

## SAVE eSOURCE Summer 2007



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### Meet the 2007-2008 National Youth Advisory Board!

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) is proud to welcome the 2007-2008 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board. The 9 member board from all across the country was chosen for their leadership skills, dedication to preventing youth violence in their school and community, and desire to lead the 200,000 SAVE members across the country for the 2007-2008 school year. To learn more about these students, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YAB0708board.php> This year's board includes:

- Christian Gonzalez, CoChair, Denver, CO
- Michael Register, CoChair, Farmville, NC
- Amber Bivins, Chapel Hill, NC
- Brehanna Jordan, North Chicago, IL
- Kalynn Kowitz, Burlington, WI
- Brett Powers, Medical Lake, WA
- Wesley Rossdeutscher, Oklahoma City, OK
- Casey Story, Garner, NC
- Katie Weart, Concord, NC

### Monthly Focus – Gangs

Many teens join gangs because they are bored, lacking in purpose, or looking for a way to belong. But there are other options. Sports, clubs, recreational, and after-school programs give you a great chance to meet new people, explore new interests, develop new talents and skills, and to connect with people that really care about you and your well-being. The response from school officials to the presence of gangs requires a combination of prevention, intervention, and enforcement strategies. Local law enforcement also needs to be involved since gang activity is usually present on and off school property. Gang activity often escalates in warmer weather and when schools are out for the summer, so this is a good month for **SAVE** chapters to focus on the awareness of this issue. For other suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/may.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

### SAVE Question of the Month – July

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 July Question of the Month comes from a SAVE student: “I will be President of my SAVE chapter and was wondering how we can recruit more members?”** 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!

### **Now on Sale! SAVE: Teaming Up for a Better Tomorrow T-shirts!**

Get your SAVE: Teaming Up for a Better Tomorrow T-shirt by visiting the online SAVE Store at <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/89shirt.php>. This white t-shirt with the SAVE logo on front and team logo back as well as the number 89 (in honor of the year SAVE started - 1989), is currently on sale for a reduced price of \$7 each.

### **Back to School SAVE Mailing – Late August**

Watch your mailbox in late August for the annual fall mailing to all SAVE Chapter Advisors! Be sure that your chapter has paid their annual membership fee to insure you receive this vital packet of information. The mailing will include important information to get your SAVE chapter off on a great start this fall. The packet will include:

- **Back to School Safety Guide** that includes ideas for fall kick-off events, lesson plans, reproducible brochures and handouts, safety tips for administrators, teachers, students and parents, and much more!
- **SAVE Activity Calendar** with monthly themes, ideas, and activities for your SAVE Chapter throughout the school year.
- **National SAVE Day Activity Guide and Poster** – National SAVE Day is October 24<sup>th</sup> and occurs during America's Safe Schools Week, the 3<sup>rd</sup> full week of October. This guide will help your chapter to prepare an awesome day of violence prevention activities. The guide includes sample press releases, proclamations, and activities for your chapter.
- **National SAVE Rock-A-Thon Planning Packet** – Could your chapter use some funds to start off the school year? Participate in the National Rock-A-Thon and Rock into a safe school year! The planning packet provides step-by-step information on how to conduct a successful Rock-A-thon including sample pledge sheets, media advisories, and letters to gain community support.
- **Educational Items Catalog** – Have you checked out the SAVE Store recently? We have added some new items including the enhanced SAVE Essentials Manual, new t-shirts, a SAVE DVD, SAVE bags, SAVE hats, SAVE lanyards, and new stickers that can be purchased by the roll! An order form with the new items will be included in the mailing. In the meantime, visit the store online at <http://www.nationalsave.org/order.php>

### **School Violence Resources & Information**

- **CDC Releases Findings on Violent Incidents in School Settings**  
After the recent campus violence in Virginia, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided a review of its ongoing research on violent events in school. Among the key findings: most violent incidents occur at lunchtime, as school is starting or ending for the day, or during other transition times. Among students and adults responsible for a homicide in school, almost half provided a note or some other type of warning before the incident. And of all students who committed a homicide in school, 20 percent had been known to be victims of bullying and 12 percent had been known to exhibit suicidal tendencies. Read the full article at: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/sch-shooting.htm>
- **SAMHSA Offers Resources to Promote Mental Health and Reduce Violence**  
Preventing violence on campus is of critical importance and so is helping victims and witnesses deal with the emotional after effects. To help address these issues, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is offering a range of materials with tips for helping trauma victims, preventing violence, promoting good mental health, understanding and removing the stigma of mental illness, and preparing to respond to emergencies and disasters. Read the full article at: [http://www.samhsa.gov/MentalHealth/understanding\\_MentalIllness.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/MentalHealth/understanding_MentalIllness.aspx)
- **Depressed Teens More Likely to Start Drinking and Using Drugs**  
Teenagers suffering from depression may also be at greater risk of trying alcohol or other drugs, says a new report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The report -- based on estimates from the 2005 National Survey on Drug Use and Health -- found that among teens who had never before used alcohol, 29.2 percent of those experiencing depression took their first drink within the past year, as compared to 14.5 percent of those not experiencing depression. Statistics were similar for illicit drug use, with 16.1 percent of depressed teens versus only 6.9 percent of non-depressed

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teens trying drugs for the first time within the past year. Said Terry Cline, Ph.D., SAMHSA administrator, "Recognizing depression early and helping youths receive appropriate help may prevent substance use." Read the full article at: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0705025110.aspx>

➤ **SCHOOLS CAN INCREASE THEIR SECURITY FOR FREE THE SMART WAY**

This spring in the wake of another devastating tragedy of violence on a school campus, parents, school officials and community leaders are reminded of the importance of providing a safe and secure school environment. Many school districts have developed emergency plans and are implementing procedures and technologies that can reduce the likelihood of an incident and can minimize the impact of an event if one occurs. However, many schools are faced with budget constraints that limit the resources that are available to address school safety and security issues. The NI<sup>2</sup> Center for Infrastructure Expertise, a not-for-profit applied research group, has developed the School Multi-hazard Assessment and Resource Tool, or SMART School Tool™. The SMART School Tool is a web-based program that enables school officials to complete their own assessment of security and emergency preparedness by answering a series of questions. The tool provides the users with direct links to up-to-date resources, such as safety and security best practices, cost-effective technologies and on-line training. Upon completion of the self-assessment, SMART generates a series of detailed reports that identify the strengths and weaknesses of the school's security and emergency preparedness procedures and systems. The team approach to SMART facilitates discussion and partnerships with local law enforcement, the fire service, and the community. The tool encourages an "all-hazards" approach to school safety and security. To date, the SMART School Tool has over 400 registered users and nearly 350 online resources. The SMART School Tool is available at NO COST to schools, government agencies and non-profit organizations that are involved with school safety and security initiatives. For further information, contact Amy Hamel, Project Manager, at 603-766-3390 or [ahamel@ni2.org](mailto:ahamel@ni2.org). More info: [www.ni2cie.org](http://www.ni2cie.org)

**Support SAVE Every Time You Search! Good Search**

What if **Students Against Violence Everywhere** earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, now we can! GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results. Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter **Students Against Violence Everywhere** as the charity you want to support. Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! And, be sure to spread the word!

**Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar for These Events!**

**JULY**

- **July 30-August 2: Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America 2007 Mid-Year Training Institute: SUSTAIN THE CHANGE.** CADCA's Mid-Year Training Institute this summer provides youth and adults a unique opportunity to be trained together in the essentials of coalition work, so that youth can become effective drug prevention leaders and integral to a coalition's success. JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa - Tucson, AZ. More info: <http://cadca.org/events/midyearinstitute/2007/>
- **July 30- August 3: 2007 School & Community Safety & Technology Summit** JW Marriott Resort & Casino - Las Vegas, NV. More info: <http://www.schoolsafety911.com/event.htm>

**AUGUST**

- **August 12-14: National Juvenile Information Sharing (JIS) Symposium** Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the symposium will provide a unique venue for youth service and other professionals to explore new guidelines, cross-agency collaboration, confidentiality, technology advancements, and other matters related to juvenile information sharing. As registration is limited to 100 participants, early registration is recommended. Fairmont Washington DC Hotel - Washington, DC. More info: <http://www.juvenilejis.org/symposium.asp>

**SEPTEMBER**

- **September 6-8: 25th Law Related Education Leadership Conference**

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Hotel Monteleone - New Orleans, LA. More info:  
<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/conference/pres07.html>

- **September 15-16: Festival of Children**  
Festival of Children at South Park Mall in Charlotte, NC. Let us know if your chapter would like to participate! [www.festivalofchildren.org](http://www.festivalofchildren.org)

## 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://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?i=ef06b71a-0983-455c-ade7-969cf9711efb>
- **October 22-26: AMERICA'S SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK** - Activities conducted during National 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: NATIONAL SAVE 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>

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

## Funding Opportunities:

### US AIRWAYS EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The US Airways Education Foundation is accepting applications for its 2007 Community Education Grant Program. Grants will be awarded to educational programs that respond to the special needs of disadvantaged or disabled individuals; teach or enhance social responsibility; facilitate parental and/or community involvement; and enhance academic achievement. The deadline for application is **August 1**. To learn more and read eligibility guidelines, visit <http://www.usairways.com/awa/content/aboutus/corporategiving/education.aspx>

### APPLY FOR THE CASE FOUNDATION'S MAKE IT YOUR OWN AWARDS

Do you have big dreams for your community? The Case Foundation is launching a pilot grants program that could turn these dreams into reality. The Make It Your Own Awards, a new initiative from the Case Foundation, launched on June 26, is about giving grants, tools, and recognition to people who are coming together to discuss what matters, form solutions, and take action. Twenty semi-finalists will each receive \$10,000 grants to start bringing their ideas to life. Four final grant recipients will then be chosen by the public using an online voting system. These finalists will each be awarded an additional \$25,000 grant. Applicants must be 14 or older and the deadline for applying is **August 8th**. To learn more, visit <http://www.casefoundation.org/make-it-your-own/awards>

### **YSA YOUTH VENTURE PROGRAM MICRO-GRANTS AVAILABLE**

Socially conscious people between the ages of 12 and 20-years-old are encouraged to apply for micro-grants of up to \$1,000 from the YSA Youth Venture Program to create sustainable social ventures. Led by an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, the YSA Youth Venture Program's mission is to provide funding and resources to young people to lead socially conscious campaigns that are a lasting asset to their communities. YSA Youth Venture teams are required to plan a Global Youth Service Day project on April 25-27, 2008, and will receive resources from Youth Service America and Youth Venture, the leading organizations in the youth service movement. The application deadline is **August 13, 2007**. To learn more, visit <http://www.genv.net/en-us/region/ysa>

### **DISNEY MINNIE GRANTS TO SUPPORT YOUTH-LED PROJECTS**

The Walt Disney Company and Youth Service America are pleased to announce grants of up to \$500 to support youth-led service projects. These grants support youth (ages 5-14) in planning and implementing service projects in their community. Teachers, older youth (15-25), youth-leaders, and youth-serving organizations are also eligible to apply, provided that they that engage younger youth (5-14) in planning and implementing the service. Service can take place between October 1 and November 26, 2007. Projects can address themes such as the environment, disaster relief, public health and awareness, community education, hunger, literacy, or any issue that youth identify as a community need. The application deadline is **August 30**. To learn more visit <http://ysa.org/AwardsGrants/DisneyMinnieGrant20072ndRound/tabid/244/Default.aspx>

### **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](http://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.

### **Contests/Recognition Opportunities:**

#### **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](mailto:sara@tampabay.rr.com)

#### **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>