



Students Against
Violence Everywhere

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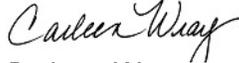
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Youth violence is having a major impact on young people, parents, school and law enforcement officials and we need your help to ensure that the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), can continue to assist youth in their 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 235,000 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
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:

- ★ Bullying Prevention Summit, DC
- ★ Hillsborough County Schools SAVE Implementation Training, FL
- ★ Victims of Crime Conference, NC
- ★ Reckless or Wreckless, NC & MS
- ★ Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere (STRYVE), DC
- ★ State of the Child Conference, NC

Youth Voices..Grown-Up Choices Initiative

Through the Allstate Foundation, 40 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. Chapters also participated in training workshops.

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

- ★ Southeast Region (NC) - 20 chapters supported, 19,580 youth impacted
- ★ Southern Region (MS) - 20 chapters supported, 16,971 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.

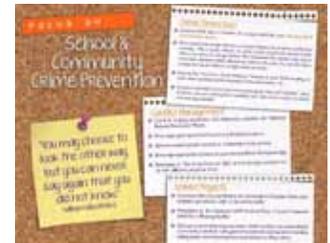


NATIONAL SAVE DAY PLANNING GUIDE

SAVE chapters received a planning guide to help them successfully celebrate National SAVE Day on October 22, 2014. 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.

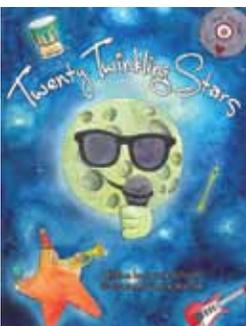
2014-15 SAVE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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.



TWENTY TWINKLING STARS

SAVE was selected by Author Laurie Schloff to receive funds raised from her children's book, Twenty Twinkling Stars. The book celebrates the interests and passions of the twenty Sandy Hook first graders lost on December 14, 2012. SAVE was also selected by the Arbonne Charitable Foundation to receive a grant to engage, empower, encourage and educate teens in providing character education to younger students. Through the grant, SAVE chapters are leading outreach to preschools, kindergartens and first grade classrooms to provide lessons on positive character traits, kindness, and bullying prevention.



American Boy Single

"American Boy" 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. Tony Dorsey is a former television reporter on a mission to help stop the violence that shatters too many lives in America. A media relations manager working in Washington D.C., Dorsey wrote and recorded a song titled American Boy that he has donated to Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE).



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
- ★ Social Media
- ★ America’s Safe Schools Week
- ★ National SAVE Day
- ★ National Youth Violence Prevention Week Campaign
- ★ SAVE eSource and Youth Safety Blog
- ★ 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 22, 2014

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 24, 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 - March 21, 2015

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. Other speakers included Mike Hall who inspired youth to live a life of hero and Laurie Shloff, author of *Twenty Twinkling Stars*.



National Youth Violence Prevention Week March 23-27, 2015

National SAVE promoted the fourteenth 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.

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 12%
- ★ Middle School 19%
- ★ High School 55%
- ★ Community/Other 14%

Ethnicity of SAVE Chapter Members:

- ★ African American 58%
- ★ White American 30%
- ★ Hispanic American 5%
- ★ Asian American 3%
- ★ Native American 3%
- ★ Other 1%

Gender of Members:

- ★ Female 60%
- ★ Male 40%

SAVE Chapter Advisors:

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



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 **Courtney "Leo" Myers** and **Sydney Gilbert**. Leo is from White Oak High School (NC) and is an enthusiastic student against violence and especially against bullying of students who are gay, lesbian, and/or transgender. Leo successfully leads club meetings along with presentations at the high school, middle school and elementary school. Leo is a positive role model with a "can do it attitude." This transcends to students that, "it is okay to be different." Sydney is from Muckwonago High School (WI). Since a freshman, Sydney has worked tirelessly to promote and model the objectives of SAVE. She has served as president of her chapter for two years and has initiated numerous activities and campaigns to promote nonviolence and mitigate bullying in our school district and community. Sydney initiated the first "True Beauty" Day which is a day to promote being ourselves rather than focusing on the media's views of beauty. She is a strong believer in peer to peer teaching and created multiple activities for the chapter to utilize when working with their local middle schools.



The SAVE Advisor of the Year award went to **Officer Daisy McCarroll** from Biloxi High School (MS). Officer Daisy is passionate about SAVE and everything that it stands for. She is known as the glue for the Biloxi High School SAVE Chapter because she keeps everything running smoothly. She encourages her students to put community and safety of others first. Officer Daisy helped them organize a very successful toy drive in accordance with the Biloxi Police Department called Santa Wears a Badge which allowed them to pass out over 1500 toys to children in the community. With her guidance the chapter promoted safe driving and drunk driving awareness by using her contacts to set up DUI reenactments with real police, fire, and ambulance.



The SAVE Chapter of the Year award went to **Cuthbertson High School (NC)** and **Lockhart Elementary (USVI)**. Cuthbertson HS hosts weekly SAVE meetings and monthly club dinners. They conducted back to school safety activities, coordinated a school-wide anti-bullying week, celebrated National SAVE Day, International Day, LGBT awareness, and International Day of Peace. They presented a session at the SAVE Summit, conducted school wide 9/11 memorial activities, conducted a supply drive for the SAVE chapter in Sierra Leone, and created and shipped 157 dresses for Africa. They have also conducted food drives, raised over \$2000 for their homeless shelter, organized blood drives and made valentine gift bags for their domestic violence shelter. Their SAVE Chapter is known for giving back to their community and addressing difficult violence related issues.

Lockhart Elementary students presented their version of Why Can't We Be Friends at a community rally with over 700 attendees. Each month they create and present a message to share with their student body reminding students to strive for Peace and Unity. They were active during No-Name-Calling Week and Random Acts of Kindness Week. Utilizing performing arts, they sing, dance, role play, chant, and recite poetry that focuses on peace and nonviolence. Their advisor, JoAnne Saunders, states that "students who once could not get along together, now come to the club as hand holding friends, bringing new members with them every day." They are active with social media, posting great messages and sharing with the world.





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

**31,264,383
IMPRESSIONS**



**1,729
LIKES**



**360
FOLLOWERS**

**35,962
WEBSITE
VISITORS**



**926
VIEWS**



**118
FOLLOWERS**



**78
FOLLOWERS**



**32
FOLLOWERS**

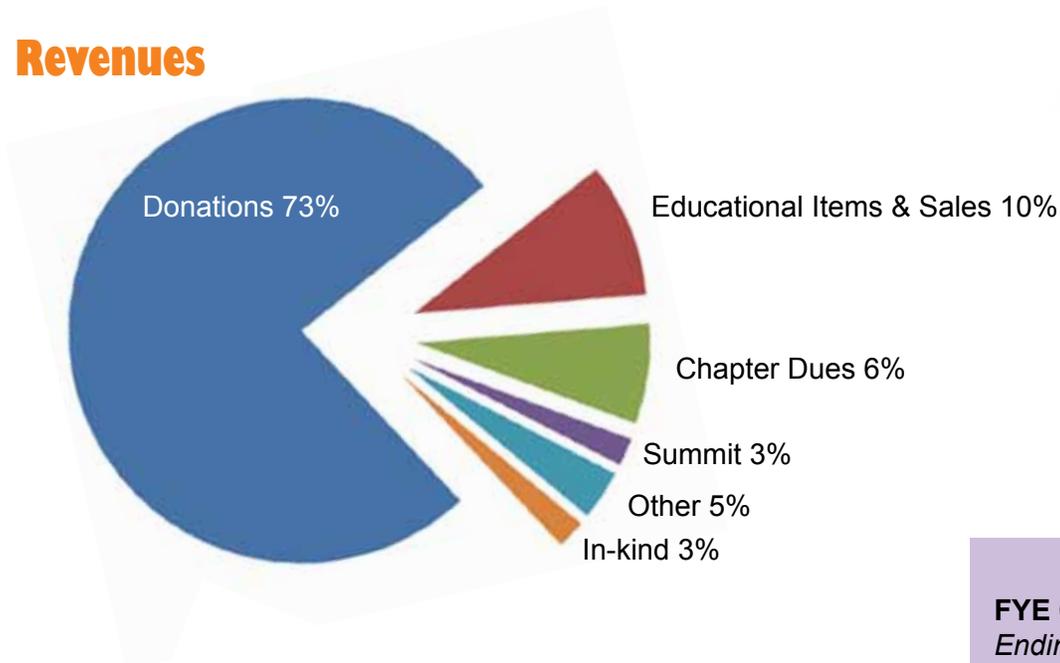


**30
FOLLOWERS**

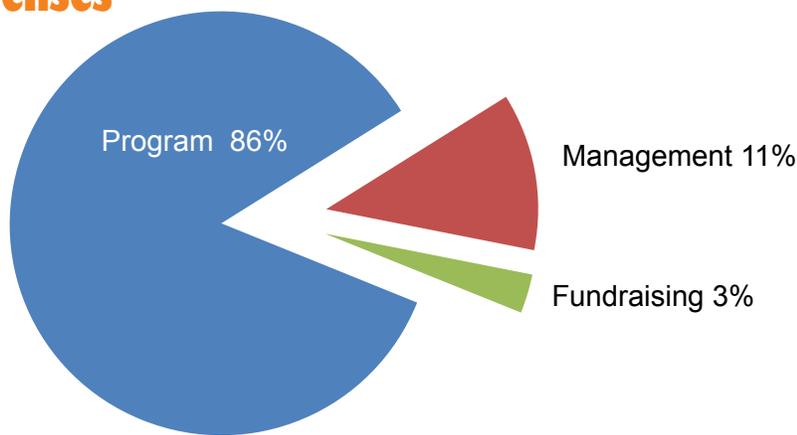


SAVE REVENUES & EXPENSES

Revenues



Expenses



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<i>Ending Net Assets:</i>	\$199,010
Total Expenses:	\$267,174
<i>Program:</i>	\$229,771
<i>Mgmt & General:</i>	\$ 29,391
<i>Fundraising:</i>	\$ 8,012

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