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Delta Sigma Theta celebrates 75 years of service

In celebration of their 75th Anniversary, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Columbus (OH) Alumnae chapter will host the following public events:

"Culture, Crowns and Carats," Delta
Diamond Tea
March 21, King Arts Complex
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

This is a fundraiser to provide scholarships for children who live in the King Arts Complex community. Special music will be provided by the African-American Youth String Orchestra, "Sinfonia" of Atlanta, GA and Columbus' own "Urban Strings." For ticket information, call 614-888-9929 or email cat4face@yahoo.com.

Diamond Gala Dinner Dance
March 27, Hyatt Regency
6:30 p.m. Social; Dinner begins at 7 p.m.

- Semi-Formal / After-Five, No Jeans
- Jewelry Raffle: Your choice of Diamond Pendant, Bracelet or Earrings.
- To purchase tickets, call 235-0238. Tickets also available at the door.

Youth to lead march for community peace

COLUMBUS, OH – The Linden community will serve as host to over 100 youth, ranging from 3rd through the 12th grade, who will lead the 6th Annual Strategies Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Peace March on Saturday, March 20 at St. Stephens Community House in Columbus. A rally will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the march at 11 a.m.

Several Central Ohio area school youth-serving organizations will participate, including: SAVENet@Linden McKinley High School, Communities in Schools at Eakin Elementary, SAVENet@South High School, Godman Guild, First Church of God T.R.U.S.T., Prophetic Impact Youth Group, Asian-American Community Services, Listen Good Youth, and UMADAOP at Medina Middle School.

The Peace Camp and March is an activity of the SAVE Awards Youth

Peacemakers Training Program (which began in 1997) – a proactive program against violence that empowers youth to use their individual voices collectively to promote peace everywhere.

The Peace March goal is to engage the community to take action for peace and show that violence in our communities is not accepted and will not be tolerated.

In recent years, peace marches have been held annually in West, East and South Columbus. After the march, the groups listed above will audition to perform in the SAVE Awards Premiere in April. Groups will perform skits, music pieces, display artistic work and other examples of performing arts before a selection committee.

In 2009, an article written by journalist, Theodore Decker, of the Columbus Dispatch, about the city's 108 homicides also highlighted that some of the

victims and perpetrators were youth and that the homicide rate in Columbus increased to its highest over the last four years. SAVE is committed to empowering youth with the skills and knowledge to keep them from becoming a victim or perpetrator of violence.

SAVE is a non-profit organization founded in 1994 by former City Council Member Les Wright and a col-

laborative group of community leaders that desired to create an organization in Central Ohio to focus on the issue of violence. SAVE has a mission to empower youth through results-oriented programming and services, to prevent violence and promote healthy lives.

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Courageous women celebrated



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