

Welcome Information Packet Perspective Advisory Committee Members



strategies against violence everywhere

SAVE was founded in 1994 and is a Columbus, Ohio 501(c)3 nonprofit organization confronting the challenging issue of youth violence.

Mission

To empower youth to prevent violence and promote healthy lives.





Strategies Against Violence Everywhere

Empowering youth to prevent violence and create peace since 1994



Dear Community Advocate and Volunteer,

Hello, my name is Theresa Potter and I am the President of the Board of Directors of Strategies Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE). Thank you for your interest in SAVE and your desire to offer your skills and leadership in making our community a quality place for all children.

SAVE is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit, founded in 1994 with the mission *To Empower Youth to Prevent Violence*. SAVE serves youth, ages 9-17, primarily in Columbus City Schools. In the 2009-10 school year SAVE served 300 children with three violence prevention programs in 6 schools and 10 youth serving organizations.

The SAVE Board and Executive Director are looking for 12 community minded Executives and professionals that can lend their talent to SAVE as a volunteer Advisory Committee member. These professionals should be able to attend a monthly meetings during the project period and aim to carry out SAVE's mission.

I hope you continue to review the material in this packet or you can check our website for more detailed information at www.SAVEforYouth.org. Please feel free to contact me at 614-228-2924 or by email at Theresa@coalescencellc.com . Also you can reach SAVE's Executive Director anytime at 614-228-5400 x1 or at Christine@saveforyouth.org . I look forward to meeting you and working together to create a safe place for children to live, grow up and be educated.

Sincerely,

Theresa

Theresa Potter
SAVE Board President

Christine

Christine DeChicco
Executive Director



Fact Sheet

- Founded in 1994
- 501(c) 3 nonprofit
- 3 full time staff, 2 part time staff, 11 Board members
- Mission: To Empower Youth to Prevent Violence
- Serve youth in Grades 3-12 or ages 9-17 in central Ohio

Prevention Programs and Services to the Community:

- SAVE Awards Youth Peacemakers Training Program
- Media Violence Education Project
- SAVE Students Network (SAVESNet) @ South High and Linden McKinley High

The Goal:

Reduce the risk factors and increase the protective factors for youth violence.

Budget:

\$188,000 (2011)

Types of youth on youth violence that are SAVE's focus:

- Youth on Youth
- School Violence
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Bullying
- Dating Violence
- Sexual Harassment
- Threats and Intimidation
- Safety
- Media Violence
- Safe Use of Internet and Technology

Youth served in 2009-10 school year:

- 192 youth participated in SAVESNet
- 250 youth and adults trained by MVEP
- 102 youth participated in the SAVE Awards
- 95% urban African-American youth were served, 3-5 grades – 40%, 6-8 grades – 26%, 9-12 grades 34%

What SAVE is Not

- Providers of counseling or treatment services.
- Focused upon: gang violence, gun violence, child abuse and neglect, family or domestic violence.
- Not affiliated with nor endorse any particular faith or religion.

why preventing violence matters....

the cost to taxpayers for violence is staggering ...

- Though other crime rates have been reducing, there has been **little decrease in violent crime rates** in the state of Ohio over that past 10 years (*robbery, rape, murder, 1996-2006, ODPS*).
- There has been a **294% increase in the number of Ohio prison inmates** [17,000 in 1997 to 50,000+ in 2007] at a cost of **\$25,000 per inmate** per year or **1.25 billion dollars** [June 2008] (*ODRC*).
- Violent Crimes are especially costly per offense, estimates range from **\$110,000** for Robbery to **\$8 million** for Murder (*McCollister, K. The Cost of Crime to Society, 2004*).
- **Loss in stable communities and tax revenue** from homeowners who move in fear of violence.
- **Loss in employment opportunities** for community members who live in violent neighborhoods.
- **Loss of quality of life and missed opportunities** when decisions are made out of fear.

the return on investment with SAVE is substantial ...

- **A child is provided the opportunity to learn and practice life saving and life changing skills, knowledge and attitudes, for \$112 - \$1,300 annually.**
- **A child is provided programs with a proven record of effectiveness by professionals who are leaders in their field.**
- **A child who was born into disadvantaged circumstances is provided an advantage that can enable them to beat the odds, overcome obstacles and become healthy responsible adults.**

testimony of SAVES's impact . . .

"SAVESNet helped me talk through problems and find who I really am. The program prevents my peers and I from getting into violent situations and pointed in the right direction."
Valquisa G., SAVESNet Member

This will help me avoid fights because I learned how to ignore and walk away.
Miranda, SAVESNet Member

Many of our children cannot excel with their education and social skills because they are effected by violence in the schools and at home. SAVE has been an integral component to teach conflict resolution skills that they can put to practical use.
A. Robertson, Godman Guild Assoc.

The students at Linden McKinley are actually promoting non - violence. A lot of peoples perspectives of life are totally different. It has changed my life to. If I'm about to make a decision I think about SAVESNet and then I do the right thing.
Myisha T., SAVESNet Member



MORE IMPACT TESTIMONIALS AND PROGRAM EVALUATION SUCCESSES ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.SAVEFORYOUTH.ORG

My son was a member of SAVESNet last year. Before he joined he had very little interest in school. Once he started learning how important it was for students to feel safe at their school he realized that he could make a difference. He learned to make better choices....he got serious about his grades. He improved in every class as a result of the help and support he received as a SAVESNet member.
C. Peterson, Parent



I have seen some of our most challenging students turn completely around and become positive role models in their school and community because of this (SAVESNet) program.
S. Christenson, Teacher



Now I understand it takes more than just a "hey stop" to stop a fight. I think I have the power to prevent violence.
Faith Moore, Age 12

financial report and vital statistics

December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Cash	\$96,017
A/R	\$64,792
Other Assets	\$2,655
TOTAL ASSETS	\$163,464

LIABILITIES

A/P	\$1,308
Fiscal Agent Payable	\$136
Vacations/Salaries	\$10,510
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$11,954

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$151,510
Restricted	\$0
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$151,510

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

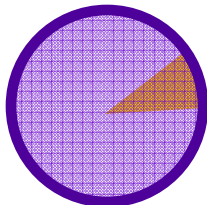
\$163,464

REVENUE

Grants	\$206,800
Fundraising	\$32,207
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$239,007

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$226,569
Mgmt/ Fundraising	\$14,894
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$241,463



10%
Management
and
Fundraising

90% Program Services

2009 Auditors: Hemphill and Associates, Certified Public Accounts

Youth Served

Ages 9-17, 90% African American, 95% of children come from low-income families, 95% reside in low income neighborhoods with low graduation rates and high rates of crime.

Programs

SAVE Students Network

Number of Schools: 2

Participants: 192

Media Violence Education Project

Participants: 250

SAVE Awards Youth Peacemakers Training Program

Participants: 102

Staff

Number of Full Time Staff: 3

Number of Part Time Staff: 2

Volunteers Annually: 60

Corporate Support 2009-2010

- Nationwide Insurance
- Robert Weiler Company
- Honda of America Mfg.
- Excel Management Systems
- Fifth Third Bank
- OSU Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board and Columbus Violence Prevention Collaborative



board of directors

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Les Wright

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Theresa Potter,
President
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Steve Billups,
Detective
Columbus Police Department

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Les Wright

executive director

Christine DeChicco MSW, LSW

Many people think that violence is too big an issue to tackle, too ingrained in our society. Children do not see it that way. They want and deserve to live in peace to pursue their dreams and reach their potential. When children learn what causes violence and how to prevent it, they are forever empowered. As Americans we must make peacemaking a priority. Violence is exorbitantly costly and the fear of violence drives us apart and away from being peaceful, prosperous community.

Recognized for leadership ability, Christine was promoted to Director of SAVE in 2003 and has 10 years experience in the field of violence prevention and youth development. A graduate of The Ohio State University, Christine has a M.A. in Public Administration and Master's of Social Work.



committee roles & responsibilities

Organizational Leadership

- Know and understand SAVE's mission and vision.
- Provide continuity for SAVE through access to a targeted skill or community connection you possess and/or completion of committee projects to the best of your ability.
- Work with SAVE staff to outline project goals and timelines.
- Provide feedback and input to SAVE's future needs and goals.
- Provide advocacy and enhancement of SAVE's mission and public image.
- Increase SAVE's capacity to carry out programs.
- Regularly assess SAVE's committee performance.
- Recruit committee members who are appropriate for the project and respectful of SAVE's mission.

Financial Leadership

- When working within a budget be fiscally responsible and economical.
- Access in-kind or monetary donations whenever possible to support project.

Individual Leadership

- Commit to 6 months of project work.
- Attend and participate in regularly scheduled Board meetings as needed.
- Commit to participate actively in committee work.
- Be accountable for individual committee responsibilities.
- Volunteer for and willingly accept assignments and complete them thoroughly and on time.
- Stay informed about Committee matters, prepare well for meetings and review and comment on minutes and reports.
- Participate in committee work with SAVE's mission in mind, knowing you are a representative of SAVE.

advisory committee nominee profile

For your convenience please email Christine@saveforyouth.org for this form in Word.

Name:

Home Address:

Phone:

Cell:

Business Address:

Phone:

Email:

Occupation/Title:

Education:

Professional Expertise:

Why does SAVE's Mission interest you? To Empower Youth to Prevent Violence and Promote Healthy Lives.

What is your interest in serving on the a SAVE committee ?

What other volunteer leadership roles are you currently involved?

What experience and accomplishments do you have as a committee member? For what length of time?

If no board or committee experience, what leadership roles have you had?

What areas of social change are you most excited about contributing?

What are the types of activities are you most interested in doing to assist SAVE in accomplishing its mission?

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| ◇ Marketing / Social Networking | ◇ Human Resource Guidance |
| ◇ Finance / Budgeting | ◇ Corporate Sponsorships Solicitation |
| ◇ Accounting / Audit | ◇ Volunteer Recruitment |
| ◇ Public Relations / Media Relations | ◇ Technology Advancement |
| ◇ Fundraising | ◇ Management Guidance |
| ◇ Board Recruitment and Development | ◇ Training / Curriculum Development |
| ◇ Program Evaluation and Design | ◇ Event Planning |
| ◇ Strategic Planning / Business Planning | ◇ Other _____ |
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If you have any questions or concerns about the responsibilities of the SAVE Advisory Committee or your ability to live up to those expectations, please ask a SAVE Board member or Executive Director at Christine@SAVEForYouth.org.

Please attach your resume and email to Christine@SAVEforYouth.org.