resource people in your school or communities (i.e. counselors, SROs, violence prevention specialists, etc.) that can help enhance your meetings or serve as speakers. You may also contact businesses or civic groups about becoming possible sponsors for your planned events. Get together with other schools in your area to begin planning joint projects for the year such as participating in [National SAVE Day](#) and the [National SAVE Rock-A-Thon!](#). Middle and high school chapters may want to contact feeder schools to set up presentations for younger students who may be interested in joining **SAVE**. For suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/septembertheme.php>. Be sure to watch for your back to school mailing from SAVE for additional information. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

SAVE Question of the Month – September

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 September Question of the Month: *“Spring of 2009 will mark the 20th Anniversary of SAVE! What types of national activities might you suggest to encourage all chapters to participate?”* Send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org. Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

Upcoming Events:

September

- Peace Day ~ September 21, 2008
 - <http://peaceoneday.org/home.aspx?band=hi>

October

- Kentucky Safe Schools, Successful Students Conference ~ October 6-7, 2008
 - www.kysafeschools.org
- AASA Safe and Secure Schools: Superintendents Lead the Way Conference ~ October 8-10, 2008
 - www.aasa.org
- National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton, OH Teen Summit– October 8, 2008
 - <http://www.nccjgreaterdayton.org/prog5.html>
- **National SAVE Youth Leadership Institute, Raleigh, NC - October 9-13, 2008**
 - www.nationalsave.org
- Allstate Teen Driver Safety Institute, Raleigh, NC – October 16, 2008
 - www.keepthedrive.com

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- The Sixth Teen Culture Conference: Contagion!, University of Virginia - October 13, 2008
 - <http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/teen-health/TCC.cfm>
- **America's Safe Schools Week ~ October 20-24, 2008**
 - <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/safe%20schools%20week.php>
- **National SAVE Day – October 22, 2008**
 - <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDay.php>
- **National SAVE Teen Summit sponsored by the Allstate Foundation, Lubbock, TX - October 22, 208**
 - <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/Allstate.php>
- **National SAVE Rock-A-Thon – October 24, 2008**
 - <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php>
- Youth Service Institute 2008: Across the Street, Around the World – October 26-28
 - <http://www.ysa.org/institute>
- Spirit of Safety (S.O.S.) Conference, November 10-12, 2008 Jackson, MS
 - <http://www.jsoms.edu/cll/sos.08/registrationform.pdf>
- National Youth Violence Prevention Week – March 23-27, 2009
 - <http://www.nyvpw.org>

Introducing the 2008-2009 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board!

It is with great pleasure that we introduce the 2008-2009 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board. We received many outstanding applications from across the country and it was difficult to narrow down the board to the top ten students to be the youth voice for SAVE. Learn more about the Youth Advisory Board online at <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YAB0809.php>. They will be participating in the National SAVE Youth Leadership Institute in Raleigh on October 9-13. There they will plan many exciting activities and events for chapters including a National Service Project, activities for America's Safe Schools Week, National SAVE Day, the National SAVE Rock-A-Thon, National Youth Violence Prevention Week and the 20th Anniversary of SAVE celebration. This prestigious group includes:

- Gerardo Ceballos, Montbello High School (CO)
- Nigel Cox, Farmville Central High School (NC)
- Danielle Diaz, Highland High School (NM)
- Candy Gonzalez, Montbello High School (CO)
- Brehanna Jordan, North Chicago High School (IL)
- Kalynn Kowitz, Wilmot Union High School (WI)
- Amanda Krebsbach, Mukwonago High School (WI)
- Casey Story, Garner Senior High School (NC)
- Jonai Lloyd, Laney High School (NC)
- Cassady Tetsworth, Northwest High School (NC)

SAVE Chapter Spotlight: Travis County Sheriff's Office - Texas

Sheriff's Office Sponsors SAVE Coloring/Poster Contest - The Travis County Sheriff's Office is announcing a Student's Against Violence Everywhere Coloring/Poster Contest, in partnership with the Austin American-Statesman, that will address bullying and conflict resolution with school-aged children in Travis County. The poster design and coloring contest is for Travis County students in kindergarten through high school and is designed to teach area students on how to recognize and prevent bullying in their schools and communities. The deadline to submit an entry is Oct. 10, 2008. Elementary students have the opportunity to color "Mr. Cool" and middle and high school students will design a poster based on the SAVE pledge which reads:

- I pledge to:
- Work to make our school free from violence, drugs, and weapons
 - Avoid violence at school and in my community
 - Work out problems peacefully
 - Help others work out problems peacefully

To get more information on the contest and to download "Mr. Cool" go to: www.tcsheiff.org/outreach/save.html.

Name	Phone
Address	Grade
School	

IT'S A POSTER COLORING CONTEST!
 Together with the Austin American-Statesman, the Travis County Sheriff's Office wants you to enter your best work. So if you're in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, color Mr. Cool and show how you're doing your part to make your school a safe place to learn the cool stuff. Send your page to Travis County Sheriff's Office, Community Outreach Unit, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767, by Oct. 10, 2008, and you could win some cool prizes!

SAVE Across the Country

- SAVE is proud to be partnering with the Allstate Foundation in NC, SC, NJ, TX, OK, UT, NV, MN, WI, IL, PA, and IN.
- SAVE Trainings were held in August in Las Vegas, NV and San Diego, CA.
- SAVE speakers can be seen at upcoming conferences in NC, SC, OH, VA, and MS.

Violence Prevention Resources & Information:

Character Counts Curriculum

Character Counts' Foundations for Life program offers free writing prompts, lesson plans, and cross-curricular connections based on character-related maxims that complement your existing programs. Learn more at:

<http://charactercounts.org/programs/FFL/index.html>

Monthly Lesson Plan: Back-to-School Lesson

Back to school is a hectic time for teachers and pupils. With so many stories to catch up on and so many schedules to coordinate, new students can often feel lost and left out. This lesson plan helps create a welcoming atmosphere in the school for new students through the collaborative efforts of staff and students. Newcomers won't ever feel lost again with maps, important names and numbers, and other useful resources to help them find their feet and make new friends. Access the lesson plan at: http://charactercounts.org/pdf/chronicle/Chron2008-08_LP-Back2School.pdf

Reaching Through the Cracks: A Guide to Implementing the Youth Violence Reduction Partnership

In 1999, a group of key stakeholders in Philadelphia—including the district attorney's office, adult and juvenile parole, other city agencies and community organizations—came together to address youth violence in their city by forming the Youth Violence Reduction Partnership (YVRP). Its goal is to steer young people, ages 14 to 24 and at greatest risk of "killing or being killed," away from violence and toward productive lives. This publication outlines how cities and other jurisdictions can plan and carry out an initiative like YVRP. The manual includes an overview of the key elements of the model; steps in planning the initiative; roles and training of staff who work with the participants and details about the supervision and support these staff provide. Additionally, it provides tips on essential practices for maintaining and strengthening YVRP and an exploration of the costs and other issues involved in making decisions about expanding the initiative.

http://www.ppv.org/ppv/youth/youth_publications.asp?section_id=9#pub241)

CDC Launches First Public Health Video ~ Break the Silence: Stop the Violence

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) is excited to announce that CDC now broadcasts public health videos through the CDC.gov Web page. The first segment, "Break the Silence: Stop the Violence", addresses the topic of teen dating violence. It may shock you to know that one out of every eleven teens reports being hit or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past twelve months. Why is that, and how can we change it? View this innovative video, "Break the Silence", where real parents and teens discuss the problem of dating violence and how to stop it before it starts. This video is the first in the "Health Matters" series of on-line videos found on the new CDC-TV Web page and premieres work being done by the Center's Division of Violence Prevention (DVP) through the 'Choose Respect' initiative.

<http://www.cdc.gov/CDCTV/BreakTheSilence/index.html>

Funding Opportunities:

Macy's Shop For a Cause – September 20, 2008

This one-day shopping event is one of the many ways Macy's gives back to our community through support of local non-profit organizations! On Shop For A Cause Day, guests have the opportunity to participate in a unique shopping experience including discounts, entertainment, special events and the opportunity to win thousands of dollars worth of prizes. Participating organizations sell \$5 shopping passes to the event. Your organization keeps the proceeds from every shopping pass you sell. It's that simple! By purchasing a shopping pass, customers can support their favorite cause, while enjoying a day full of extraordinary discounts and events throughout the store.

<http://www.macys.com/campaign/shopforacause.jsp>

Pay It Forward Mini Grants

Pay It Forward Mini-Grants are designed to fund 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 contain a "pay it forward" focus - that is, they 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 - to be considered in the grant making process. <http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html> **Deadline: September 15, 2008**

Kids in Need Teacher Grants

Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. The Kids In Need Foundation helps to engage students in the learning process by supporting our most creative and important educational resource — our nation's teachers.

<http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/index.php> **Deadline: September 30, 2008**

Teaching Tolerance Grants

Pre-K through grade 12 classroom teachers can get funds for projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools and/or support educator professional development in these areas.

(Proposals from other community organizations and houses of worship will be considered on the basis of direct student impact). <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp> **Deadline: open.**

Contests/Recognition Opportunities:

Caring Institute Accepting Nominations for the Caring Award

The Caring Institute (<http://www.caringinstitute.org>) is now accepting nominations of individuals of all ages for the Caring Award. Nominations should describe, in at least five hundred words, individuals who personify caring and would be a worthy role model to be emulated by others. Letters of recommendation should be included to give testimony to a long-standing commitment to public service. Nominations should give consideration to: length of service; scope and impact of work; degree of difficulty and obstacles encountered; and imagination and innovation. Award recipients are flown to Washington, D.C., and honored at a special ceremony. Young adults recipients receive educational monies for college tuition. Complete award program information and nomination form are available at the Caring Institute Web site:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10011830/caringawards> **Deadline: September 28, 2008**

Student Volunteers Invited to Apply for Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial (<http://www.prudential.com>) and administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (<http://www.nassp.org>), are designed to honor middle and high school students for volunteer community service. Eligible applicants include any young person in the United States who is in grades five through twelve and who has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the twelve months prior to the date of application. Local honorees are selected in November, and from these winners two state honorees are chosen in each state and the District of Columbia. Out of the state honorees, ten national honorees are selected and announced at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., in May of 2009. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000 and an all- expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for national recognition events. National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000. More info:

<http://www.prudential.com/spirit/> **Deadline: October 31, 2008**

Maybelline New York Invites Nominations for Beauty of Education Awards

Maybelline New York (<http://www.maybelline.com>) seeks to honor outstanding women who have made a difference in their communities by working to support educational causes. The company's Fourth Annual Beauty of Education Awards will select ten winners to each receive: a \$10,000 grant earmarked for her educational cause, a trip for two to New York City for the awards event, and the opportunity to have her cause showcased in a national ad in Essence, People, or People in Espanol magazines. Self-nominations are accepted. The nominee must be a U.S. resident and at least 18 years of age to be eligible.

<https://www.timeinc.net/people/secure/sweeps/maybelline2008/> **Deadline: October 10, 2008**