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## Focus On: Reaching Out Through Service

### Chapter Highlight: Biloxi High School

Biloxi High School SAVE Chapter (MS) has had an exciting start to the school year. They have been very busy with their SAVE activities, including their teen safe driving activities funded through their Allstate Foundation grant. They celebrated National SAVE Day by decorating the school with peace signs and anti-bullying banners, they even chalked the sidewalks with peace signs and anti-bullying messages. The students handed out 'Pass It On' cards with positive messages on them. Cards were given to students who needed a motivational pick up.

During Red Ribbon Week they handed out bracelets with a drug free message to all the students. Students who wore the bracelet could register each day to win prizes. They decorated the school with ribbons and banners. Daily morning announcements included a teen drug statistic and tips. Trooper BJ Siebert with the MS Highway Patrol came one day during lunch with the drunk driving goggles and set up a DUI test station for students. They had a visit from Officer Wayne Miller with the Biloxi Police Department who brought brochures about different drugs and how they affect you. The Mississippi Youth Highway Safety Program also came to the school and set up a table with information regarding teen safe driving. The chapter conducted random seat belt checks stopping vehicles to make sure that each person in the vehicle was buckled up. If they were, they received a smartie candy and if they were not, they received a dum dum lollipop.



The chapter has planned some great activities for the rest of the school year including Santa Wears a Badge for the holiday season. Biloxi High classrooms will compete in bringing in the most toys for children in need in the city of Biloxi. The competition will begin December 1 and end December 12. Chapter members will organize the toys and bag them up for each family. Then on December 19th, chapter members will pair up with Biloxi PD and help deliver the toys to the local families. They will also create and present a Bullying workshop to elementary students and will conduct a safe driving awareness project during Prom week.

Biloxi High will be hosting the Teen Safe Driving Workshop: Reckless or Wreckless on Mississippi SAVE Chapters on Saturday, January 24, 2015.

"Doing nothing  
for others is  
the undoing of  
ourselves."

-Horace Mann

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## Monthly Focus: Reaching Out Through Service

In a time full of sharing and giving, such as during the holidays, violence can be more devastating for its victims. By reaching out through service to our school and community, we can create a better environment for those who may not otherwise have a happy holiday season. SAVE emphasizes the importance of developing responsible citizens as a promising effort in preventing violence in our schools and communities. Youth should not only know their rights, but responsibilities in areas of the law, government, the Constitution, and in daily civic activities. It is difficult to emphasize to youth that they "should" be and feel a part of their community without providing opportunities to learn first-hand. Learning by doing is a key component of SAVE through service projects. Empowering students to get involved in hands-on efforts to prevent violence is a very rewarding learning experience of SAVE. SAVE is a way for youth to get involved!



*Cuthbertson SAVE club stuffed cuddly toys for Turning Point Domestic Violence Shelter of Union County (NC).*

For more service project ideas:

<http://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/engage/>

## 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 will your SAVE chapter help the less fortunate this holiday season? What service projects will your chapter conduct over the holidays?"**

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

## YABer Yak: Haylie Abernathy, YAB Chair Highland School of Technology (NC)

Service projects are a great way for you to help others! My recommendation would be to start small by signing up for an event in your community. After a while, you could even start hosting your own events to help the community. What if you could start a world-wide phenomenon that began with just a small idea about a community service project? You could make a positive impact on the world!



Now, you may be wondering why you should do a project. Maybe you think you won't be able to make an impact. First of all, you will make an impact no matter how small or large, so stop thinking that you won't! Also, service projects can benefit your skills as well. Through service projects I have improved my charisma and confidence. Although in my opinion, the best part about participating in the events is experiencing that moment when you realize how happy you're making someone else feel. So you should sign up for a community service event, make friends, and make a difference.



## Be Heard - Get Social!

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KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SAVE!

## 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/>



**Teen Safe Driving Workshop: Reckless or Wreckless?** Thanks to the Allstate Foundation, SAVE Chapters in Mississippi will have the opportunity to attend a workshop on Saturday, January 24 in Biloxi. Participants will hear from various agencies who can assist them with their youth safety activities including Teen Safe Driving. Representatives from the Highway Patrol, Allstate and others. SAVE Chapters will present on activities they have conducted this fall and plans for the spring. Please contact SAVE if you would like to attend this event.



### 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](http://www.YSA.org/sodexoyouth)

### National SAVE Youth Summit

SAVE is excited to be planning the SAVE Youth Summit in Raleigh, NC 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](mailto: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.



Register & learn more: <http://nationalsave.org/summit/>

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**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/>



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**Upcoming Events**

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

*SAVE wishes everyone a  
safe and peaceful Holiday Season!*