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25 Years of
SAVEing Youth!



Students Against
Violence Everywhere
SAVE[®]
2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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Youth violence is having a major impact on young people, parents, school and law enforcement officials and we need your help to ensure that the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), can continue to assist youth in their quest to become safer.

SAVE is a national student-led, public nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that empowers youth in schools and community-based organizations to prevent youth crime and violence. SAVE engages and empowers students in grades K–12 in meaningful violence prevention efforts. SAVE is decreasing the potential for violence in our schools and communities by promoting student involvement, education and service opportunities in efforts to establish, support and nurture SAVE chapters. Young people want to be engaged in their schools and communities and SAVE’s program does just that – works closely with over 232,000 members in over 2,100 schools and communities nationwide.

The SAVE program has national reach, thousands of human touch points, and offers “real solutions” to societal problems while providing safety and education for our nation’s youth. School administrators, teachers, parents, and students value the strides SAVE chapters are making to improve safety for our youth. SAVE calls upon the entire community to take a stand and get involved in the safety and education of our youth. We are proud of our efforts in the past and look forward to a brighter, safer future for all youth.

Carleen Wray
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Executive Director

Vision

Schools and communities will be safer and more secure, free of fear and conducive to learning as a result of students being actively involved in meaningful violence prevention efforts.

Mission

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) is a student led organization striving to decrease the potential for violence in our schools and communities by promoting meaningful student involvement, education, and service opportunities in efforts to provide safer environments for youth.

Goals

- ★ **Educate** students about the effects and consequences of violence as well as safe activities for students, parents, and the community.
- ★ **Encourage** positive peer influences within the school and community through violence prevention efforts.
- ★ **Engage** students in meaningful violence prevention efforts within their school and community.
- ★ **Empower** youth with knowledge and skills necessary to provide service to their community and school.

Technical Assistance and Chapter Support

SAVE provides direct technical assistance and support to students, educators, law enforcement, social workers, mental health professionals and community members on how to effectively establish and maintain SAVE chapters and reduce youth violence.

Training & Support for SAVE Chapters

SAVE provided many opportunities for training and support to schools and communities across the country. Several trainings for school systems occurred as did numerous speaking engagements at rallies, community events and conferences.

SAVE representatives conducted workshops and trainings at the:

- ★ Communities in Schools Summer Leadership Conference, NC
- ★ West Virginia Bullying Conference, WV
- ★ Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere (STRYVE), DC
- ★ State of the Child Conference, NC

Youth Voices..Grown-Up Choices Initiative

Through the Allstate Foundation, 39 SAVE Chapters received free SAVE materials, technical assistance, chapter memberships and mini-grants. These materials and mini-grants allowed SAVE chapters to implement a variety of violence prevention awareness campaigns, implement safety strategies, teach conflict management skills, train youth in peer mediation, advocate for teen safe driving and fund many worthwhile service projects that aid in the safety of schools and communities.

Thank you Allstate Foundation for supporting our SAVE Chapter efforts in the following regions:

- ★ Southeast Region (NC) - 18 chapters supported, 13,639 youth impacted
- ★ Southern Region (MS) - 21 chapters supported, 13,466 youth impacted



SAVE Publications & Educational Items

SAVE eSOURCE

SAVE distributed a monthly electronic newsletter, SAVE eSource. Chapters received important information on preventing school and youth violence, monthly topic focus, upcoming events, contests, grant opportunities, and highlights of successful chapter activities.

SAVE INFORMATION TOOLKIT

Individuals interested in starting a SAVE chapter in their school or community received the SAVE Information Toolkit that contains background information on SAVE, the goals of SAVE, planning ideas and tips for initiating a chapter, and a comprehensive overview of the elements of SAVE: crime prevention, conflict management and being of service to your school and community.



SAVE: GETTING STARTED

SAVE chapters register as affiliate members and receive the SAVE: Getting Started Activity Guide as well as membership cards and a SAVE Certificate. The guide includes sample meeting agendas, meeting ideas and activities to get their chapter off the ground and running.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY GUIDE

In August as part of the Back to School mailing, SAVE chapters received the Back to School Safety Guide. The guide contained reproducible parent and student brochures, a school safety planning guide for administrators, tips and sample lesson plans for teachers, and action activities for SAVE Chapters.

NATIONAL SAVE DAY PLANNING GUIDE

SAVE chapters received a planning guide to help them successfully celebrate National SAVE Day on October 23, 2013. The guide contained sample media advisories, proclamations and an extensive list of activities to involve students, staff and the community in their SAVE Day activities.

2013-14 SAVE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Schools across the country received a SAVE school year calendar filled with ideas and activities to prevent violence in their schools and communities. Monthly focuses related to the 3 essential elements of SAVE: Crime Prevention, Conflict Management & Service Projects.

SAVE EMPOWERS . . .

National SAVE Youth Advisory Board

The National Youth Advisory Board (YAB) serves as a voice for SAVE and as national role models for peers and younger students. These students from across the United States join together and have one common goal: to decrease the potential of violence in their schools and communities. They have become “a voice that matters” to adult leadership groups by providing a youth perspective on current and new initiatives.



Planning & Organization, Materials, Activities:

These are just a few of the activities the YAB help to coordinate:

- ★ National presentations
- ★ Public Awareness
- ★ Annual organization goals
- ★ National Conference on Bullying
- ★ Social Media
- ★ National SAVE Day
- ★ National Youth Violence Prevention Week Campaign
- ★ Youth Forum
- ★ Activity Guides and Lesson Plans
- ★ Youth Traffic Safety Month Activities

National Youth Leadership Institute

National SAVE held a National Trainer of Trainers workshop for Youth Advisory Board members to aid in the growth and expansion of SAVE. Attendees participated in an intensive training including interactive, participatory activities. After receiving training, participants presented sessions on crime prevention, conflict management and service projects to institute participants and instructors.

National SAVE Day - October 23, 2013

SAVE members across the country conducted educational activities and service projects in their schools and communities to bring awareness to the issue of violence and how students can make a difference. Chapters focused on critical SAVE elements to ensure a successful day including students, staff, service, awareness, activities, academics, violence prevention, youth voices, volunteers, engaging, empowering, encouraging and educating. National SAVE Day occurred during America's Safe Schools Week.

National SAVE Rock-a-thon

On Friday, October 25 SAVE chapters across the country helped to raise awareness on the issue of school violence by rocking in a safe school year. The Rock-A-thon provided an opportunity for SAVE chapters to come together to 1) highlight information and awareness of their SAVE chapter activities; 2) conduct a safe and fun activity for chapter members to build friendships and assist chapters to perform as a team; and 3) raise funds for their chapter and the National Association.

National SAVE Summit - April 12, 2014

Hundreds of students, teachers, law enforcement, dropout prevention coordinators, social workers, counselors and parents attended the event. Through motivating workshops, peer-to-peer presentations and nationally acclaimed speakers, the Summit showcased successful practices in preventing violence and trained participants in effective ways to make their schools and communities safer.

Participants enjoyed hearing from SAVE's Founders Gary Weart, the very first SAVE advisor, and Angie Bynum, who was Alex Orange's best friend. Summit attendees also enjoyed meeting Alex's mother, Dawne Orange. Angie shared with students that it seems like just yesterday when Alex stepped up to protect his friends and asked other teens to put away their guns and that this was no place for violence. Alex lost his life that day, but his legacy lives on through SAVE inspiring youth of all ages to be peace makers and to stand up for others.

Other speakers included SAVE alumni Gerard Wheeler and Kit Evans. Both shared how SAVE has helped to overcome tragedy and loss in their lives and how the values and skills they gained from SAVE helped them to continue to spread the nonviolent message and advocate for change.



National Youth Violence Prevention Week April 7-11, 2014

National SAVE promoted the thirteenth year of this national campaign against youth violence. SAVE, along with the official campaign sponsors, promoted campaign strategies and efforts to millions of students, educators, mental health professionals, law enforcement officers, community activists, faith-based groups, and others working with youth. Sponsors continued their web and email-based promotions, held training sessions, highlighted campaign efforts in print publications, distributed campaign brochures to members, and developed many other innovative ways to encourage participation.



SAVE Annual Awards

SAVE recognized exceptional participants in its annual awards program. SAVE's Student of the Year, Advisor of the Year and Chapter of the Year were all nominated by community members from across the country and are recognized for their outstanding efforts in preventing violence in our schools. The winners were revealed at the 25th Anniversary SAVE Summit.

SAVE's Student of the Year award went to **Zachery Bakke**, a senior at Bunn High School in North Carolina. Bakke co-founded his SAVE chapter four years ago and has been voted president ever since. He continually demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to the SAVE ideals, serving as a role model for not only other SAVE members, but students throughout the school. During Bakke's time as president, gangs, bullying and crime have decreased tremendously. He was nominated by his SAVE chapter advisor, Ruby Savage.

The SAVE Advisor of the Year award went to **Carol Jackson** from White Oak High School in North Carolina. In addition to serving as advisor for White Oak High School's SAVE chapter, Jackson also leads chapters at Hunters Creek Middle and Elementary Schools. As the social worker at each of these schools, Jackson has a unique ability to see things through her students' eyes and makes a difference in each of their lives. Jackson's dedication to SAVE has made a tremendous impact on its members at each school.



Lastly, the **SAVE Chapter of the Year** award went to **Biloxi High School** in Biloxi, Miss. The Biloxi High School SAVE Chapter has conducted numerous activities during Safe Schools Week and Red Ribbon Week including creating PSAs, posters, banners, hosting pledge drives and putting on school wide assemblies. It shows commitment to not only its school, but also the local community by organizing clothing, toy and food drives. In addition, the Biloxi High School SAVE Chapter has been active in teen safe driving efforts throughout the year, conducting monthly seatbelt checks and reinforcing the dangers of drinking and driving in a DUI reenactment during prom week. The Biloxi High School SAVE chapter is led by its advisor, Daisy Watson.

Snapshot of SAVE Chapters

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) conducted a survey with SAVE chapters. The following information is a snapshot of the information collected:

Types of SAVE Chapters:

★ Elementary	26%
★ Middle School	26%
★ High School	32%
★ Community/Other	15%
★ International	1%

Ethnicity of SAVE Chapter Members:

★ White American	46%
★ African American	36%
★ Asian American	5%
★ Hispanic American	7%
★ Native American	3%
★ Other	3%

Gender of Members:

★ Female	56%
★ Male	44%

SAVE Chapter Advisors:

★ Teacher	29%
★ Counselor	17%
★ School Resource Officer	16%
★ Administrator	14%
★ Social Worker	11%
★ Parent Volunteer	2%
★ Community Leader	3%
★ Other	8%



Public Awareness Campaign

SAVE utilizes multiple media sources and activities to heighten awareness of the crisis surrounding youth and school violence and how youth can be empowered through SAVE to address this issue. Articles regarding SAVE's activities as well as activities of chapter members have been in newspapers and magazines across the country. Many television and radio stations have interviewed SAVE members and SAVE representatives including CBS, NBC, ABC and FOX affiliates.



MEDIA

17,112,716
IMPRESSIONS



1,290
LIKES



258
FOLLOWERS

35,962
WEBSITE VISITORS



390
VIEWS



62
FOLLOWERS



49
FOLLOWERS



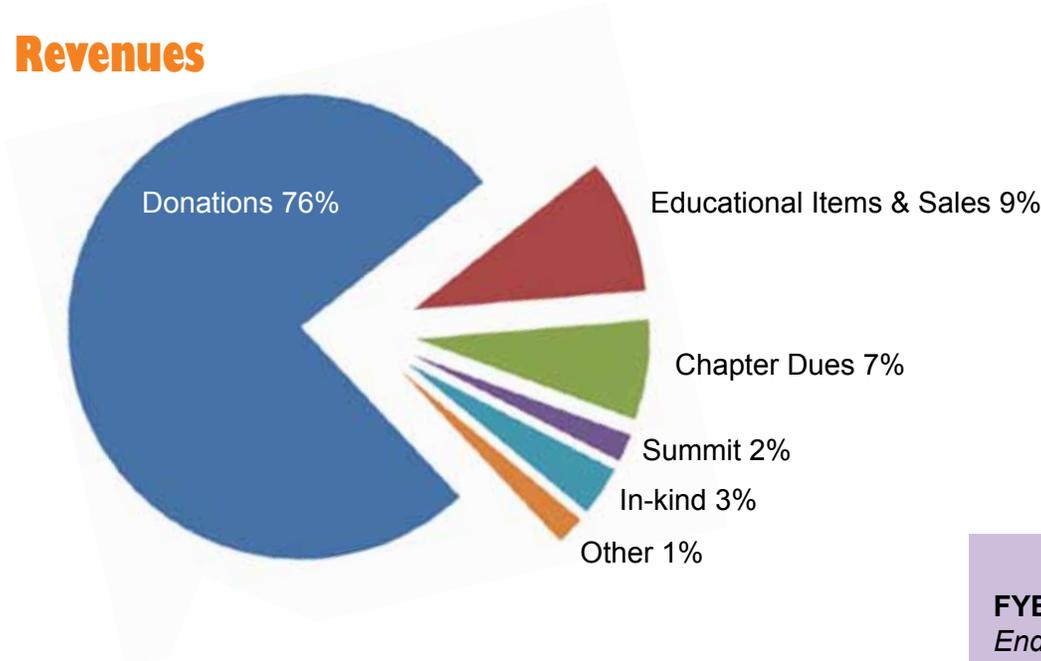
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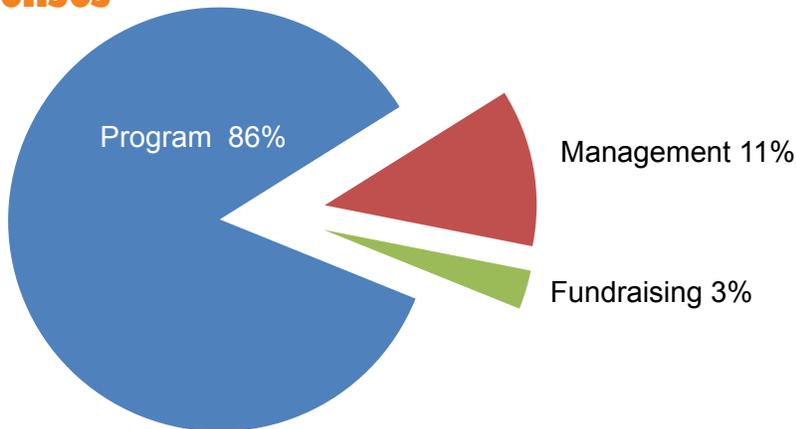
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FOLLOWERS

SAVE REVENUES & EXPENSES

Revenues



Expenses



FYE 06-30-14

Ending Net Assets: \$247,298

Total Expenses: \$273,967

Program: \$235,611

Mgmt & General: \$ 30,138

Fundraising: \$ 8,219

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