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Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events in 2015

2015 is going to be a busy year for SAVE Chapters! Please join us as we engage, empower, encourage and educate youth on how to prevent youth violence and promote youth safety. We look forward to a great year of youth being a part of the solution!

No Name Calling Week

January 19-23, 2015

No Name-Calling Week is an annual week of educational and creative activities aimed at ending name-calling of all kinds and providing schools with the tools and inspiration to launch an on-going dialogue about ways to eliminate bullying in their communities. National SAVE is proud to be a national partner organization with GLSEN to spread the word about the project. There is a variety of lesson plans and activities for elementary, middle and high schools. For more information, visit glsen.org/nonamecallingweek and be sure to use the hash tags #CelebrateKindness and #NNCW15 on social media posts!

Teen Safe Driving: Reckless or Wreckless?

January 24, 2015 - Biloxi, MS

Join National SAVE and over 15 Mississippi High Schools for a Teen Safe Driving Workshop sponsored by the Allstate Foundation. Speakers include Alexa Cacibauda, a Mississippi College student who's life was changed forever as a result of a terrible traffic accident. Participants will also hear from Corporal B.J. Seibert of Mississippi Highway Patrol and Allstate Agent Steven James. High School SAVE Chapters will present information on how they are making a difference in their schools and communities as recipients of Teen Safe Driving grants thanks to the Allstate Foundation. Chapters will have the opportunity to plan for spring safe driving activities including activities for Teen Safe Driving Month (May), Prom and Graduation. Please contact info@nationalsave.org to register for this event and learn how you can receive a Teen Safe Driving grant! #TeenSafeDriving #AllstateSouth



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"Love is the only
force capable of
transforming an
enemy into
a friend."

- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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National SAVE Summit

March 21, 2015

Raleigh, NC



Join SAVE on the Road Less Traveled at the NC State McKimmon Center. This fun and educational event is a time for youth to showcase effective violence prevention strategies and share their successes with their peers.

This event is a time for youth voices to be heard in workshops, peer-to-peer presentations, and activities that Encourage, Educate, Engage, and Empower youth with violence prevention strategies. Learn how SAVE chapters are addressing youth violence, bullying, gangs, dating violence, theft, social media safety, substance abuse, self harm and teen driving safety. There will be motivating workshops, outstanding speakers, national awareness efforts and special presentations.

Would your SAVE Chapter like to present at session at the National SAVE Summit? **Chapters chosen to present will receive three free registrations!**



Does your SAVE chapter or SAVE members spread the message of nonviolence through song, spoken word, stepping, or some other awesome way? If so, then we would like them to perform at the SAVE Summit through our SAVE's got Talent! Please send a brief video or description of their talent to info@nationalsave.org by January 30, 2015. Chapters may submit multiple entries for consideration. Winning submissions will be notified by February 10 if they are chosen to perform.



Early bird Registration (\$25 registration fee!) is due January 30!

<http://nationalsave.org/summit/>

National Youth Violence Prevention Week

March 23-27, 2015

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) is proud to be a founding partner of the National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign. The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness and to educate students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school staff, parents, and the public on effective ways to prevent or reduce youth Violence. This week long national education initiative will involve activities that demonstrate the positive role young people can have in making their school and community safer. SAVE serves as the crossroads to the campaign and provides countless resources to prepare for the event, including the official campaign Action Kit that serves as a step-by-step planning guide, suggestions for how each sector of the community can support the campaign, activity ideas, links to over 40 national organizations sponsoring the event, articles and interviews on violence prevention, and much, much more!

<http://nationalsave.org/NYVPW>

SAVE Receives Arbonne Grant

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere was selected by the Arbonne Charitable Foundation to receive a \$2,500 grant to engage, empower, encourage and educate teens in providing character education to younger students. Through the grant, SAVE high school chapters will lead outreach to preschools, kindergartens and first grade classrooms to provide



lessons on positive character traits, kindness, and bullying prevention. The teens will utilize the book *Twenty Twinkling Stars* and related lesson plan and materials. This project will build leadership skills, communication skills, presenting skills, and confidence in the teens as well provide valuable life skills

to the children who hear their presentation. If your SAVE Chapter would like to participate in the project, please email info@nationalsave.org. Thank you Arbonne Charitable Foundation for believing in our teens and caring about the children in communities across the country!



Monthly Focus: Diversity

Recognizing diversity is important at every age level and in every part of the country. In every school there will be different groups and issues to consider. Look at your own chapter, school and community, is the membership in your chapter a reflection of your student body? Are there recruitment activities that you could use to bring in new members from under represented groups? Many chapters face challenges recruiting male members. Talk to males in your student body to see what might encourage more of them to join and be active in SAVE. Emphasize that being against violence doesn't make you a wimp or less macho. Continue to make being in SAVE a "cool" thing to do.

- [Diversity Public Service Announcement](#) - Created by 2011-12 SAVE Youth Advisory Board
- [Diverse Universe](#) – Diversity lesson plan for elementary students.
- [Action Diversity](#) – Diversity lesson plan with activities for students in grades 6-12.

For additional information and ideas: <http://nationalsave.org/chapter-tools/conflict-management/diversity/>

SAVE Question of the Month

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

“On January 19, 2015 the nation recognizes the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his dedication to end violence and discrimination in our society. How is your SAVE Chapter celebrating/continuing Dr. King’s efforts?”

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

YABer Yak: Braedan Weart, Bear Creek High School (CO)

The webster dictionary defines diversity as the quality or state of having many different forms. While that is one definition, SAVE defines diversity as a variety of the ethnicities and different walks of life to achieve an overall main objective of acceptance and respect. I personally didn't always grow up in neighborhoods where caucasian was the majority race and I'm still not in the neighborhood where caucasian is the majority race. When you are the minority of the minorities you learn a whole lot more than what you would've expected. Since I grew up in a vast variety of ethnic grouped neighborhoods, I have been taught first hand to accept the differences of races, religions, and cultural values and traditions and also to respect them as a whole. SAVE can't help acknowledge that the fact not everyone has had an opportunity that I have had, so SAVE teaches respect of all walks

of life, all religions, all races, and anything else that can be categorized into a variety that makes people stand out from one another This is a big mission to complete so I ask you to help us in completing this mission by doing three simple things. One, acknowledge the differences you have compared to others. Two, accept these differences. Not everyone is going to be the same and since everyone is not the same it makes life a lot more exciting, so be thankful for these differences. Lastly three, respect the differences because the sooner you accept and respect them you are opening yourself to new friends, new knowledge, and new concepts.



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Twenty Twinkling Stars - Beautifully illustrated picture book written for children aged 3-7 to celebrate their passions, interests and tender spirit. Inspired by the Sandy Hook students. The book celebrates the universal wonder and spirit of all children and is a perfect bedtime story. \$10
<https://www.facebook.com/TwentyTwinklingStars>



American Boy "American Boy" a song donated to SAVE by the Tony Dorsey Band, captures the raw emotions provoked by the senseless acts of violence that take place far too often in America. Crimes often committed by our American Boys. Available on iTunes or in SAVE's store. \$0.99
<http://nationalsave.org/american-boy-song/>



January Special!
Stress Balls: Buy 10 get 1 Free!
Item #155

<http://nationalsave.org/save-stress-reducing-balls-new/>

Upcoming Events

Jan		
19-23	No Name Calling Week	http://glsen.org/nonamecallingweek
24	Teen Safe Driving Workshop (MS)	http://nationalsave.org
30	SAVE Summit Early Bird Deadline	http://nationalsave.org/summit/
Feb		
9-15	Random Acts of Kindness Week	http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/
24-27	National Conference on Bullying	http://www.schoolsafety911.org/
Mar		
21	National SAVE Summit (NC)	https://nationalsave.org/summit/
23-27	National Youth Violence Prevention Week	http://nationalsave.org/NYVPW



Be Heard - Get Social!

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YOUR SMART PHONE TO
KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SAVE!

Chapter Highlight: Hunters Creek Middle School (NC)

Ferguson City Hall received some holiday cheer from schoolchildren in North Carolina. As part of their SAVE service project, students from Hunters Creek Middle School in Jacksonville, N.C. decided they wanted to reach out to the mayor and leaders of Ferguson. A high school student donated a small Christmas tree, and the students decided to each create messages for peace on ornaments to decorate it.



Photo by John Althouse/The Daily News

“We thought that maybe nobody else would consider doing something like this for the government leaders,” said Carol Jackson, a social worker and SAVE Advisor for the Onslow County Schools. “It just seemed like they needed a boost.”

“I think everyone needs to join forces to rebuild Ferguson,” said 7th grader MacKenzie Koziol after finishing her ornament. Peace on earth, she added, overcomes violence.”

For 6th grader Elizabeth Turner, the Christmas decorating represented a simple holiday message. “I wanted to say everybody should be safe and happy for the holidays,” she said.

The tree was displayed at city hall, upstairs just outside the office of Mayor James Knowles III. He said it was interesting to learn that even though not all of the kids in the group agreed with the grand jury’s decision not to charge Wilson, they all could agree on one thing -- coming together for peace. “That’s what we’re focused on as well,” Knowles said.

(Sources: Jacksonville Daily News, St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

Opportunities & Information

Thanks to the Allstate Foundation, SAVE is offering Teen Safe Driving Mini-grants in NC & MS

Many schools, organizations and community agencies are planning activities to encourage Teen Safe Driving during key times including back to school, America’s Safe Schools Week, holidays, National Youth Violence Prevention Week, National Youth Traffic Safety Month, Prom and Graduation. SAVE has mini grants available for schools and community agencies who are conducting activities this fall in Mississippi and North Carolina. Mini grants are \$1,000 and include educational items, materials, Teen Safe Driving Toolkits and a free SAVE Chapter affiliation. <https://nationalsave.org/allstate/teen-safe-driving-grant-application/>



Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants - Deadline: January 15

YSA (Youth Service America) and Sodexo Foundation are looking for 100 of the best ideas from young people about how they can help end childhood hunger in their communities. \$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 during Global Youth Service Day - April 17-19, 2015 - and beyond. www.YSA.org/sodexoyouth

Suicide Myths and a New Tool for Suicide Prevention

Suicide remains a major public health challenge; more than 40,000 Americans die by suicide every year, and suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. SAMHSA is preparing to release a free mobile app—optimized for tablets—called Suicide Safe, a suicide prevention learning tool for behavioral health and primary care providers. Suicide Safe helps providers integrate suicide prevention strategies into their practice and reduce suicide risk among their patients. <http://store.samhsa.gov/apps/suicidesafe/>

White House Student Film Festival - Deadline: January 20

Submissions are open for the second White House Student Film Festival. The theme of this year’s festival is The Impact of Giving Back, and it’s open to U.S. students, grades K-12. So tell a story about paying it forward, about community service, or what making a difference looks like in your eyes and through your lens. Films can be short – in fact, they must be 3 minutes tops. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/FilmFestival>