

# Having Our Say

*The newsletter of SaySo, Strong Able Youth Speaking Out*

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## Become a Member!

If you are interested in joining **SaySo**, let us know! E-mail or write us with the following information: your name, birth date, and address (including e-mail), region and the kind of out-of-home placement you are or have been in.

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# WOW, What A Wonderful Turnout!!!!



The 20<sup>th</sup> Make A Difference Day event was a huge success!!! We collected nearly 200 duffle bags and luggage that will be distributed to youth who are in substitute care. We also received monetary contributions towards the purchase of duffle bags. During this event, SaySo sponsored a Youth Mentor Day along with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. We had workshops on Healthy Teen Relationships, Dress for Success, and Knowledge is Power.

The Fraternity brothers of Phi Beta Sigma put on a wonderful step performance that had everyone on their feet. The motivational speaker, also a brother of Phi Beta Sigma, gave youth an empowering message on Reaching Your Destiny.

SaySo would like to thank the Emily K Center for all their support to help make this event a great success. We would also like to thank Durham County DSS and Phi Beta Sigma for their part in the 2010 Make A Difference Day!!



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## Tis' the Season!

The holidays are right around the corner and now is the time we start shopping for gifts. Here are a couple of tips that should help you shop wisely this holiday season:

- Make sure you look around for the best price first before purchasing a gift.
- Always give from your heart.
- Don't worry about what you can't give; it's always the thought that counts.
- A gift made is always as good as a gift purchased.
- You don't always have to shop at the mall to get a good gift.
- A gift of love and kindness will last a very long time.



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## Upcoming Events

Save the Dates.....

- **Link Up Conference** - Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Wilson Community College-Wilson County, NC.
- **SaySo Saturday** - Saturday, March 5, 2011 at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown.
- **Legislative Page Week** - March 20-25, 2011 in Raleigh, NC.

If you need more information regarding the upcoming events, please contact SaySo directly at 800-820-0001, or email Chaney, Assistant Program Coordinator, at [chaney.stokes@ilrinc.com](mailto:chaney.stokes@ilrinc.com)

## Thanksgiving Delights

On Thanksgiving Day we're thankful for  
Our blessings all year through,  
For family we dearly love,  
For good friends, old and new.  
For sun to light and warm our days,  
For stars that glow at night,  
For trees of green and skies of blue,  
And puffy clouds of white.  
We're grateful for our eyes that see  
The beauty all around,  
For arms to hug, and legs to walk,  
And ears to hear each sound.  
The list of all we're grateful for  
Would fill a great big book;  
Our thankful hearts find new delights  
Everywhere we look!

By Joanna Fuchs