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Nationwide Rock-A-Thon to Benefit SAVE – Friday, September 15, 2006

Have you sent in your form to let National SAVE know you are participating? On Friday, September 15, 2006 SAVE Chapters from across the country will be Rocking in a Safe School Year as they participate in 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. We are asking every SAVE chapter to participate in this nationwide effort on Friday, September 15, 2006. For more information visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php>.

Upcoming Events:

Mark Your Calendar for these Fall Events!

- National SAVE Rock-A-Thon – September 15, 2006
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/rockathon.php>
- 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>

SAVE Question of the Month – September

The September Question of the Month is: ***“What will your SAVE chapter do to make the National Rock-A-Thon event exciting for your new SAVE members?”*** Send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

Miss Virginia 2006 – National Spokesperson for SAVE

As National Spokesperson for Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), Miss Virginia 2006, Adrianna Sgarlata, will become the face of SAVE's "Youth Voices, Grown Up Choices" campaign to promote youth safety. Miss Virginia 2006 will be serving as an Honorary Board Member and National Spokesperson for SAVE during her reign and quest to become Miss America 2007. As she visits schools and community agencies across Virginia, Adrianna will share valuable information with students on how they can play an active role in preventing violence in their schools and communities. To learn more about Adrianna's activities, visit www.missva.com or www.AdriannaSgarlata.com

Allstate Foundation Partners with SAVE – SAVE Chapters in the Northeast and Southeast US to benefit!

Thanks to a generous donation from the Allstate Foundation, sixteen SAVE Chapters in the following states have an opportunity to receive their SAVE Chapter affiliation fee paid for this school year, receive free SAVE educational items, and receive support for upcoming events. Contact National SAVE to see how you can receive this benefit! Chapters in these states are eligible:

Northeast US

Connecticut
Maine
New Hampshire
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont

Southeast US

Alabama
Georgia
North Carolina
South Carolina

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 kickoff 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 community (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 the SAVE Challenge. 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>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

Funding Opportunities:

SAVE & ESA Foundation Mini-Grants

SAVE chapters in good standing with National Association of SAVE are eligible to apply for a *SAVE Star Grant* sponsored by the ESA Foundation for implementation in the fall of 2006. These funds (up to \$1,000) can be used for violence prevention activities, resource material, SAVE curriculum, and projects for your chapter. For a downloadable version of the application, sign onto the chapter access section of the website http://www.nationalsave.org/access_chapter/index.php. This brief two-page application should be completed and faxed, emailed or mailed as soon as possible to ensure that you will be considered for this minigrant opportunity, as funds are limited. Applications must be received at the National SAVE office by 5:00 p.m. EST on **September 22, 2006**.

Angel Soft Angels in Action National Awards Program

The Angel Soft Angels in Action Awards Program, now in its seventh year, aims to recognize children and youth who are performing exemplary acts of community service. Georgia-Pacific, the makers of Angel Soft toilet paper, invites teachers, parents, guardians, and friends to submit nominations to honor "ordinary kids who are doing extraordinary things" to help improve their communities. For the first time since the program's inception, one outstanding child or teen will be awarded \$15,000 for "Program of the Year." Two grand-prize winners (one from each age category) will receive \$10,000 and ten finalists (five from each age category) will receive \$1,000. Visit the Angel Soft Web site for complete program guidelines and to submit a nomination <http://www.angelsoft.com/angelsinaction/>. **Deadline: October 1, 2006**

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.**

Resource Spotlights:

National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center

The National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center web site, www.safeyouth.org, and call center, 1-866-SAFEYOUTH (723-3968), serve as a user-friendly, single point of access to Federal information on youth violence . Developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other Federal partners, the Resource Center provides current information developed by Federal agencies or with Federal support pertaining to youth violence. A gateway for professionals, parents, youth and other interested individuals, the Resource Center offers the latest tools to facilitate discussion with children, to resolve conflicts nonviolently, to stop bullying, to prevent teen suicide, and to end violence committed by and against young people. Resources include fact sheets, best practices documents, funding and conference announcements, statistics, research bulletins, surveillance reports, and profiles of promising programs.

Allstate Foundation – The Law and You

The Law and You uses a series of video vignettes to provide neutral ground for an informed discussion by teens and law enforcement officers about what young people should - and should not - do if they are stopped or visited by police. First introduced in 1998, a new and improved *The Law and You* is available **via a toll free number (800 607-2722 Option 6)** at no cost to police officers, youth leaders, community organizations and the like, compliments of The Allstate Foundation.

Recognition Opportunities:

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.

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