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SAVE wishes everyone a safe and peaceful Holiday Season!

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SAVE Chapter Highlights

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D'Iberville High School

For D'Iberville High School the SAVE Mini Grant sponsored by the Allstate Foundation is an opportunity to honor the lives of students lost in their community by educating students to prevent further tragedies. For Teen Safe Driving Week and America's Safe School Week, D'Iberville High School invited their local Allstate Representative Mr. Ernie Chaffin, and Chief of Police Clay Jones to attend an event that focused on the issues surrounding safe driving. Kevin Brooks, guest speaker for the event, made a huge impact on students through his discussion about the importance of safe driving choices. This safe driving event occurred during the high school's homecoming week, and the local news, WLOX, was present to cover the event. Fliers were distributed and displayed to promote the event and the importance of teen safe driving.



On November 19th the school hosted a seatbelt awareness activity. The members of SAVE handed out "smarties" candy to all students wearing a seatbelt upon arriving to

the campus. Signs were placed around the school as reminders promoting awareness and sharing statistics.

Upcoming plans include creating posters and visuals that will be used during national Youth Violence Prevention Week to bring student awareness to youth violence. The chapter also hopes to incorporate more guest speakers throughout the year as it seemed to have a great impact on students.

E.A. Laney High School

E.A. Laney High School has four year-long focuses: teen safe driving, relationship violence and sexual assault, youth volunteerism, and mental health and suicide prevention. SAVE members put this agenda to work during America's Safe School Week by continuing their work with two elementary schools where they taught the Twenty Twinkling Stars curriculum. This curriculum helps build leadership, communication, and presentation skills in the high schoolers, while simultaneously teaching positive character traits, and bullying prevention techniques to the younger students. Laney High School's SAVE



"Doing nothing
for others is
the undoing of
ourselves."
- Harace Mann

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chapter also participated in Rachel's Challenge with the hope to create a culture of kindness and compassion throughout the community.



The high school's SAVE chapter focuses the majority of their efforts on a service-learning style agenda. Students investigate an issue, plan and prepare a way to solve it, get active to address the problem, demonstrate to stakeholders what has been done to address the issue, and then evaluate what can be done to sustain future efforts. The SAVE chapter at E.A. Laney High School places great value in the idea of service work and members took part in the Out of the Darkness Walk on November 15th, as well as the Wrightsville Beach Clean-up on November 22nd. For World Kindness Day

students were invited to create compliment cards that depicted positive, peaceful messages.

For the upcoming year the SAVE Club plans to have monthly speakers to identify a problem members can help solve, as well as manage the school bulletin board to inform other students about the focus for the month. The chapter also plans to present at the National SAVE Summit.

YABer Yak: Reaching Out Through Service

by Jenny Suwanmanee, SAVE Youth Advisory Board (NC)

It's that time of year again! That joyous time filled with presents and fun! Music and laughter all through the air and festivities everywhere! December is the month of giving and you can help give back to your community through community service! SAVE's theme for December is "reaching out through service" and we are encouraging you to help your community become an even greater place by giving back! Go around your community and see where you can help volunteer; whether it is the local animal shelter or Ronald McDonald House! A little goes a long way and a simple action of giving back through service can help you become a better person and your community a better place!



Human Rights Day Did you know that December 10th is Human Rights Day? All across the United States, there have been many incidents of innocent people, especially young teens, having lost their lives to violence. This act of violence can be anything from school shootings to police brutality. Everyone is created equal and violence should not be the reason for the death of so many talented individuals. You and your SAVE Chapter can help spread the message and be a voice for those who have lost their lives to violence. Throughout the month of December, join National SAVE in spreading the message of nonviolence and human rights throughout your community and keep on pushing towards our goal of a nonviolent world! Remember: a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, and your first step can be the one to change the world!

SAVE Question of the Month

Please share the SAVE Question of the Month with your SAVE members. This is a place to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country.

**"How is your SAVE chapter keeping a peaceful environment?
What service projects is your SAVE chapter conducting?"**

Please blog your responses to: <http://nationalsave.org/qom-november/>

Help End Poverty, Help End Violence. Did you know that according to the United States Census Bureau, in 2014, 14.8% of the United States population was in poverty. This number correlates to 46.7 million people. 46.7 million people, as of 2014, lived in poverty, and this number continues to rise today. You may be wondering, why does poverty have anything to do with violence? Did you know, surveys show that with increased poverty also comes with increased crime and violence. People who live in less developed areas and areas struck by poverty tend to be more prone to acts of violence; whether it be themselves committing such acts of violence or them being a victim of violence. Security and insurance is low in places with poverty and those living in it find the need to commit violence in order to survive in such circumstances. As a part of SAVE, we encourage you to stand up against poverty and violence! This December, help SAVE give to those less fortunate and help them peel away from the cruel grasp of poverty!

New Year. As the cold winter days of December are coming to an end, and the new year is just rolling in, reflect on how you and your SAVE Chapter have contributed to helping create a nonviolent world. You have come a long way and National SAVE is very proud of you! Throw a party! Have a celebration! Create a new year's resolution on how you can further contribute to SAVE! We are looking forward to a new year with you and seeing what else you and your SAVE Chapter can accomplish! Push forward and never lose hope for National SAVE is here for you! Visit nationalsave.org for any news regarding the upcoming new year with SAVE and more information about the 2016 National SAVE Summit! We are very proud of all you have accomplished this year and hope you have a happy new year!

Muckwonago Safe Schools Week

by Paige Fix, Vice Pres., Muckwonago High School SAVE (WI)

During the week of October 19th-23rd, students and staff of Mukwonago High School participated in many events to spread kindness and end bullying for America's Safe Schools Week, focusing on the theme of "Bro. Be Nice" sponsored by our SAVE club. SAVE worked to create many fresh and exciting activities such as the "Chalk Mural" and "Send a Smile" at lunch, where over 500 notes of kindness were delivered by SAVE members to students and staff. We held a Winter Wear Drive, delivered flowers and candy to everyone in the building - custodians, kitchen staff, office staff, etc. We also hosted an ASA Entertainment assembly, where top athletes performed on a half-pipe and taught valuable information about bullying prevention.



Finally, we also sponsored the "Bro Be Nice" Twitter Challenge. Throughout the week, students were to tweet nice comments in general or to another recipient using the hashtag #BroBeNice @MUKSAVE. Tweets flooded in all week with the students comments of kindness. The person who tweeted the most received a grand prize of Mukwonago's drumline waltzing into the winner's classroom, followed by SAVE members holding a giant sign of congratulations, as well as a SAVE t-shirt and other goodies.



The participation throughout the whole week was incredible. To commend students for their hard work and remind them to be keep up their kindness, outside of the SAVE advisor's classroom is a sign from the week surrounded by many of the tweets sent.

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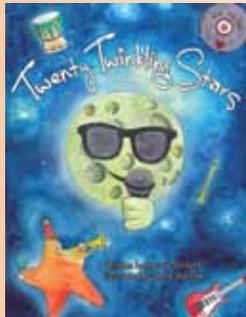
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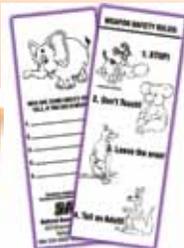
Youth Grants to Stop Hunger - Deadline 1/15/16
YSA and Sodexo Foundation are looking for the most innovative and sustainable ideas from young people about how they can help end childhood hunger in their communities. 125 \$400 grants are available for youth leaders ages 5-25 across the U.S. to turn their ideas into action and make an impact on the issue of childhood hunger on Global Youth Service Day - April 15-17, 2016 - and beyond. www.YSA.org/SodexoYouth

National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest - Deadline 3/16/16
OJJDP invites fifth graders to participate in the 2016 National Missing Children's Day poster contest. The annual contest creates an opportunity for schools, law enforcement, and child advocates to discuss the issue of missing and/or exploited children with youth, parents, and guardians and to promote child safety. OJJDP will invite the national winner, parents, and teacher to Washington, DC, to participate in the National Missing Children's Day commemoration in May 2016. <http://mecptraining.org/poster-contest-home/>

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Items # 102, 103, 121, 122

Upcoming Events

More info: nationalsave.org/events

Dec	Focus: Reaching Out Through Service
1	National Day of Giving
10	Human Rights Day
Jan	Focus: Diversity
1-31	Human Trafficking Awareness Month
1-31	Mentoring Month
1-31	National Stalking Awareness Month
11	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
16	National Religious Freed Day
17-23	No Name Calling Week
24	National Compliment Day
29	SAVE SUMMIT EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE!

A journey of
a thousand miles
begins with a
single step

- Lao Tzu



National SAVE Youth Summit
March 12, 2016
McKimmon Center
Raleigh, NC

www.nationalsave.org/Summit