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NEWS RELEASE

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Steel Valley's Stand Together Group Holds Valentine's Event & Homeroom Door Decorating Contest

Munhall, PA – Steel Valley High School's Stand Together Club "Shared the Love" on Valentine's Day by challenging Middle School students to color a Valentine to be used to decorate a friend's locker the following day for the holiday. The event was held during lunch.

Students also enjoyed using a photo booth created by Stand Together members. For their good deed and "sharing their love" to friends, students were given a sweet treat and entered into a drawing for a bigger candy bar!

"The students had a blast! The sign in the cafe hung with the day's theme of 'Being the Nice Kid.' We want students at Steel Valley Middle School to accept one another and share kindness by being the nice kid!," said Stand Together Advisor Ryan Dunmire-Kuftic.

Displayed prominently were the following words on a pink poster:

*Some kids are smarter than you,
Some kids have cooler shoes than you,
Some kids are better at sports than you.
It doesn't matter.
You have your thing too.
Be the kid who can get along.
Be the kid who is generous.
Be the kid who is happy for others.
Be the kid who does the right thing.
Be the nice kid.*

-By Bryan Skavnak

Part II of the "Share the Love" events was held the next day with students and teachers participating in a Homeroom Door Decorating Contest planned by "Stand Together" students. Middle School Teacher Dr. Bethany Fenylus' room won the contest with a theme focused on eating disorders.

Following are some facts about eating disorders:

- 95% of people who suffer from eating disorders are between the ages of 12 and 25.
- 70% of people who have an eating disorder will not seek treatment for one reason or another.
- 50% of teenage girls and 33% of teenage boys will engage in unhealthy weight control behaviors.
- Bulimia and Binge Eating Disorder tend to run in families.

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- 10 million men will struggle with an eating disorder in their lifetime.
- Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness

Stand Together's goal was to highlight various mental illnesses as well as the aspect of kindness with themed doors complete with facts, colors and information about each specific illness. The winning homeroom in the door decorating contest won donuts to enjoy as a 1st place prize and Dr. Fenyus received a \$25 gift card for decorating supplies.

