



Lights On Afterschool 2009 Local Events A Representative Sample

Alabama

Birmingham, Alabama: Afterschool Ambassador Ronda Charping, Vestavia Hills City Schools Extended Day, 205-823-7593, charpingrl@vestavia.k12.al.us

Sitting atop Red Mountain in Birmingham is the world's largest cast-iron statue and symbol of Alabama's history at the Vulcan Park and Museum. On October 22nd the iconic landmark will host students and guests to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Light Bulb Art Exhibit. From 10:00 AM-12:30 PM, guests will view the artwork and get information about afterschool programs. Parents and community members, school officials, school board members, and superintendents are invited to the event.

Birmingham, Alabama: Gwen Hatcher, Alabaster YMCA, 205-663-6504, GHatcher@ymcabham.org

The Alabaster YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year with activities about healthy living on October 22nd from 5:00-6:30 PM. Children will learn about nutrition and take part in physical health activities. Local media may attend, and some 50 guests are expected.

Greenville, Alabama: Nancy Philyaw, Greenville Elementary, 334-343-4010, nancyphilyaw@butlerco.k12al.us

Greenville Elementary School officials will center their *Lights On Afterschool* activities this year around healthy living. The open house will allow parents to watch and participate in different healthy activities, including jump rope, basketball and walking. Refreshments will be served. The open house will be on October 22nd from 3:00-5:00 PM at the School.

Irondale, Alabama: Kay Sharp, Grantswood Afterschool Care, 205-379-5373, ksharp@jefcoed.com

Grantswood Community Elementary School will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Fall Festival on October 22nd from 3:00-6:00 PM. Activities for students and families will include scooter racing, face-painting, crafts projects, a cupcake walk, and snacks of popcorn and pizza. Admission is free for students enrolled in the afterschool program.

Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska: Sharron Harris, Anchorage School District, 907-742-7626, harris_sharron@asdk12.org

Fairview Elementary School will hold an event on October 22nd from 6:00-8:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents and the community are invited to come and participate in reading and literacy activities with the children from the afterschool program. As many as 250 people are expected to participate.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Afterschool Ambassador Julie Wild-Curry, jwildcurry@northstar.k12.ak.us, and Marilyn Eggleston, Barnette Magnet After School Program, 907-456-6072, meggleston@northstar.k12.ak.us

The Barnette Magnet After School Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year with light bulb t-shirts. On October 22nd from 5:30-7:30 PM, students will tie-dye t-shirts and then use iron-on light bulbs on the shirts to show their enthusiasm and support for *Lights On Afterschool*. Ninety-one students participate in the program currently, and parents are invited to help decorate the t-shirts and eat pizza with the school community.

Kenai, Alaska: Shanette Wik, Boys & Girls Clubs – Nikiski Clubhouse, 907-776-2668, swik@positiveplaceforkids.com

For *Lights On Afterschool* this year, the Nikiski Clubhouse will host an open house on October 22nd from 3:45-6:00 PM at Nikiski Elementary School to showcase the work students do after school. Information will be available for students and families about afterschool opportunities, including those offered by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and refreshments will be served. Guests will include local and state representatives, and community and church members.

Arizona

Chandler, Arizona: Christy McClendon, ICAN: Positive Programs for Chandler's Youth, 480-821-4207, ext. 107, christy@icanaz.org

ICAN participated in a city-wide *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 17th, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at Tumbleweed Park. Partnering with the City of Chandler, the event was held in conjunction with the city's "Day of Play." Featured speakers included Mayor Boyd Dunn, city officials and program representatives. Invitees included city officials, local media, community partners, parents, youth and program staff. The event also honored awards won by the city and its organizations, and ICAN was one of the organizations recognized. The event was open to the public, and ICAN's supporters and service population also attended.

Lakeside, Arizona: Lisa Figueroa, Yellow Jacket Youth Center, 928-368-2900, yjcmember75@yahoo.com

The Yellow Jacket Youth Center will host the fire department when it gives children safety presentations on October 22nd from 5:00-7:00 PM. Local anti-drug groups and other nonprofit organizations will also attend the event at the youth center, to promote safety while raising awareness about the importance of afterschool programs. The mayor and other local community leaders and business owners will be invited.

Phoenix, Arizona: Carolyn Woolstenhulme, Kyrene Kids Club, 480-0783-3405, cwoolstenhulme@kyrene.org

The Kyrene Kids Club will host a carnival in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd at the Milenio School from 5:00-6:00 PM. The event will bring students and their parents together to participate in carnival games, face-painting, dancing, and a cake walk.

Tucson, Arizona: Donna Kolberg, Kids Village, 520-882-7951, donnaacierto@yahoo.com

The theme for this year's *Lights On Afterschool* at the Kids Village will be "Going Green!" Students in the program will create and display science fair style projects to show parents on October 22nd from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Arkansas

Clinton, Arkansas: Marla Vest, Clinton Intermediate School, 501-745-6043, versm@clinton.k12.ar.us

The Clinton Intermediate School is holding its *Lights On Afterschool* event to coincide with Red Ribbon Week this year. The theme of the event is “Make Drugs Disappear.” A magician is performing and a cookout is organized for the kids and parents. The event is on October 21st from 4:00-5:15 PM at the school.

Little Rock, Arkansas: Jennie Cunningham, NLR Parks and Recreation, 501-791-8545, jcunning@nlrpr.org

NLR Parks and Recreation hosted a Talent Competition on October 15th for *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants from three afterschool programs auditioned to perform in front of fellow students and school and city officials. Kids incorporated light into their performances, which took place entirely in the dark with their creative use of light being the only source of light during the performances. The event was from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Sherman Park Community Center. NLR Parks and Recreation will also hold open houses at its locations on October 22nd.

Pine Bluff, Arkansas: Annette Dove, TOPPS, Inc., 870-850-6011, toppsincdove@aol.com
TOPPS, Inc. will work to get students, parents and community members interested in and excited about reading at *Lights On Afterschool* this year! On October 22nd from 4:30-7:30, the program will host its annual Harvest Fest. Students in pre-school through 12th grade are invited to dress in Halloween costumes to celebrate, and to take part in games and activities at one of the TOPPS office locations, at 1000 Townsend Park Drive. Guests will read stories to the children, after which free books, donated by Dollar General, will be distributed to the kids. TOPPS, Inc. hopes to host about 200 people.

California

Bakersfield, California: Afterschool Ambassador Garrett Shipes, Greenfield Union School District, 661-837-6070, shipesg@gfusd.k12.ca.us

The Greenfield Success After School Program, in partnership with The Foundation for Success, will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by inviting parents, families and community leaders to its seventh annual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 22nd. The goal will be to highlight the benefit of afterschool programs and the importance of maintaining funding to keep programs operating. The event will be at Raffaello Palla Elementary School from 5:00-8:00 PM. The theme is “Neon Nights” and activities like neon face-painting and spirit shirt making will carry this theme. The event will also feature children’s dance performances, games, activity booths, delicious food, and outside vendors including the local Ranch Market. Elected officials and community partners have demonstrated their generous support by participating in the event, which has made this a very special event each year. Guests will view a powerful new documentary about afterschool programs, produced by Bright House, during the event.

Brisbane, California: Tamberly Mott, Growing Green Hands: An Intergenerational Mentoring Program, 415-632-8702, tamberlymott@gmail.com

The Brisbane Library is hosting a “Build Your Own Story Event” on October 21st to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. Students and adults involved in the Mentoring Program from

elementary and middle school are gathering from 3:00-4:30 PM for an interactive story-telling session. Mayor Sepi Richardson and the Executive Director of the Local Chamber of Commerce, Mitch Bull, are invited.

Clovis, California: Pamela Hutton, Central Valley Afterschool Foundation, 559-326-2075, Foundationphutton@centralvalleyafterschool.org

The Central Valley Afterschool Foundation will host an event that will be open to afterschool programs from more than 150 schools in a four-county region of central California to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. It will be October 21st and 22nd at the Sierra Vista Mall from 3:00-8:00 PM. Activities include a sidewalk art competition, student art auctions, program exhibits, and dance and talent competitions. There will be a VIP Reception and *Lights On* Ceremony for leaders from business, education, government, media, and community-based organizations from 6:30-8:30 PM. Guest speakers will include: Superintendent of Fresno County Public Schools Larry Powell, Fresno Chief of Police Jerry Dyer, Clovis Mayor Harry Armstrong, Clovis Chief of Police Janet Davis, and Executive Director of Central Valley Afterschool Foundation Lindsay Callahan. The Central Valley Afterschool Foundation expects to host more than 1,000 students, parents, business and education leaders, members of the afterschool community and community-based organizations, government leaders, and media to participate over the course of the two-day *Lights On Afterschool* event.

Davis, California: Jeff Davis, California Afterschool Network, 530-752-5965, jefdavis@ucdavis.edu

The California AfterSchool Network will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 22nd, from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, at which more than 500 educational leaders, law enforcement leaders, youth, parents and afterschool program providers from the greater Sacramento area will convene on the south steps of the State Capitol. Speakers will include: State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell; Director of the Learning Supports Division Gordon Jackson; Superintendent Gay Todd; and Sacramento Chief of Police Rick Braziel. Also featured will be testimonials from afterschool students and staff, as well as parents. There will be student performances and demonstrations of music, dance, martial arts/physical activity, and literacy/spoken word. Other activities will include: exhibits hosted by afterschool programs; and awards to students, afterschool program staff and parents.

Los Angeles, California: Afterschool Ambassador Cathie Mostovoy, Woodcraft Rangers Afterschool Program, 213-249-9293, cmostovoy@woodcrafrangers.org
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Rarely lit up for events, the Lindbergh Beacon will be turned on to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* for the first time on October 22nd thanks to the work of Los Angeles' Woodcraft Rangers afterschool program and City Councilwoman Jan Perry, who requested the lighting. Linked with the ceremony in Los Angeles will be the lighting of New York City's iconic Empire State Building. Together, they will help focus national attention from coast to coast on the importance of afterschool programs. A news conference and reception will follow the lighting of the Lindbergh Beacon, and many of the program's youth groups will attend.

Los Angeles, California: Afterschool Ambassador Anna Araujo, Boys & Girls Clubs of East Los Angeles, 323-263-6814, elabgc@yahoo.com

On October 22nd the Boys & Girls Clubs of East Los Angeles will host a *Lights On Afterschool* rally. Keynote speakers will include Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, First District, and Superintendent of Montebello Unified School District Edward Velasquez. Other afterschool programs and providers from the area will join the Boys & Girls Clubs at the Open House which will also feature youth art work, film work, dance and cheer performances, a club tour, and carnival games and jumpers.

Los Angeles, California: Bob Barboza, Kids Talk Radio, 562-221-1780, Suprschool@aol.com
For *Lights On Afterschool* this year, Kids Talk Radio will present a virtual music concert with aspiring and inspiring musicians from around the United States. The event will be launched on the internet from Long Beach, California on October 22nd and stay online for 30 days. This event will also be on a newly featured Kids Talk Radio Apple Computer Website and the Apple I-Tunes Store: www.KidsTalkRadioLA.com.

Modesto, California: Jeri Trainor, Stanislaus County Office of Education, 209-238-1375, jtrainor@stancoe.org

In Modesto, California, an eight-page full color special section featuring *Lights On Afterschool* will be printed in three local newspapers in English and Spanish in region six counties. The newspaper will reach more than 192,000 English- and Spanish-speaking households and it will highlight afterschool programs in Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne Counties. An English version will appear in *The Modesto Bee* and *The Stockton Record*, and a Spanish version in the weekly newspaper, *Vida Nenezalle*. The cover of the special section will showcase winning artwork that was selected from entries from the annual *Lights On Afterschool* cover contest. The winning student and runners up will receive prizes.

Ridgecrest, California: Afterschool Ambassador Sandra Goldstein, Southern Sierra Boys & Girls Club, 760-375-8870, unitdirector1@verizon.net

The Southern Sierra Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 5:00-7:00 PM at Faller Elementary School. The school will host a dinner and interactive tour illustrating the educational and recreational activities provided during the program. The students will present poems as well as a play they have written about what afterschool programs mean to them. City Manager Michael Avery will be the keynote speaker at the event. He will deliver the Proclamation and discuss the importance of afterschool programs. Chris LeCornu will discuss the relationship between McDonald's and the Southern Sierra Boys and Girls Club and McDonald's support for youth programs. Student artwork will decorate the school.

Ridgecrest, California: Afterschool Ambassador Sandra Goldstein, Southern Sierra Boys & Girls Club, 760-375-8870, unitdirector1@verizon.net

The Southern Sierra Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 5:00-7:00 PM at Inyokern Elementary School. The school will host a dinner and film festival, showcasing several different films that were written, acted and edited by the students in the afterschool program. Retired China Lake Naval Base Commanding Officer Michael Gleason will be the keynote speaker, advocating the importance of afterschool programs. This will be

followed by a tour of the site, including interactive stations where students can show parents what they do afterschool. Student artwork will decorate the school.

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Pierce Elementary School will host a dinner and performances by the afterschool choir as well as demonstrations by the afterschool martial arts club, along with Volunteer Coordinator Antonio Solomon. City Council Member Chip Holloway will discuss the importance of afterschool programs. A video showcasing the afterschool program will be shown and tours, with interactive stations, will be offered. The afterschool student council will also kick-off its Recycle Drive, with all proceeds going to the Humane Society. Student artwork will decorate the school.

Ridgecrest, California: Afterschool Ambassador Sandra Goldstein, Southern Sierra Boys & Girls Club, 760-375-8870, unitdirector1@verizon.net

Las Flores Elementary School will host a carnival for *Lights On Afterschool!* The mayor will present and read the official Proclamation for *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will cook and serve a pancake dinner to friends and family members. Student artwork will decorate the school. Winners of the Light Bulb Coloring Contest will be announced and presented with gift certificates from participating local restaurants.

Santa Ana, California: Rachelle Vargas, Orange Unified School District (OUSD), 714-628-5381, rvargas@orangeusd.org

The Orange Unified School District will continue its popular afterschool project, “Paper Kids,” to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. To promote the event, OUSD will send posters to schools throughout the district – the result of a poster contest held this summer. Events began on October 12th with a week of lesson plans, and will culminate on October 22nd with *Lights On Afterschool*. At the beginning of the week, children in the program will make representations of themselves out of paper. Parents will then take their “paper child” to work on October 22nd to celebrate their children’s afterschool program, as well as send a message to employers about the impact of high quality before and afterschool programs for their employees. The OUSD has also asked that participants be featured on the District’s podcast on *Lights On Afterschool* day. They will videotape and photograph the kids painting, designing and making “themselves.” Parents are also asked to take pictures at work with their “paper child” and submit them.

Ventura, California: Deanna Romero, Mound CDC, 805-650-8791, center516@cdicdc.org

Students at the Mound CDC afterschool program will make a movie about “Going Green” in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be incorporated into the normal afterschool care, from 3:30-6:00 PM. Parents and members of the community will be invited to join the students and participate on October 22nd.

Colorado

Colorado Springs, Colorado: Kaylan Sisco, Southeast Family Center YMCA, 719-622-3558, ksisco@ppymca.org

The Southeast Family Center YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd at the center with astronomy. Children, parents and community members will come to the YMCA to

view the stars in a mobile planetarium and learn from an astronomer. A spaghetti dinner will follow. The event will be after school, from 4:30-7:00 PM, and 100-150 people are expected.

Denver, Colorado: Afterschool Ambassador Melanie Haas, Colorado MESA, 303-349-4045, melanie.haas@ucdenver.edu

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year, the Colorado MESA program hosted a luncheon presentation in conjunction with the MESA Fall Fling and the IsTEC High School Day event. On October 16th, 200-plus guests, including teachers and students, participated in the event. The luncheon was held at the Fort Collins Campus of Colorado State University during afterschool hours.

Durango, Colorado: Laura Hager, Boys & Girls Club of Laplata County, 970-375-0010, ext. 2, laura@bgclaplata.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Laplata County is collaborating with two other afterschool groups in Durango to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*: Big Brothers, Big Sisters; and the Del Alma Program. Activities will be held at the Boys & Girls Club on October 22nd from 3:00-6:00 PM. Big Brothers, Big Sisters will organize a trivia tournament, and the Del Alma program will present a dance performance. Other activities in the gymnasium and game room will include air hockey, foosball and a dodgeball tournament. There will also be a special guest from Durango Community Access Television, who will teach the students about video and editing. Some 150 people are expected.

Connecticut

Colchester, Connecticut: Afterschool Ambassador Arline Linger, Colchester Alternative School-Age Total Learning Experience (CASTLE), 860-537-0214, arlinelinger2003@yahoo.com

The C.A.S.T.L.E. Program will host an informational night to celebrate this year's *Lights On Afterschool* on October 23rd. From 4:30-7:00 PM, parents will have the opportunity to learn more about the afterschool programs offered, ask Board Members about different committees, and learn what they can do to support CASTLE. Colchester Selectwoman Linda Hodge will read a Proclamation. There will also be a candle-lighting ceremony, pumpkin decorating, face-painting and a scarecrow-decorating contest.

New Haven, Connecticut: Afterschool Ambassador Charles Warner, New Haven Public Schools, 203-946-7478, charles.warner@new-haven.k12.ct.us

The public schools of New Haven will assemble on October 22nd at Ross/Woodward Classical Magnet School to hold the city-wide celebration, *Lights On Afterschool* Gallery Walk. The mayor, superintendent, Youth Bureau, Park and Recreation Department, city-wide youth organizations, state senators and representatives, and alderpersons are invited to attend. Each of the 53 participating schools will have a display table, and students from the schools will perform at locations throughout the building. Community partners and supplemental educational service providers will also showcase their programs. There will be performances and presentations by numerous afterschool interest groups, including: band, cheerleaders, football, soccer, volleyball teams, choir and storytellers.

New London, Connecticut: Reona Dyess, Drop-In Learning Center, 860-442-4466, dilcenter@hotmail.com

The Drop-In Learning Center will host a fashion show to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd. Youth participants in grades K-7 will dress as who they would like to be when they grow up. Parents and community members are invited, and the Center hopes to receive about 150 people. The fashion show will be after school from 4:00-5:00 PM.

Uncasville, Connecticut: Kimberly Grant, Montville Youth Service Bureau, 860-848-7724, Kimberly@montvilleyouth.org

The Montville Youth Service Bureau will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year on October 22nd with a disc jockey and pizza dinner for children and their families. The social event will be at the Montville Youth Service Bureau from 4:00-7:00 PM. Members of the Town Council and Advisory Board are invited, and the mayor may attend.

Vernon, Connecticut: Sherri Romie, Above and Beyond After School, 860-870-6415, sherri.romie@vernonct.org

The Above and Beyond After School Program will host its annual “Fear Factor” event, incorporating a variety of mental and physical challenges. The students will venture through a grave yard to answer questions based on material they have learned the first month of school. They will also participate in two relay challenges and an eating challenge. The Halloween-themed event will be on October 22nd, from 2:30-3:30 at the Vernon Center Middle School. Members of the school community, students, parents, and state representatives are all invited to the event.

Delaware

Seaford, Delaware: Shawn Phillips, Laurel Kids Connection Mentoring Program, 302-629-7790, sphillips@dapi.org

The Laurel Kids Connection Mentoring Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd with a movie night for members of the program and their mentors. The event will be from 3:00-5:30 at the Laurel Intermediate School.

Selbyville, Delaware: Yolanda Gallego, The Next Step Learning Center, Inc., 302-436-3633, thenextstepde@yahoo.com

The Next Step Learning Center, Inc. is a new learning center for infants, pre-schoolers, and school-age children. The children involved in the afterschool program will create a storefront style display for the main window of the center’s building in the theme of “Lights On” for this year’s *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. The display will remain through October. The center will host a ceremony on October 22nd, from 4:00-6:00 PM with special guests including the mayor and other school officials and community members invited.

Wilmington, Delaware: Emily Denson, Project C.H.A.N.C.E. (Children’s Health, Achievement, Nutrition, and Community Empowerment), 302-651-2615, Emily.denson@redclay.k12.de.us
Project C.H.A.N.C.E. will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year through music. On October 22nd at the Warner Elementary School Auditorium, from 4:00-6:00 PM, students will stage a musical performance with singing and instrumental performance, as well as a choreographed light show using flashlights. Special guests speakers will include the superintendent and school

district administrators, as well as parents who wish to speak about the importance of afterschool programs. Project C.H.A.N.C.E. expects 100-200 people will attend.

District of Columbia

Washington, District of Columbia: Yoshimi Quinones, YMCA Capital View, 202-889-0643, Yoshimi.quinones@ymcadc.org

Participants of the YMCA Capital View will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year by coloring and decorating light bulbs and lighthouses. Students will write about why they enjoy afterschool programs. From 4:30-5:30 on October 22nd, kids will participate in the coloring and other activities, and parents will have a chance to learn more about the program and have the opportunity to register their kids.

Washington, District of Columbia: Tim McKalip, IDEA Public Charter School, 202-399-4750 ext. 237, development@ideapcs.org

On October 15th from 6:00-8:00 PM the IDEA Public Charter School welcomed students, parents, community members, local and school representatives to an open house to feature its afterschool programs. Providers of afterschool tutoring services were represented and offered the opportunity to register. Different afterschool groups performed and presented, including the cheerleading squad.

Washington, District of Columbia: Timothea Howard, CentroNIA, 202-332-4200, ext. 142, toward@centronia.org

CentroNIA afterschool program will host an open house for students, parents and community-based organizations on October 22nd for *Lights On Afterschool*. The focus will be to enroll all afterschool participants in clubs, classes and creative events. Each department offering activities will have a table at the event. The open house will also feature the newest program site to give families the opportunity to view the new location.

Florida

Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Timothy Leistner, United Cerebral Palsy of Broward County, 954-315-4063, Timothy.Leistner@UCPSouthFlorida.org

United Cerebral Palsy of Broward County's Unlocking Children's Potential After-School Program will host its 4th annual "Behind Our Eyes" art exhibit showcasing works of art by children with disabilities. The exhibition will be on display through the month of October, but the opening will take place in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 5:30-7:30 PM at ArtServe Gallery. Participants will mingle with the young artists and see the children's artworks on display. Members of the Children's Services Council are invited.

Hialeah, Florida: Jessica Gomez, Creative Learning & Play, 305-818-9143, jgomez@hialeahfl.gov

The Creative Learning & Play afterschool program will create a mural showing the importance of afterschool programs in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The unveiling will be at John F. Kennedy Library on October 22nd from 7:00-8:30 PM. Participants may view the artwork, and refreshments will be served. The canvas will hang for the month of October in the library auditorium for all community members to see. Creative Learning & Play will also host, "Are you Smarter than a Child in an Afterschool Program?," in which children from the afterschool

program and City of Hialeah council members will participate in a friendly trivia competition. Mayor Julio Robaine will deliver a proclamation, and local television news channels will cover the event.

Homestead, Florida: Maurice Pasha Brandt, Haitian American Organization for Women, Inc., 305-245-8157/8158, how_w@bellsouth.net

The Haitian American Organization for Women, Inc. will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* Rally on October 22nd, from 5:30-6:30 PM at Losner Park. In the first 30 minutes, participants will march and rally in support of afterschool programs in front of the amphitheater. That will be followed by guest speakers and presentations, including a proclamation delivered by three city mayors: Carlos Alvarez, Linda Bell and Ottis Wallace. Thirty minutes before the start of the event, there will be an opportunity for networking, media interviews and photo opportunities.

Lake Worth, Florida: Cynthia Benavidez, For The Children, Inc., 561-493-1190, ftc4931190@yahoo.com

For The Children, Inc., in partnership with Primetime of Palm Beach County, City of Lake Worth and other local agencies, will sponsor a *Lights On Afterschool* Rally on October 22nd from 3:00-7:00 PM at Cultural Green Plaza (MLK Memorial) in Lake Worth. Students from all grade levels and the community at large will rally in support of afterschool programs, and celebrate with dance performances, refreshments and guest speakers, including the Director of Primetime of Palm Beach County. The evening will conclude with all the participants forming a circle around City Hall and singing *We Are the World*.

Orlando, Florida: Patricia Coefield, Rosemont Elementary Extended Day Program, 407-522-6050, patricia.coefield@ocps.net

Rosemont Elementary Extended Day Program will invite parents and the community to "Rosemont Family Movie Night." Refreshments will be served, and informational materials about afterschool programs and the annual *Lights On Afterschool* event will be available. The event will be run by the afterschool students in the 4th and 5th grades, who have helped plan, advertise and conduct community outreach. This activity will allow students to learn how a business is run while they are engaged in a fun afterschool event. Movie Night will be October 23rd from 5:00-7:00 PM in the Rosemont Elementary School cafeteria.

Tampa, Florida: Afterschool Ambassador Bobbi Davis, Children's Board of Hillsborough County, 813-204-1752, bobbid@childrensboard.org

On October 22nd, 2009, community leaders from Hillsborough County's business, civic, education and social service organizations will come together for Graduation Pathway, a summit organized by the Children's Board, the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County Public Schools and United Way of Tampa Bay. The summit will launch a community effort to increase local graduation rates and encourage youth to pursue higher education. The summit will be on October 22nd at the Doubletree Hotel in Tampa from 9:00-1:30 PM. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Bill Daggett, President of the International Center for Leadership in Education. The panel, led by Dr. Dagget, will include Joe Follman, Executive Director of Learn & Serve Florida; Gordon Gillette, CEO of TECO & People's Gas; Judy Nee, Executive Director of the National Afterschool Association; Joe Radelet, VP of Mentoring for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America;

Anna Weselak, PTA Past National President. Lunch will be included, with sponsorship from State Farm Insurance and America's Promise.

Georgia

Atlanta, Georgia: Chiquita Stephens, Peachtree Hills Recreation Center, 404-237-2756, cdstephens@atlantaga.gov

On October 21st at the Peachtree Hills Recreation Center, children will learn about the importance of staying in school from representatives of the Atlanta Police Department. The guests will speak with kids about gangs and guns, and how being involved in afterschool programs helps combat the problem. There was also a sports skills clinic and dance lessons for the kids from 4:00-6:00 PM.

Atlanta, Georgia: George Epps, Youth on the Move, 404-524-0229, g_epps@bellsouth.net
The Youth on the Move afterschool program will host an event on October 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The center will partner with neighboring afterschool programs to raise awareness about the importance of afterschool programs. Each organization will have a table to provide information about their programs, and display their youth participants' work. Guests and participants will also hear testimonials from parents and students about their afterschool experiences, as well as from guest speaker and mayoral candidate Kasin Reed. There will also be opportunity for youth performances, entertainment and fun activities for all students.

Chestnut Mountain, Georgia: Kimberly Johnson, Sandlot Sports Camp and Afterschool Program, 678-936-2507, kim@sandlotsportscamp.org
The Sandlot Sports Camp and Afterschool Program will host a banquet on October 22nd, from 6:30-8:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool* in the Martin Elementary School Gym. Mrs. Sandra Deal, wife of U.S. Representative Nathan Deal will be a special guest speaker at the event. Also invited are local elected officials, members of the chamber of commerce, and principals from other local elementary and middle schools.

Columbus, Georgia: Afterschool Ambassador Ernestine Ramsey, Prime Time Afterschool Program, 706-322-2579, ernestiner@att.net
The Prime Time Afterschool Program will host a talent showcase featuring various groups, including: YMCA afterschool students, the Columbus Community Center afterschool students, local church praise, mime and drill teams, steppers, a ventriloquist performer, Samoan dancers, Hispanic and Latino dancers and the chorus and drum line from Marshall Middle School. The talent show will be October 22nd from 5:30-7:30 PM at the A.J. McClung YMCA. The guest speaker will be Mr. James Walker, vice president of the Muscogee County School Board, president of the Columbus Community Center Board and a past YMCA board chairman. Local and state elective officials are also invited, as well as the school superintendent and school board members.

Jonesboro, Georgia: Shacole Pearman, Clayton County Parks and Recreation, 678-479-5136, shacole.pearman@co.clayton.ga.us
On October 22nd, Clayton County Parks and Recreation will host a schedule of events for *Lights On Afterschool*, from 4:30-7:30 PM. There will be a rally at the Jonesboro Park football field, starting at 6:30 PM, preceded by games, food, vendors and arts and crafts. The County's

superintendent, commissioners, chairman and director are invited to attend. Additionally, local daycare and recreation center afterschool programs are invited to participate. At least 300 people are expected to attend.

Hawaii

Fort Shafter, Hawaii: Afterschool Ambassador Peter Tedtaotao, Ft. Shafter Youth Center SAS Program, 808-438-1487, petertaotao@yahoo.com, Peter.tedtaotao@us.army.mil

October 22nd will be a day of fun and support for afterschool programs at the Aliamanu Youth Center, in celebration of this year's *Lights On Afterschool*. Children will participate in a mini parade, which will also feature a performance from the youth center's dance club. From 3:00-5:00 PM children will wave "Afterschool for All" signs on the street outside of the youth center in support of afterschool programs. The center also organized an October 1st mini carnival, in conjunction with Kids Day. More than 100 parents and kids participated in fun carnival activities, including games, face-painting, competitions and refreshment booths.

Honolulu, Hawaii: Sunny Kim Unga, Susannah Wesley Community Center, 808-440-5827, skim@susannahwesley.org

The Susannah Wesley Community Center will host a *Lights on Afterschool* concert featuring the local band, *Ten Feet*, on October 22nd from 6:00-8:00 PM. The concert will be in conjunction with graduation ceremonies for the Competency-Based diploma program, which provides an alternative educational opportunity to those who desire to complete their high school education. The *Lights On Afterschool* concert will follow the graduation. The event will also feature performances by youth from the afterschool programs and other youth groups from the community. Approximately 200-250 people are expected to attend.

Idaho

Grangeville, Idaho: Kristi Keeler, The Kids Klub, Inc., 208-983-2285, keelerk@sd244.org

The Kids Klub, Inc. will hold an open house for students and the community on October 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. With refreshments and door prizes, guests will see the work done by students in the afterschool program from 6:00-8:30 PM at the Kids Klub afterschool site. The school superintendent and mayor are invited, and approximately 100 people are expected to attend.

Kamiah, Idaho: Lydia Bremer, The Kamiah After-School Program, 208-935-4037, lbremer@kamiah.org

At Kamiah Elementary School, the Afterschool Program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event to bring parents, community members, and school officials to see what students do afterschool. Children will perform a skit for the guests, and there will be pizza, games and international desserts to finish the evening. The event will be on October 23rd from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Pocatello, Idaho: Afterschool Ambassador Joyce Anderson, 21st Century Community Learning Center, 208-232-7119, andersjo@d25.k12.id.us

The 21st Century Community Learning Center Afterschool Program, Building Bright Futures, will recognize *Lights On Afterschool* with Open House celebrations at each of its six elementary school centers. Displays at the events will highlight student activities and work, as well as the various community partners. Attendees will include parents, teachers, school administrators,

local business leaders, federal and state legislators and local mayors. The celebrations will give communities the opportunity to learn about afterschool, its mission and its importance to students and their families. The open houses will be during regular afterschool hours on October 22nd.

Salmon, Idaho: Katie Hoffman, Lemhi's Afterschool Promise, 208-756-2815, ext. 301, khoffman@uidaho.edu

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Lemhi's Afterschool Promise program will hold an open house for parents and the community on October 22nd during regular afterschool hours, 4:00-6:00 PM. For children, there will be fun activities and games, popcorn and cotton candy, as well as arts and crafts projects. Parents and visitors will be able to learn more about the afterschool program and see the facility.

Illinois

Chicago, Illinois: Afterschool Ambassador Roslind Blasingame-Buford, Broader Urban Involvement and Leadership Development (BUILD, Inc.), 773-227-2880, rglasingame@buildchicago.org

BUILD's Humboldt Park *Lights On Afterschool* Family Night Event will be on October 22nd at St. Mary of Nazareth's gymnasium. Students, families and the community will take part in activities including basketball, relay races, a dodgeball game and arts and crafts, from 5:00-8:00 PM. Dinner will be served to guests at 6:30 PM.

Chicago, Illinois: Maria Bell-King, Ryerson Community School, 773-428-2801, ymcasupa@hotmail.com

On October 22nd the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago/Community Schools will host its *Lights on Afterschool* event at the Morton School of Excellence from 5:00-7:00 PM. YMCA Community Schools from nine different areas will leverage their resources and collaborate around the implementation of a project that entails bringing community stakeholders together for the shared vision of building, supporting, and expanding community schools in Illinois. The event will include a sit-down dinner to promote fellowship, and will engage participants in interactive team-building exercises, exemplifying the truest meaning of community schools by cultivating relationships between students, parents, school/CPS personnel, YMCA workers and delegates, community representatives, elected officials, and dedicated friends and partners, including the Chicago Bulls association and Charter One Bank.

Chicago, Illinois: Ifetayo West, Firman Community Services, Inc., 773-373-3400, ext. 131/132, iwest@firmancs.org

On October 22nd the Firman Community Services, Inc. will use its *Lights On Afterschool* event to make a pledge against violence, an increasingly severe problem in the community. A rally will be held from 4:00-5:30 PM organized by children involved in the afterschool program. There will be speakers and role-playing and other presentations for participants in the rally. Parents and community members will attend.

Chicago, Illinois: Angela Ratcliffe, Another Vision Inspires Development (AVID) Youth Program, 773-995-9600, kam_alliance06@yahoo.com, info@kamalliance.com

The AVID Youth Program will host a variety and talent show to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. The show will be October 30th from 4:00-7:00 PM and will bring together youth

participants' families, school principals and school officials. A local radio personality has been invited to act as the emcee of the show, and student performances will include dance and poetry. Part of the evening will be dedicated to honoring a teacher from each of the schools represented for their commitment to afterschool programs. In the weeks leading up to the talent show, kids are decorating light bulb art for community members to sign, pledging support for afterschool programs. Participants who bring back the most signatures will receive prizes during the evening events.

Danville, Illinois: Kimberly David, Teen REACH of Vermilion County, 217-822-2580, kdavid@vcprojectsuccess.org

The Georgetown-Ridge Farm Teen REACH group will host a *Lights On Afterschool* rally and fall party from 5:00-8:00 PM on October 22nd in the parking lot at the Georgetown-Ridge Farm group's site. They will be joined by members of the Danville Family YMCA Teen REACH program. The event will include food, activities and a raffle. Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School and Mary Miller Junior High School students and families are particularly encouraged to participate. Teen REACH of Vermilion County serves approximately 300 youth each year, with a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services and strong support from other community agencies.

Joliet, Illinois: Karen Cooper, Joliet Park District/Trojans Afterschool, 815-741-7275, ext. 129, kcooper@jolietpark.org

The Joliet Park District's Before and After School Enrichment Programs will sponsor a *Lights On Afterschool* rally on October 22nd at 5:30 PM at Joliet Memorial Stadium. The program, a collaboration of the school system, local businesses and the park district, provides children with homework assistance, mentoring, tutoring, and academic and recreational clubs at four sites. Speakers at the rally will call for expanding afterschool opportunities to all children in need of afterschool care, and will discuss the harm done by budget cuts. Participants will include local business leaders, educators and other officials. Hundreds of parents, supporters and community members are expected to attend. There will also be a lantern walk and a special theater presentation of "Thriller Encore."

Indiana

Evansville, Indiana: Afterschool Ambassador Dan Diehl, Diehl Evaluation & Consulting Service, Inc., 812-434-6745, Dan@diehlconsulting.org
TeQuia Barrett, 21st Century Community Learning Center, 812-435-8400, tequia.barrett@evsc.k12.in.us

The 21st Century Community Learning Center held its annual community event at the Bosse Field on October 14th from 4:30-7:30 PM. The first hour featured nonprofit agencies sponsoring tables offering community members information, activities and prizes. People also took a drug-free pledge, signed on light bulbs in exchange for free t-shirts. Hot dogs, popcorn and drinks were served. The evening continued in the stadium, where guests watched performances by various afterschool groups as well as musical guest Lawrence Clark and the Old School Trio, sponsored by the Young Audiences of Indiana. The mayor delivered a proclamation for *Lights On Afterschool*, and city and school officials also attended.

Fort Wayne, Indiana: Carol Scheiman, East Allen Family Resource Center, Inc., 260-748-4621, carol@eastallenfrc.org

The East Allen Family Resource Center will host a Family Fun Night to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd at 5:30 PM. Guests will enjoy a potluck dinner and display of student photographs. The special area teachers will speak to parents about some of the unique afterschool opportunities for children, including a digital photography class at the East Allen Family Resource Center. Students and their families may also take part in a pumpkin-carving contest with an historical theme.

Gary, Indiana: Rose Joiner, Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Indiana, 219-885-5501, ext. 4205, rjoiner@bgcnwi.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Indiana will host spelling and math relays to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year on October 22nd. From 1:00-4:00 PM, in addition to the spelling and math activities, students will hear from guest speakers about the importance of being involved in afterschool programs and make pledges to improve grades. School and community officials will attend the event.

Hammond, Indiana: Kendall Martin, Hammond Boys & Girls Club, 219-933-9820, ext. 4702, kmartin@bgcnwi.org

The Hammond Boys & Girls Club will host a scavenger hunt on October 22nd for *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants will be asked trivia questions, for which they will earn light bulbs, and those with the most light bulbs will win fun prizes. The event will be held during regular afterschool hours, with participation from parents, city and public officials, the police chief, and the mayor.

Iowa

Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Lynelle Henricksen, Cedar Rapids Area Afterschool Alliance, 319-366-6421, ext. 102, henricksen@crmetroymca.org

The Cedar Rapids Area Afterschool Alliance will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Rally on October 22nd, from 6:00-7:00 PM at the Four Oaks Bridge. Programs from across the area will nominate up to five students who portray a positive image of each organizations' mission. Programs will also select key community supporters to attend the central rally, where activities will include light refreshments, student musicians, and the forming of a "glow in the dark human chain" with lights and fluorescent t-shirts along First Avenue to promote afterschool programs.

Clinton, Iowa: Afterschool Ambassador Loras Osterhaus, Clinton Community Schools, Clinton, Iowa, 563-243-9600 ext. 47, losterhaus@clintonia.org

Clinton Community Schools' fourth annual *Lights On Afterschool* celebration was September 21st at Alliant Energy Field, home of the Clinton Lumber Kings minor league baseball team. All six of CCS afterschool sites participated in decorating the stadium with light bulb art completed by youth in the program. Also at the festivities were refreshments, live DJ entertainment, and booths set up with games and activities, including face-painting. More than 700 people attended the event including state legislators, school administration officials and local city officials. Many families with their children attended, and the support that the larger community showed helped make this another successful event.

Sioux City, Iowa: Afterschool Ambassador Brenda Hervey, Beyond the Bell, 712-277-3600, bhervey@beyondthebell.com

On Thursday, October 22nd, the Beyond the Bell program in Sioux City, Iowa and South Sioux City, Nebraska will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting open house events at each of 27 program sites. Parents, community members and afterschool stakeholders will gather for refreshments, and such student-led activities as an art show, Reader's Theater performances and arts and crafts. Students will also give group presentations about the importance of afterschool programs to the community.

Williamsburg, Iowa: Sandra Joseph, K.I.N.D. Care, Inc., 319-668-9515, kindcare@iowatelecom.net

Children will decorate light bulb posters to hang in local businesses around the town square for *Lights On Afterschool*. Local businesses will be asked to decorate trees in the town square with lights from October 19th through 23rd. The lights will be on each night from 3:30-10:00 PM to remind the community of the importance of afterschool programs. There will be a family night at the K.I.N.D. Care center with pizza, refreshments and activities from 6:00-7:30 PM.

Kansas

Fort Riley, Kansas: Maxine Williams, Fort Riley School Age Services, 785-239-9220, maxine.williams@us.army.mil

The Fort Riley School Age Services will host a carnival event on October 22nd for *Lights On Afterschool* at 3:30 during its regular program hours after school. There will also be a balloon release, with the balloons carrying the name and number of the school so that they serve as "messages in a bottle," allowing whoever finds the balloon to call and ask for more information about afterschool programs and the *Lights On Afterschool* celebration.

Liberal, Kansas: Ronna Stump, Liberal Parks and Recreation Department, 620-626-0133, ronnastump@cityofliberal.com

Liberal Parks and Recreation will open its Recreation Center to three elementary schools to visit and see the facilities. Games and activities will be available for the children, and information available to parents about the recreation center and what it has to offer during after school hours. The center will be open from 6:00-7:00 PM on October 22nd.

Wichita, Kansas: Shianne Muche, McConnell School Age Program, 316-759-6859, Shianne.Muche@mccconnell.af.mil

The McConnell School Age Program will host an open house event for students, parents and the community on October 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. In the School Age Program Building, from 4:30-5:30, tables will be set up to feature different 4-H programs available to students with information and activities for guests.

Kentucky

Ashland, Kentucky: Dannarae Conley, 21st Century Community Learning Center, 606-928-9547, dannarae.conley@boyd.kyschools.us

Ashland, Kentucky will host six local 21st Century Community Learning Center programs on October 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and share the success of the afterschool programs with the community. Held at KYOVA Mall from 5:30-7:30 PM, each of the six

programs will have a group of children perform, including the Sign of the Times Club, Twirl Girls, pom-poms, a choir, jump-rope team, and drama club. Each student will be served a meal and food vendors will be available for visitors. Attendees will include the 21st Century Community Learning Center Directors Linda Rob and Tanya Pullyam, as well as school officials, state representatives and school superintendents. About 300 people are expected.

Catlettsburg, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Teresa Spurlock, WOW Afterschool Program, 606-739-5515 ext. 258, terry.spurlock@boyd.kyschools.us
For *Lights On Afterschool* in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, there will be a regional event at Calva Mall on October 22nd from 5:00-7:00 PM. Seven school districts will participate, showcasing their afterschool programs with performances and student work on display. The Health Department and other agencies will have tables with information for students and community members, and a local library and various community partners will also help organize. The event will open with a proclamation from the governor.

Louisville, Kentucky: Geraldine Woods, Louisville Kids Art Academy, 502-583-8822, gwoods@lccnews.org
The Louisville Kids Art Academy, in partnership with the United Nations Association, will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by promoting literacy with its event, “We Dream of a Better World Through Reading.” Through the Reading Is Fundamental program, books will be handed out to all students to encourage reading, and, in particular, reading about cultures from around the world. There will also be an International Festival included as part of the *Lights On Afterschool* celebration, including booths with information from other countries, people dressed in international costume, and dance, music, arts and crafts and food from around the world. The event will be on October 22nd, from 3:30-6:00 PM. The mayor and a councilman have been invited.

Paris, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Leslie Spears, Promise Program, 859-987-2160, leslie.spears@paris.kyschools.us
Paris Independent Schools hosted its *Lights on Afterschool* event on October 8th from 5:00-7:00 PM for the district so that parents were able to get more information about the afterschool programs offered at each site. In keeping with October as Hispanic Heritage month, the theme for the evening was Hispanic Heritage Night. The English as a Second Language (ESL) Coordinator and Family Resource Youth Service Center collaborated to offer various activities to guests, including food from the various countries represented in the local Hispanic community. The Promise Program (21st Century Community Learning Center) and Family Resource Youth Service Center supplied barbeque, hot dogs, and chips. Student-designed light bulb art decorated the gym. The evening also included performances of songs in Spanish and dance performances by elementary students. Books in Spanish and English were handed out at the end of the night.

Louisiana

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Deborah Jones, YWCA of Greater Baton Rouge, 225-338-0028, deborah@ywca-br.org
The YWCA’s Baton Rouge Parent University and a host of community partners will sponsor the Metro Baton Rouge *Lights On Afterschool* Rally and Tailgate Party at the Southern University T.J. Jemison Baptist Student Center from 3:00-6:00 PM on October 22nd. The rally will precede

the Southern University versus Prairie View football game. Participants in the rally will include: Mayor-President Kip Holden, EBR Parish District Attorney Hillar Moore, EBR Parish School System Superintendent John Dilworth, Councilwomen C. Denise Marcelle and Tara Wicker, State Senator Sharon Weston Broome as well as local business leaders, educators and other officials. In addition, a *Lights On Afterschool* Community Forum and Breakfast was held on October 15th from 7:30-9:30 AM at the McKinley Alumni Center. The program included a complimentary breakfast, a brief press conference and a panel discussion about the important contribution afterschool programs make to the community. District Attorney Hillar Moore was the honorary chairperson at the forum. The event was open to the public.

DeRidder, Louisiana: Annette Duplechin, BeauCARE Afterschool Program, 337-462-2273, aduplechin@beucares.org

The BeauCARE Afterschool Program will host an open house on October 22nd during regular afterschool hours from 3:30-5:00 PM for parents, community members and local dignitaries. At the open house, the mayor will deliver a proclamation, with school board members, teachers and a representative from JCPenney in attendance.

New Orleans, Louisiana: Cindy Nguyen, VIET Afterschool Program, 540-415-4905, vitno@sprint.blackberry.net

The VIET Afterschool Program will dress up for *Lights On Afterschool* this year! As part of the “How Afterschool Can Give Me a Better Career” event, children will dress up in costume as what they want to be when they grow up. Also included in the program will be a puppet show and skit performed by the kids, as well as a musical performance of the Disney song, *Send It On*. Parents and community members are invited to come and take part in the event, which will be hosted at VIET Afterschool on October 22nd, from 4:30-5:30 PM. The mayor and state representatives are also invited.

West Monroe, Louisiana: Michelle Belles, West Monroe Community Center, (318) 387-4001, mbelles@westmonroecc.com

The West Monroe Community Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house for parents to stress the importance of afterschool programs. The event will be held at the community center from 4:00-5:00 PM on October 22nd. In January 2008, the West Monroe Community Center received grant funding through the Louisiana Department of Education to provide a 21st Century Community Learning Center. The grant allows the community center to maintain its afterschool services at Riverbend Elementary and expand services to Riser School. The local program also provides quality afterschool programming for children and teens in West Monroe and Ouachita Parish, offering homework assistance, sports and fitness, arts, music and life-skills training.

Maine

Benton, Maine: Lou-Anne Parker, Maine School Administrative District 49 Child Care – Fairfield Community Center, 207-453-4223, LAParker@msad49.org

The Fairfield Community Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year with dance, at an event “Dance On, Lights On!” Children, parents and other visitors will join in learning and having fun with different popular dances, as well as other activities, including a cupcake-decorating contest. The dancing begins at 4:00 PM and continues until 6:00 PM at the Community Center on October 21st.

Bethel, Maine: Julie Hart, Mahoosuc Kids Association, 207-824-7007, hartj@sad44.org
On October 22nd, three Mahoosuc Kids Association sites will host celebrations for *Lights On Afterschool* this year. On October 23rd, there will be a family dinner at Crescent Park Elementary School from 6:00-8:00 PM. The evening will showcase what students do in the program, and offer fun activities, including pumpkin-carving, games and arts and crafts projects. School administrators and community members will also be welcomed to the dinner.

Gardiner, Maine: Ingrid Stanchfield, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner, 207-582-8458, ext. 202, istanch@aol.com
On October 22nd the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* both at its club in Gardiner and at the state-wide event in Portland, Maine. High school students from the Boys & Girls Club will travel to Portland on October 21st to perform a musical number at Monument Square along with other groups from across the state in celebration of afterschool programs on the 22nd. In Gardiner at the Boys & Girls Club, children will participate in an open house and public dinner for parents and community members. The same musical group will perform again that night during the event, which will be from 4:00-6:00 PM. Activities will be set up in individual classrooms for the kids and guests, and a photographer will be on hand to take pictures of the event and of children with light bulb art they created in the weeks prior to *Lights On Afterschool*. Principals, administrators and other school officials are invited, and the mayor may attend.

Hartland, Maine: Jim Dyer, Irving Tanning Community Center (ITCC), 207-938-5191, jdye@rsu19.org
The Irving Tanning Community Center, with the 21st Century Community Learning Centers and through a Target Educational Grant, will host a Family Literacy Night on October 22nd for *Lights On Afterschool*. This will be the first of five such nights, each of which will each on a different literary genre, offering parents and caregivers ideas on how to approach reading with their youngsters.

Portland, Maine: Deborah Chase, Maine Afterschool Network, 207-778-7575, deborah.chase@maine.edu
Cyndy Stancioff, Maine Afterschool Network, 207-778-7576, cynthia.stancioff@maine.edu
The Main Afterschool Network will hold a state-wide *Lights On Afterschool* event in Portland from 11:00-1:30 PM on October 22nd. The Network will bring people together during the lunch hour to watch performances and listen to speakers and distinguished guests, including: Maine First Lady Karen Baldacci, Police Chief James Craig, Lauren Sterling from the 21st Century Program, Director of the Maine Arts Commission Donna McNeil and Co-Chair of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Justin Alford. Afterschool programs will be showcased with performances and exhibitions. At an awards ceremony, an Exemplary Program Award will be presented to an afterschool provider, an “Afterschool Champion” will be named. The performances, guest speakers, and awards ceremonies will be on stage at Monument Square. The inclement weather location is Portland High School.

Waterville, Maine: Steve Aucoin, North End Boys & Girls Club, 207-873-5686, hillsideave@myfairpoint.net

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The North End Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* both by taking part in the statewide event in Portland, Maine, and with an event in Waterville. In Portland, the Boys & Girls Club will display its award-winning photography exhibition from last year – an activity that has now become an annual project for the club. Then in Waterville, students will hand out decorated light bulb art prior to *Lights On Afterschool* to members of the community with notes explaining the importance of afterschool programs, and asking people to turn on their front lights at dusk on October 22nd in support of *Lights On Afterschool*. On the evening of the 23rd there will be a community spirit parade through downtown. In conjunction with other afterschool programs, the Boys & Girls Club will sponsor a section of the parade under an “Afterschool Programs” banner. The parade will be open to the community, as well as other invited guests including the mayor, city council and school officials.

Maryland

Aberdeen, Maryland: Micah Mincey, Aberdeen Youth Program, 410-808-2021, mincey@hcplonline.info

The Aberdeen Youth Program will celebrate the importance of afterschool programs on October 22nd, from 5:00-6:00 PM at the Aberdeen Public Library in the Lounge. The youth program is jointly sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County, the Harford County Public Library and the Harford County Local Management Board. Students will present photographs and a video they created, as well as speak to guests about how the afterschool program benefits them. Visitors will be able to walk around and experience the different activities the Aberdeen Youth Program has to offer.

Annapolis, Maryland: Ellie Mitchell, Maryland Out of School Time Network, 410-625-7976, emitchell@mdoutofschooltime.org

The Maryland Out of School Time (MOST) Network hosted a briefing luncheon for Out of School Time Champions on October 15th from 12:00-2:00 PM at the House of Delegates Office Building. The MOST Network provided a presentation and framework for discussing policy initiatives and funding solutions for the work of the 2010 legislative session. Seven legislators, including Ohio State Rep. Tracy Maxwell Heard attended the luncheon. The legislators were joined by Out of School Time professionals from their jurisdictions, as well as state agency heads and policy advisors from the staff of the governor and lieutenant governor.

Annapolis, Maryland: Heaven White, Boys & Girls Club of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (AACO), 410-280-1371, mshwhite78@yahoo.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Annapolis & AACO will parade through Annapolis in support of afterschool programs with parents, community members and local delegates, and a guest speaker from the Annapolis Police Department. The rally will be on October 22nd from 4:30-7:00 PM. The parade will begin at the Boys & Girls Club and go through the neighborhood to Admiral Street where participants will wave signs and rally. Following the parade will be various activities from the regular program, a bake sale and open house to show the community what the students do afterschool.

Baltimore, Maryland: Denise Folks, Positive Youth Expressions, Inc., 410-945-7300, urbanpreacher5@aol.com

On October 22nd the Positive Youth Expressions, an outreach program through the Greater Church of the Risen Savior, will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a read-a-thon. At the church, from 3:00-5:00 PM, children from Bentlou Elementary School will read and listen to stories, participate in craft activities, and may sign up for the free winter coat program run by the church. Then from 6:00-7:30 PM parents will be invited to come for presentations on two other programs highlighted this month, Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness. Local and state representatives and delegates are invited, along with parents and community members to listen to guest speakers – a visitor from the House of Ruth, as well as a pastor and survivor of domestic abuse.

Baltimore, Maryland: Rebekah Lin, The After School Institute (TASI), 410-580-0750, ext. 206, rlin@afterschoolinstitute.org

The After School Institute is an intermediary capacity-building organization that provides training and support to afterschool providers. This year the Institute will honor *Lights On Afterschool* with a press conference on October 21st at Baltimore's City Hall with Mayor Sheila Dixon and other key stakeholders. The press conference will highlight the different programs and the diversity of initiatives of the Institute, and provide an opportunity to thank Mayor Dixon for her continued funding and support. The press conference will be at 11:00 AM with members of the health department, state department, financial contributors and supporters from other organizations in attendance.

Baltimore, Maryland: Bonnie McCoy, Child First at Edgewood, 410-396-0532, blmccoy@bcps.k12.md.us

The Child First program at Edgewood Elementary School will host an open house on October 22nd from 4:00-5:30 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The evening will host parents and community members and give students the opportunity to showcase the work they do afterschool. The different clubs in the afterschool program feature karate, cooking, dance, science, and sports and recreation.

Leonardtown, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Mark Smith, St. Mary's County Public Schools Dream Team Action Clubs, 301-475-5511, ext. 137, mgsmith@smcps.org

On October 20th at the George Washington Carver Elementary School, St. Mary's County Public Schools, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maryland, and the St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks will present the *Lights On Afterschool 2009 Exhibition* from 5:00-7:00 PM. The exhibition will provide students and families an opportunity to learn more about the exciting activities available to students from grades K-12 in local afterschool programs. The three organizations are partners in the seven 21st Century Community Learning Centers in St. Mary's County, serving more than 600 students daily. Afterschool programs' Rhythm Clubs, Step Team, and Gospel Choir will perform. Guests will have the opportunity to taste-test student made brownies, challenge students to a chess match on a giant size chess set, play three-on-three basketball, see students' photography in the *Light of My Life Photo Exhibition* and see student-filmed interviews about the importance of afterschool programs. A barbeque dinner will be served to county commissioners, the superintendent of schools, board of education members, administrators, teachers, parents and students.

Massachusetts

The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

Boston, Massachusetts: Amy Belyea, Student Success Jobs Program, abelyea@partners.org
The *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 21st will help kick off the Student Success Jobs Program's week of training and orientation for new student participants. The event will include performances by students and alumni, along with featured speakers from the Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Program's leadership. Invited guests include local media, school and community partners, mentors, alumni, students, staff and parents. The event is October 21st at the Bornstein Amphitheater, BWH at 3:30 PM.

Boston, Massachusetts: Afterschool Ambassador Daniel Rosen, Citizen Schools, 617-695-2300, ext. 150, danielrosen@citizenschools.org
Citizen Schools 8th Grade Academy brought 100 eighth-graders to Harvard University to interact with, network, and be mentored by dozens of volunteers from the African-American Student Union of Harvard Business School. The event was October 17th from 10:30 AM-3:00 PM, and was intended to shine a light on the power of caring adults in afterschool programs and the role they can play in influencing the beliefs and decisions on middle school students in Boston, Malden and Springfield. The focus of the day was on the different types of colleges available to high school graduates as well as the pathways that students need to take in order to reach their goals.

Boston, Massachusetts: Afterschool Ambassador Daniel Rosen, Citizen Schools, 617-695-2300, ext. 150, danielrosen@citizenschools.org
On Tuesday October 14th, Citizen Schools hosted representatives of the American Youth Policy Forum at the McCormack Middle School in Boston. This group listened to a panel of Citizen Schools staff members, students, and school officials, and observed the Citizen Schools program in action. Participants in the site visit included representatives of U.S. Sens. Mark Begich and Patty Murray, representatives of U.S. Reps. Alcee Hastings, Edolphus Towns and Michael Honda, and representatives from the U.S. Department of Education, National Science Foundation, Coalition for Community Schools, and Campaign for High School Equity, among others.

Boston, Massachusetts: Afterschool Ambassador Daniel Rosen, Citizen Schools, 617-695-2300, ext. 150, danielrosen@citizenschools.org
On Thursday, October 22nd, Citizen Schools will host more than 20 advocates to meet and brainstorm effective strategies to spread the out-of-school movement in Massachusetts. These advocates will discuss ways to engage their professional networks around high-quality out of school time learning. Among the advocates are representatives of the legal community, the business community, state government and local think tanks.

Brockton, Massachusetts: Maxine Richards, Smart Start Extended Day Program, Brockton Public Schools, 508-894-4257, maxinerichardson@bpsma.org
The Smart Start Extended Day program expects approximately 900-950 guests from its 11 afterschool sites within the Brockton Public School System on October 22nd from 4:00-5:30 PM. Each of the elementary schools will have events organized for students, parents and community members, school and government officials. Planned activities will include a crafts festival, displays of student work, refreshments, fall festivals and a "lights on" theme.

Brockton, Massachusetts: Jay Miller, Boys & Girls Club of Brockton, 508-584-5209, jmiller@bgcbrockton.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Brockton will collaborate with the YMCA to organize a variety of fun activities for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd. The festivities will begin at the main building of the Boys & Girls Club at 4:30 with pumpkin-carving, cooking contests, dance performances and poetry reading, as well as a lighting ceremony of the building. The event will migrate to the Teen Center with an “electric train” of people stationed along the one mile of road between the two buildings and waving glow-sticks, lights and signs in support of afterschool programs. At the Teen Center there will be an organized dance-off, debate tournament and activities in the game room, as well as a cake to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and the first anniversary of the opening of the Teen Center. The mayor, city council members, school board members and other school officials will also join in the festivities.

Cambridge, Massachusetts: Jacy Edelman, Agassiz Baldwin Community Afterschool, 617-349-6287, ext. 11, jedelman@agassiz.org

The Agassiz Baldwin Community Afterschool program will host a student-teacher social for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd. From 3:30-5:00 PM, students and teachers from the Cambridge Public School system will join in several activities at Maria-Baldwin Elementary School. Guests will enjoy hot cocoa together, decorate the school with light bulb art, and plant flower bulbs in the community.

Cape Cod, Massachusetts: Ruth Provost, Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod, 508-477-8845, rprovost@boysgirlsclubcapecod.org

Karry Bickford, Barnstable County Extension 4-H and Youth Development Program, 508-375-6695, kbickford@barnstablecounty.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod will work with the Barnstable County Extension 4-H and Youth Development Program to host a *Lights On Afterschool* event this year at the Boys & Girls Club from 5:00-7:00 PM on October 22nd. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about and conduct science experiments with renewable energy resources. Activities will include creating energy bead bracelets, a visual demonstration of the use of ethanol, and a demonstration on solar power. At the same time, parents and community members will attend an awards ceremony for supporters of afterschool programs, contributors to the Boys & Girls Club, and for Community Champion Awards. Local and state legislators will attend the event, and proclamations from state senators will open the event.

Springfield, Massachusetts: Michael Hanechak, Springfield Boys & Girls Club, 413-732-7201, hanechak@sbgc.org

The Springfield Boys & Girls Club will host an Open House and Health & Safety Fair for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 5:00-7:00 PM. Different groups from the afterschool program will showcase their work, featuring basketball, music, karate, the S.T.E.P. tutoring program, and the “Smart Moves, Smart Kids Torch Club.” Representatives of various agencies will also attend to deliver important information on health and safety, including Springfield Technical Community College Nursing students, and representatives of the American Red Cross, American Medical Response, the Girl Scouts of Pioneer Valley, New England Farm Workers Programs, the Springfield Fire Department, and the Unified Sports Program.

Michigan

Ann Arbor, Michigan: John Weiss, The Neutral Zone, 734-214-9995, weiss@neutral-zone.org On October 22nd, The Neutral Zone will host an event to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, featuring performances by teens to showcase the Neutral Zone Poetry Project and music programs. Speakers at the event will include members of the Board of Directors and program leadership, and there will be a keynote address by a local business leader. Among those invited are members of the Neutral Zone Board of Directors, city, county and state officials, Ann Arbor public school board members and superintendent, community partners, parents, youth and staff. The event will be 5:00-7:00 PM at the Neutral Zone Teen Center.

Detroit, Michigan: Afterschool Ambassador Gazell Watkins-Mitchell, Communities in Schools of Detroit Before and After School Programs, 313-571-3400, gazellemitchell@cisdetroit.org The Detroit Emerson Elementary School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd with parents, community members, and local representatives and school officials. There will be activities for the students and parents from 3:30-6:00 PM. Students will also take part in an initiative to advocate for afterschool programs by sending *Lights On Afterschool* postcards to politicians and representatives.

Inkster, Michigan: Afterschool Ambassador Gazell Watkins-Mitchell, Communities in Schools of Detroit Before and After School Programs, 313-571-3400, gazellemitchell@cisdetroit.org In Inkster, Michigan students at Meek-Milton Elementary School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 3:30-6:00 PM. Students will participate with high school kids in their regular mentoring program, and parents will have the opportunity to see what the afterschool program entails. Local representatives and school officials are also invited.

Minnesota

Duluth, Minnesota: Lori Maly, YMCA Homecraft Program, 218-722-4745, ext. 122, lmaly@duluthymca.org

In the weeks leading up to *Lights On Afterschool* students in the Homecraft Program's Leadership Group, with the help of students from Woodland Middle School, have been filming students in younger grades during the regular afterschool program, and that effort will culminate in a video about why afterschool programs are important to them. The video will be premiered at a Family Pizza Party scheduled on October 22nd from 5:00-6:00 PM. Parents and members of the community will be welcomed to enjoy pizza with their kids and watch the video to learn more about what afterschool means to the children.

Mora, Minnesota: Rachel Ostler, Warehouse214 Teen Center/Family Pathway, 320-225-0252, rachel@familypathways.org

The Youth Services Program will host a Family Night at the Teen Center as an opportunity for parents, family and community members to see the facility and what is available to students from age 13 to 19. The open house will be on October 22nd from 3:00-7:00 PM, the center's regular hours. Activities will include music, pool table games, and computer time, as well as prize-drawings. There will also be information available about the center's other teen and youth programs.

St. Paul, Minnesota: Cathalina Young, West 7th Community Center, 651-298-5493, ext.218, cyoung@west7th.org

On October 22nd the West 7th Community Center will hold its annual spaghetti dinner for parents, in conjunction with the national *Lights On Afterschool* celebration, from 4:30-6:30 PM. In addition to the spaghetti dinner, refreshments and information about the afterschool program will be available for parents. Students may participate in a coloring contest, and the older students will help host the event by giving tours to parents and other guests of each of the classrooms in the center. The mayor and other local legislators are invited to attend.

Mississippi

Byahlia, Mississippi: Annie Stewart, The Gift of Life Counseling Center, 662-838-3980, info@thegiftoflifecounselingcenter.com

The Gift of Life Counseling Center will hold a dinner in honor *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 3:00-5:00 PM for students, parents and community members. The dinner will be an opportunity to talk more about the afterschool program at the center and the importance of such programs. School officials will participate, and school supplies will be given out to the students. A local news channel will also be at the event.

Canton, Mississippi: Dorothy Blackman, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi, Canton Branch, 601-855-0001, cantonunit@bgccm.net

The YMCA of Canton's *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd will honor members of the armed forces. In the auditorium at the YMCA from 4:00-5:00 PM, students, families and community members will watch and participate in a light show in which the names of those who have served or are currently serving in the military are read in correspondence with a person in the audience lighting a flashlight. In the end, all the flashlights will be shining upwards in a symbolic gesture of appreciation for the United States Armed Service Members. A local Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) group will open the ceremony, and the 114th National Guard will attend the event. The school superintendent and mayor are invited to attend.

Kosciusko, Mississippi: Ison Harris, Oprah Winfrey Boys & Girls Club, 662-289-4252, iharris@bgattala.org

In Oprah Winfrey's hometown of Kosciusko, Mississippi, the Boys & Girls Club will celebrate this year's *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house and games. Parents and school board members will be able to learn more about available afterschool programs and participate in activities with the children. The event will be at the Boys & Girls Club on October 22nd from 4:00-5:00 PM.

Meridian, Mississippi: Lois Donald, Agape Envision CDC, Inc., 601-485-2870, ldonald@bellsouth.net

On October 22nd in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Agape Envision CDC, Inc. will hold an all-day Family Fun Day at the Agape Storehouse Church lot from 10:00 AM-6:00 PM. One of the themes will be health, and representatives from the local police department and medical center will hand out information and engage students in fun activities related to health and safety issues. Also available will be information for kids and parents about tutoring programs and other afterschool opportunities. Around 200-300 people are expected to attend.

Missouri

Lee's Summit, Missouri: Kristi Fate, Kids Country, 816-986-3440, kristi.fate@leesummit.k12.mo.us

On October 29th, from 5:00-8:00 PM, Kids Country will invite families and community members to a celebration at Paradise Park for *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be activities for families to participate in together, food, and other entertainment, including a foam factory, bumper cars, arcade games, a DJ, mini-golf, go-carts, hayrides and a haunted maze. There will also be an interactive survey for parents and kids with different drawings and give-away prizes. School officials and local and state representatives are invited to attend. At least 700 people are expected.

Nixa, Missouri: Ron Duncan, Safe Before and After School Enrichment (B.A.S.E.) Program, 417-725-5486, rduncan@nixa.com

The Safe B.A.S.E. Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by running, hosting a family 5K run on October 22nd from 8:00-9:00 PM. Flashlights and brightly-colored fluorescent t-shirts will be given to all the participants to visually symbolize keeping the “lights on afterschool.” Money raised by the event will go to the scholarship fund created for families by the B.A.S.E. Afterschool Program.

St. Louis, Missouri: Janice Thompson, Webster Grove School District – Adventure Club, 314-963-6440, thompson.janice@wgmail.org

The Adventure Club's theme for this year's *Lights On Afterschool* will be “Lights On Fiesta Time!” Students, parents, and school faculty and administrators will come together on October 22nd to celebrate Hispanic culture along with afterschool programs. Fun games and activities will be available to guests, including salsa dance lessons, games, raffle drawings and prizes, and learning Spanish language phrases. Among the invited guests are the school superintendent and other school officials, and it is expected that 200-250 people will join in the festivities. Lights On Fiesta Time will be from 6:30-9:00 PM at Bristol Elementary School.

St. Louis, Missouri: Steve Brawley, After School for All Partnership (ASAP) of St. Louis, 314-534-0022, brawleys@stlarchs.org

After School for All Partnership is comprised of 45 afterschool locations managed through a network of 14 afterschool providers, serving more than 3,000 students. The providers will host a wide variety of fun and educational programs on October 22nd for *Lights On Afterschool*. Events include open houses, poetry reading and performances, fall festivals with fun activities such as pumpkin-carving. There will also be speakers from community organizations and businesses, including Ameren UE (an electric company) speaking about electrical safety, and the renowned St. Louis Science Center making a “creepy chemistry” presentation. The event will also mark the formal launch of After School for All Partnership's Twitter and Facebook Network!

St. Louis, Missouri: Laurie McTearnen, YMCA of Greater St. Louis, 314-436-1177, ext. 294, lmctearnen@ymcastlouis.org

Ron Jackson, St. Louis for Kids, 314-241-0011, jacksonr@stlouis4kids.org

This year St. Louis for Kids will partner with the Missouri School Age Care Coalition's Professional Development Institute to sponsor a *Lights On Afterschool* awards luncheon on Friday, November 6th. The event will recognize exemplary youth-service providers, staff and

other stakeholders, and increase awareness of the benefits of afterschool programs in youth development.

Montana

Libby, Montana: Kathleen Sheffield, Family Resource Center, 406-293-8802, ext. 247, sheffieldk@libby.k12.mt.us

The Family Resource Center in Libby, Montana will host an open house for its 21st Century Community Learning Centers on October 22nd from 4:00-6:00 PM. Following the open house, there will be a computer training organized for parents at the Libby High School Library, giving parents an opportunity to become familiar with the school's new computer system so that they can better monitor their children's grades and progress reports in school.

Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana: Stevie Brown, Malmstrom Youth Programs, 406-731-4634, annjeanette.brown@malmstrom.af.mil

Malmstrom Youth Programs will incorporate Red Ribbon week and recycling into their *Lights On Afterschool* festivities. On October 22nd from 4:00-5:00 PM, parents and community members will visit the center to see what the students do in their afterschool program and to pledge to be drug-free. Students will create a red ribbon banner from recycled material to make drug-free pledges, which will be hung in the gymnasium.

Superior, Montana: Dawn Bauer, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 406-822-2314, bauerbunch@blackfoot.net

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers of Superior, Montana will hold a community barbeque and open house at Superior Elementary School on October 20th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Barbeque and other refreshments will be served to parents, students, community members and any school officials in attendance. The open house is intended as a way to showcase the work done by the students in the afterschool program.

Nebraska

Lincoln, Nebraska: Afterschool Ambassador Dayna Krannawitter, Lincoln Community Learning Centers, 402-310-3909, daynak@L-housing.com

The Lincoln CLC Lead Youth Afterschool Ambassadors (YAA) will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* Rally on October 22nd at Everett Elementary School from 6:00-8:00 PM. Participants in the rally will include community leaders, families and fellow YAA's from each of the lead ambassador's CLC site, and CLC staff and supporters. The mayor, a city council member and school board member are invited to speak at the rally. There will also be a dinner and a CLC showcase of activities, at which the youth ambassadors will address the local school board, city council and media with their personal stories of how afterschool programs have positively impacted them and their families.

Lincoln, Nebraska: Alisha Sandy, Family Service School's Out Afterschool Program, 402-216-3847, guardchick54@hotmail.com

The Family Service School's Out program at Rousseau Elementary School will host a carnival and cookie-decorating event for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd. Children and their parents will participate in carnival games, face-painting, light bulb art, and cookie-decorating.

Local school administrators will also be invited to attend. The event will be held after school from 3:30-5:45 PM.

South Sioux City, Nebraska: Afterschool Ambassador Brenda Hervey, Beyond the Bell, 712-277-3600, bhervey@beyondthebell.com

On Thursday, October 22nd, the Beyond the Bell program in Sioux City, Iowa and South Sioux City, Nebraska will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting open house events at each of 27 program sites. Parents, community members and afterschool stakeholders will gather for refreshments, and such student-led activities as an art show, Reader's Theater performances and arts and crafts. Students will also give group presentations about the importance of afterschool programs to the community.

Nevada

Carson City, Nevada: Diane McCoy, Boys & Girls Club of Western Nevada, 775-882-8820, dianem@bgcwn.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Western Nevada will hold a special event that will include light bulb coloring contests, a bounce castle, other arts and crafts projects, face-painting, games, and a popcorn machine. There will also be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the facility's new outdoor basketball courts. Several representatives will be at the event from other agencies, organizations and afterschool providers. A D.A.R.E. officer will attend the event to hand out information and prizes to students and parents. New York Life Insurance Company will conduct a child ID program for members of the surrounding communities and club families, and Partnership Carson City will hand out information about some of its prevention programs. The event will be on October 22nd at the Boys & Girls Club from 2:00-7:00 PM.

Las Vegas, Nevada: Afterschool Ambassador Judy Schroeder, City of Las Vegas, Department of Leisure, Safe Key Program, 702-229-3399, jschroeder@lasvegasnevada.gov

The city of Las Vegas will host *Lights On Afterschool* events at 69 elementary school sites on October 22nd. Planned are Open Houses, Talent Shows, and other events to greet parents and families of the 5,000-plus participants. The management team from the City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services and city officials are invited to attend several of the events.

Gardnerville, Nevada: Shannon Harris, Boys & Girls Club of Carson Valley, 775-443-7642, shannonh@bgcwn.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Carson Valley hosted an event in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th. At 9:00 AM the Boys and Girls Club's board of directors, staff, youth participants and parents walked down Main Street, from the Carson Valley Middle School, to Lira's market for a barbeque. During the walk, kids carried "Be Great!" signs that they had made, while parents and board members carried the Boys & Girls Club sign along with flyers explaining *Lights on Afterschool*. The Boys & Girls Club and this project were supported by a grant from Verizon Company.

Reno, Nevada: Casey McMullen, Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, 775-331-3605, ext. 212, cmcmullen@bgctm.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Truckee Meadows will host events at numerous sites on October 22nd in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. At the Donald W. Reynolds facility the Boys & Girls

Club will hold an open house for students and the community. The evening will include performances from several students groups – choir, dance and karate. There will be games, arts and crafts, and informational tables set up by other afterschool providers. Since the event coincides with Red Ribbon Week, the Boys & Girls Club will incorporate lessons and activities on being drug-free. Guests will be served a spaghetti dinner at the end of the evening.

Schurz, Nevada: Courtney Quintero, Mason Valley Boys & Girls Club, 775-773-2266, quintero_24@yahoo.com

The Mason Valley Boys & Girls Club will hold a family fun night and dinner to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. The event will be from 5:00-7:30 PM at the Boys & Girls Club on October 22nd. There will be a tour and grand opening of the new kitchen facility and other fun activities. The event will be open to the community and tribal council leaders, and board members will be invited to participate.

New Hampshire

Manchester, New Hampshire: Donna Mostovoy, Manchester School District 21st Century Community Learning Center, 603-624-6300, ext. 201, dmostovoy@mansd.org

On October 22nd from 5:00-7:00 PM, the Manchester School District's 21st Century Community Learning Centers will hold its *Lights On Afterschool* event at the Manchester Police Athletic League. Students, parents, school board members and administrators are invited to take part in a variety of fun activities, including: pumpkin-coloring, mask-making, face-painting, Dance Dance Revolution, and a 21st Century Community Learning Centers Tree. Guests will also be able to find information about other local afterschool providers, including several programs in the arts and the Special Olympics. The event is sponsored in part by the New Hampshire Department of Education, and in collaboration with Learn and Serve America.

Plymouth, New Hampshire: Jessica Dutille, Pemi Youth Center, 603-536-7264, jadutille@plymouth.edu

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year, the Pemi Youth Center will hold an open house on October 22nd, from 4:00-6:00 P.M to bring awareness to the afterschool services the center provides. Youth participants from the center's Youth Drug and Alcohol Free group will speak about the impact afterschool programs have had on them, and Board President Dr. John Bentwood, and Executive Director of the Pemi Youth Center Jessica Dutille will address the gathering. As many as 50 guests are expected to attend.

Troy, New Hampshire: Jean Isgro, Troy School 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) No Child Left Alone (NCLA) Program, 603-242-7741 ext. 245, jisgrotroy@yahoo.com
For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Cheshire County Afterschool Network will hold its second training for afterschool staff, called "Jump Start Your Program Year!: A Day of Training for Out of School Time Providers and School Staff." The conference will be October 24th from 8:30 AM-2:45 PM at the Keene State College Science Center. The event will be sponsored by PlusTime New Hampshire, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and the New Hampshire Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Center Program. The event is open to all, but the registration deadline is October 20. (There is a \$10 fee to register.) Topics of discussion at the conference will include afterschool in the 21st century,

diversity and multi-culturalism in afterschool programs, conflict-resolution, using games to teach, engaging parents, youth development and service-learning.

New Jersey

Haddonfield, New Jersey: Afterschool Ambassador Denise Sellers, Haddonfield Child Care, 856-429-1603, dsellers@attglobal.net

Haddonfield Child Care will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with various fun activities at each of its three afterschool sites for students and families on October 22nd during regular afterschool hours. One activity will be a life size chess game! Interested people from the community are invited to observe. There will also be an open house for families in the school not currently enrolled in the afterschool program. There will be stations demonstrating various afterschool activities, and a screening of the movie "Up," with popcorn and refreshments. The local newspaper will feature the theme of afterschool activities in their "Questions to People on the Street" Section. Kids also will all take part in a long-term group art project. Each child will paint their own tile of a light bulb, to then be constructed into one large three-dimensional light bulb which will hang as a visual representation of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Madison, New Jersey: Alexis Diaz, F.M. Kirby Children's Center, 973-377-4945, adiaz@madisonymca.org

The Madison Area YMCA's F.M. Kirby Children's Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event to celebrate and showcase its afterschool program with families and the community, from 3:00-6:00 PM on October 22nd, at the Kirby Center. Current and guest families of the Kirby Center will enjoy a special presentation, see dedicated staff members in action, and enjoy a nutritious snack. Students in grades K-8 will enjoy Nintendo Wii, art projects, gym games, playgrounds, face-painting, Apple MacBooks and prizes. Advance registration is required by Tuesday, Oct. 20, by calling 973-377-4945 or by stopping by at the Kirby Center.

Springfield, New Jersey: Maria Marinaccio, YMCA of Springfield, NJ, 973-467-0838 ext. 17, mmarinaccio@springfieldnjymca.org

The YMCA will host a concert with acclaimed children's entertainer and recording artist Guitar Bob at 4:00 PM on October 22nd for *Lights On Afterschool*. The concert will feature upbeat vocals, rockin' guitar and bluesy harmonica. Children will enjoy singing along. Featured material includes hit songs from Guitar Bob's new CD, "Kids on the Move." He will also perform a Family Concert on Saturday, October 24th at 12:00 PM to benefit the YMCA's Strong Kids Program.

New Mexico

Farmington, New Mexico: Afterschool Ambassador Flo Trujillo, Farmington Public Library, frujill@infoway.org

The Farmington Public Library, the City of Farmington and the Farmington Convention and Visitor's Bureau hosted the 2009 Four Corners Storytelling Festival on October 8th and 9th. This was the ninth year for the festival, which was again held in Berg Park, with some events at the Farmington Public Library and the Totah Theatre. This year's event featured some tellers from festivals past: Dovie Thomason, Waddie Mitchell, Willy Claflin, and Beth Horner. New tellers, Minton Sparks, Michael Reno Harrell and Teresa Clark, made their first appearances. The festival also featured local youth storytellers who auditioned for the honor and performed in each

of the tents. The Farmington Public Library youth storytelling program is one of the most successful such programs in the country.

Farmington, New Mexico: Shannon Lewis, Boys & Girls Club of Farmington, 505-592-0010, shannonl@bgcfarmington.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Farmington will incorporate Hispanic Heritage Month into its *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. Visitors will perform and teach students about Hispanic culture on October 22nd. Parents and community members will also join the children for activities including family arts and crafts and parent-child dodgeball. The second half of the evening will be an awards ceremony that will include a special award for a student enrolled in the afterschool program who is a poster contest winner!

Shiprock, New Mexico: Jarvis Mullahon, Shiprock Boys & Girls Club, 505-368-1125, mullahanj@yahoo.com

Shiprock Boys & Girls Club will open its facility to families and the community for *Lights On Afterschool* this year on October 30th. The event will showcase for the community what students in the program do on a daily basis. There will be educational activities available, including arts and crafts, and projects from the character development and health/wellness programs will be featured. Council people from the Navajo Nation Reservation will be invited to participate, as well as delegates and tribal presidents.

Truth or Consequences, New Mexico: Shenandoah Montoya, Apple Tree Educational Center, 575-894-5646, shmontoya@hotmail.com

The Apple Tree Educational Center will hold an open community event with fun activities for students and information about different afterschool programs, including 4-H and the Girl Scouts for kids and parents. The event will be on October 22nd from 4:00-6:00 PM. The mayor will also deliver a proclamation for *Lights On Afterschool*.

New York

Bronx, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Danny Peralta, The POINT Community Development Corporation (CDC), 718-542-4139 ext. 138, dannythepoint@gmail.com

The POINT CDC will host the 24th Annual New South Bronx Halloween Parade with the theme, "Hands Across Hunts Point" on October 23rd from 4:00-8:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*.

Five afterschool providers will bring supporters to march under the banner of the Afterschool Alliance in support of afterschool programs. The parade begins at The POINT and people will come dressed in Halloween costumes. Prizes for the best costumes will be handed out in addition to other fun handouts, including t-shirts. At the rally there will be additional opportunities to show support through signing petitions and decorating light bulbs to send to legislators. Junior Ambassadors will speak at the Parade, after joining a workshop the week beforehand, so they will gain and use the tools they need to advocate for afterschool.

New York City, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Megan DeMarkis, Harlem RBI's REAL Kids Program, 212-722-1608, ext. 225, mdemarkis@harlemrbi.org

Harlem RBI's REAL Kids Program is organizing a rally for October 21st, at which more than 250 youth and families will celebrate the end of summer programming and the beginning of a new year of afterschool. The event will include an awards ceremony for youth, including the

unveiling of the program's 2009 Afterschool Heroes, followed by a dinner for families. Former Harlem RBI afterschool youth currently in college and working part-time as youth counselors will serve as emcees for the event. The event will be from 6:30-8:00 PM.

New York City, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Liz Hopfan, Free Arts NYC, 212-974-9092, ext. 206, liz@freeartsnyc.org

On Saturday, October 24th, Free Arts NYC will host a Free Arts Day at the Union Settlement in East Harlem in conjunction with the Department of Homeless Services. Beginning at 11:00 AM, diverse urban-inspired arts activities will be provided throughout the day to 75 children, each paired with a volunteer mentor. Afterschool Hero awards will be given to individual community members and city legislators who have advocated for afterschool arts programs. The day will end with a performance and workshop by acclaimed New York City-based break dancing ensemble, Breaks Krue.

New York City, New York: Melissa Motroni, Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City, 646-274-6065, mmotroni@bigsnyc.org

On October 22nd from 4:00-6:00 PM, Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC will kick-off three of their 60-plus afterschool Workplace Mentoring Programs in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The goal of the mentoring program is to match students with an adult mentor and provide them with the tools necessary to reach their full career potential. Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC is expecting 20-25 people at each event.

New York City, New York: Yvette M. Vasquez, Children's Aid Society, Mirabal Sisters Campus, 646-867-6066, yvettev@childrensaidsociety.org

The Children's Aid Society will hold an open house event on October 22nd from 3:30-5:45 for parents and the community at the Mirabal Sisters Campus site. Students and staff members will speak about their own afterschool experience and how it has benefited them. About 300 people are expected to attend.

Syracuse, New York: Eileen Ann Arocho, Dunbar Association, Inc., 315-476-4269, ext. 226, earocho4116@yahoo.com

This year for *Lights On Afterschool*, the Dunbar Association, Inc. will host a presentation, showcasing afterschool children's talents, including the newly formed step-team to perform their first routine, and a musical performance. Other highlights include youth speakers and parents discussing the importance of afterschool programs and how programs have affected their lives. The event will be 6:00-7:00 PM, on October 22nd and about 60-70 people are expected to attend this year. Public and school officials, numerous organizations, and the media are all invited to the event.

North Carolina

Brevard, North Carolina: Melanie Jones, Boys & Girls Club of Transylvania County, 828-885-7800, melanie@bgctc.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Transylvania will use *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd as an opportunity to highlight its new program, the Harvest Project, a community garden grown by the club's youth members. Families are invited to participate in a fall harvest of the garden, learn

how to can vegetables, and prepare a family supper using produce from the garden. The event will take place from 4:00-7:00 PM. Brevard Mayor Jimmy Harris will deliver a proclamation.

Charlotte, North Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Claire Tate and Jennifer Holland, Partners of Out-of-School Time (POST), 704-376-1845, ctate@postcarolinas.org and jholland@postcarolinas.org

Partners of Out-of-School Time will host a lunchtime conversation with Charlotte mayoral candidates Anthony Foxx and John Lassiter on the role of the city in regard to children, youth services, and how public partnerships can improve the lives of children and families. This free event will be held in honor of *Lights on Afterschool* on October 23rd from 11:30 AM–1:00 PM at the Covenant Presbyterian Church. While the event will be open to the public and community, registration is required to attend. Guests may register at www.postcarolinas.org.

Statesville, North Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Bricca Prestridge Sweet, Statesville Housing Authority, Youth Development Division, 828-964-8406, bricca@ed-lbex.org
The Statesville Housing Authority's *Lights On Afterschool* event will be from 5:30-7:30 PM on October 22nd at Harris Park and the Christian Outreach church. Students in the Success Helps All Kids Excel (SHAKE) 21st Century Community Learning Centers program will begin the celebrations with the Statesville High School's drum-line performance at the newly renovated Wynona-Dobson Community Center, followed by youth performances and a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Chamber of Commerce. SHAKE students helped revitalize this public housing community center as their September 11th Day of Service and Remembrance project. The Police Athletic League (PAL) drum-line, accompanied by the Statesville Police Department, will lead a parade. The Statesville *Lights On* Celebration will feature Iredell-Statesville Schools Superintendent Brady Johnson, Statesville Housing Authority Executive Director David Meachem, and Christian Outreach Pastor Glenn Usry. The Iredell Statesville Community Enrichment Corporation Board of Directors Chair, Howard Bryan, will make a presentation of a new \$1.02 million afterschool grant award to the Youth Exploring Success Consortium partners. Festivities will include games, sporting events, door prizes, pumpkin decorating and carving, face-painting, dance contests, athletic activities, and community agency family and youth information booths. A fireworks display will conclude the event.

North Dakota

Bismarck, North Dakota: Lori Sager, The Afterschool Place, 701-250-3109, lori@afterschoolplace.org

The Afterschool Place will organize an all-day outing for students this year to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Kids will learn outdoor and survival skills in Camp Wildlife on October 22nd from 8:00 AM-5:30 PM. Contributing to the event and teaching the kids will be groups including North Dakota Game and Fish, Shields Sporting Goods, and Delta Waterfall. In case of inclement weather, the kids will visit the Dinosaur Exhibit at the Heritage Center. The mayor will also declare *Lights On Afterschool* in Bismarck.

Jamestown, North Dakota: Heidi Tyson, Roosevelt Afterschool Program, 701-252-8052, bemis23@hotmail.com

The Roosevelt Afterschool Program celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* this year with a potluck dinner on October 12th from 6:00-8:00 PM at Washington Elementary School. Games and

activities were available to students, parents and community members. Artwork created by the students in the afterschool program was displayed as well.

Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota: Rachel Miller, Minot Air Force Base (AFB) Youth Programs, 701-723-2838, rachel.miller@minot.af.mil

On October 22nd from 4:00-5:30 PM at the David C. Jones Youth Center, there will be a celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The Minot AFB Youth Program will work with the 4-H Program as well as the Boys & Girls Club to organize different events and activities for the evening. There will be a Skill-a-thon challenge, as well as arts and crafts. Students have decorated light bulb art in the weeks leading up to October 22nd as part of a contest, and winners announced at the Center during the *Lights On Afterschool* festivities. In addition to promoting afterschool programs, the events will coincide with Red Ribbon Week, in which students will focus on being drug-free. On October 22nd a D.A.R.E. officer will speak with the students and guests, and the children will sign a pledge to be drug-free.

Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio: Afterschool Ambassador Megan Henkel, Young Rembrandts, Greater Cleveland - West, 440-979-1278, megan.henkel@youngrembrandts.com

Young Rembrandts, Greater Cleveland – West will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on Sunday, October 25th in conjunction with the Grand Opening of the Young Rembrandts Art Showroom at Parmatown Mall. The Art Showroom will feature a year-long display by the Young Rembrandts teaching staff and will rotate children's artwork from the drawing program each month. Young Rembrandts works with children throughout the Cleveland area and the partnership includes more than 56 elementary schools. Information about the value and need for afterschool programs will be offered, along with drawings produced in the program. This will be a formal art reception with refreshments, viewing of the artwork and a demonstration class at 2:30 PM. The Grand Opening Ceremony will begin at 1:00 PM and will run until 5:00 PM.

Delaware, Ohio: Afterschool Ambassador Karen Jackson, Delaware City Schools, 740-833-1851, jacksoka@dcs.k12.oh.us.

Delaware City Schools will hold a district-wide *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 22nd at Dempsey Middle School between 4:00-6:30 PM. Approximately 800 people are expected. The program includes an assortment of outdoor activities including carnival games, sack races, tug of war, hula hoop relays, cage ball games, giant bowling, kick croquet, 15-person twister, human pinball, mat races, stick horse races, and more. Children will be able to visit the *Lights On* temporary tattoo parlor and create their own light bulb art. Volunteers from the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, Delta Tau Delta fraternity, and the Ohio Wesley University will be on hand to help.

Port Clinton, Ohio: Jackie Warnicke, Champions for Children, 419-732-2102, jwarnicke@pccsd.net

The Champions for Children afterschool program will promote *Lights On Afterschool* this year by posting the Proclamation from Port Clinton's Mayor at various locations in the community. On October 22nd, local grocery stores will use the brown paper bags decorated by students in the afterschool program with artwork in support of *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be parties at both the participating Elementary Schools: Jefferson Elementary and Bataan Memorial Elementary. On the night of October 22nd, the buildings hosting the afterschool programs will

The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

keep their lights on until 9:00 PM in support of the message that lights should stay on for kids after school.

Oklahoma

Norman, Oklahoma: Terri Craig, Community After School Program, 405-366-5970, terri@caspinc.org

Community After School Programs from 16 schools will host open houses during regular afterschool hours for parents and community members to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd. During the entire week of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Norman Public Library will display the light bulb artwork completed by youth involved in the programs.

Tahlequah, Oklahoma: Jana Shumate, Boys & Girls Club of Tahlequah, 918-931-2009, shumatej@tahlequah.k12.ok.us

The Boys & Girls Club of Tahlequah will host an open house and outside play day for *Lights On Afterschool* this year. On October 22nd from 3:30-5:00 PM, parents and community members will be able to join the students in outdoor games such as sack races, hula-hoop, soccer, football, four-square and more. Other guests including the mayor, school board members and other local and state legislators will be able to see the work done by the students in the afterschool program.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: Carmen Petti, Victory Diagnostic Learning Centers, 918-576-5362, cpetti@hotmail.com

The Victory Diagnostic Learning Centers will host a “Lights On Book & Film Festival” to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year at the Rudisill Library on October 22nd. The event will help promote and give students information about the afterschool tutoring program. The center will also raise enthusiasm for reading by making library books accessible with tours, and a librarian will help students sign up for library cards. Films with positive messages for kids about overcoming challenges will be shown to students. Two state legislators will join the students for the “Lights On Book & Film Festival,” as may city council members.

Oregon

Portland, Oregon: Michael Jezewski, Police Activities League, 503-256-3479, mike@palkids.org

The Police Activities League will host an open house and ice cream social at its youth center on October 22nd from 5:00-7:00 PM for children, parents, and community members. Guest speakers will attend the event to discuss drug and alcohol prevention and help with homework. The open house will also showcase work done by the students in the afterschool program for local representatives and school board members.

Portland, Oregon: Andy Furgeson, Friendly House/Friendly Chaps at Chapman Elementary School, 503-935-5269, afurgeson@friendlyhouseinc.org

The Friendly House program at Chapman Elementary School will hold a rally in support of afterschool programs, and a family carnival event on October 22nd from 3:30-5:30 PM. The rally and parade will begin at Wallace Park at 3:30 PM. Participants will wear costumes, carry signs, and chant and rally for afterschool. The parade will finish at the community center where festivities will continue with a family carnival and assembly; the city commissioner and elementary school principal will discuss the importance of afterschool participation.

Roseburg, Oregon: Patience Adams, Central Douglas County Family YMCA, 541-440-9622, ext. 209, padams@ymcaofdouglascounty.org

The Central Douglas County Family YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an ice cream social. Local media will be at the event to photograph the presentation and a local JCPenney representative will present a \$5,000 grant from the JCPenney Afterschool Fund. The YMCA will pledge to match the amount through campaign funds. The County Executive and Director of the YMCA will attend the event, at which four schools will give tours of the program and showcase the work students do. The event will be on October 22nd at the YMCA's youth gym from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Salem, Oregon: Linda Perry, Salem Child Development Center, 503-363-9821, lindascdc@hotmail.com

At 21 elementary schools with the Salem Child Development Center program, children and families will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with BINGO. Participants will play for prizes, and decorate light bulbs to be displayed in the gymnasium. The events will be from 3:30-6:00 PM on October 22nd.

Pennsylvania

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: James Wolfson, K.L.A.S. (Kids Learning After School), 717-263-0531, wolfson.james@gmail.com

The KLAS Program at Thaddeus Stevens Elementary School will light up its KLAS Board to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. This will lead into a discussion and demonstration about energy conservation by switching bulbs and measuring the effects. A presentation of the students' afterschool work, and information about the program, will be presented to parents and community members. The event will be from 4:00-6:00 PM at Thaddeus Stevens Elementary School on October 23rd.

Denver, Pennsylvania: Carolyn Hollinger, Cocalico Care Center, 717-336-4007, butterflybunch@hotmail.com

Lights On Afterschool this year at the Cocalico Care Center will be Career Day. Representatives from businesses, services and occupations will visit the center to talk with the children about what they do. Visitors will include a police officer, karate instructor, animal groomer and others. Children will also have the chance, in theme with Halloween, to dress up as whoever they want to be when they grow up. Parents, community members and local legislators will participate at the event, to be held at the center on October 22nd from 4:00-5:30 PM.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Bilal Hasan, Harrisburg School District, 717-703-4069, bihasan@hbgds.k12.pa.us

At Rowland Middle School, the Harrisburg School District will host a presentation of the afterschool film club's videos. Students will show their short films and productions to parents and community members, followed by a community dinner. Other afterschool providers will also attend the event to provide activities for students and information for parents about their programs. The event will be on October 22nd from 5:30-7:00 PM.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Jennifer Vitucci, Nativity Beacon Center, 215-291-9218, jvitucci@chs-adphila.org

The Nativity Beacon Center will host an ice cream social and open house for *Lights On Afterschool* this year. Parents and community members will join the students for ice cream and to see some of the work the children do in the afterschool program. One featured project will be a community quilt. During the week leading up to *Lights On Afterschool*, each child will decorate one square to be included in the quilt. The event will be afterschool from 5:00-6:00 PM on October 22nd at the Nativity Beacon Center.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: JuWanda Thurmond, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, 412-322-5058, ext. 238, thurmond@pittsburghkids.org

The afterschool program for middle school students at the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh will host an event on October 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Information about the afterschool program, as well as work done by the children in it, will be on display for parents, community members and local legislators. Chris Moore from the local public access television station, WQED, will talk to students about the importance of staying in school and the value of afterschool programs. He will also read the Proclamation provided by the mayor. The museum will host guests for the event from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Rhode Island

Providence, Rhode Island: Afterschool Ambassador Sarah Cahill, Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance, 401-331-2869, sarah.cahill@afterschoolri.org

The 7th Annual *Breakfast of Champions* will take place on October 23rd from 7:30-11:00 AM to coincide with this year's *Lights On Afterschool* at the Providence Marriott. To celebrate the importance of afterschool programs, there will be performances and a juried youth art exhibition organized by RiverzEdge Arts Project. Youth who submit artwork to the exhibition represent afterschool programs from around the state. Keynote speakers will include National Book Award-winning author Jonathan Kozol and CNN anchor and special correspondent Soledad O'Brien. The breakfast will also feature an interactive panel discussion with Kozol, O'Brien and Deborah A. Gist, Rhode Island's new Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. The evening will finish with an awards ceremony to honor afterschool programs at the state and national levels.

Providence, Rhode Island: Melissa Emidy, Providence YMCA Youth Services, 401-456-0604, memidy@gpymca.org

The Providence YMCA Youth Services, through its *Reading Is Fundamental* program, will distribute books to students in afterschool programs at five locations: Lima/Fortes Elementary, Woods/Young Elementary, Martin Luther King Elementary, Anthony Carnevale, and Robert L. Bailey. Each will have its own schedule of events including a fall festival, a Halloween theme event, and food and partner presentations. The festivities to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* will be on October 22nd from 4:00-6:00 PM for afternoon programs, and 5:30-7:00 PM for evening programs.

Warwick, Rhode Island: Amy Falso, Kent County YMCA, 401-265-3411

On October 22nd, the Kent County YMCA will host a dedication ceremony to unveil a mural painted by students in the Deering Middle School's courtyard. The event will showcase the

beautification efforts of the garden club and other afterschool programs. Students, parents, community members, faculty, the Superintendent, other afterschool providers and local media are invited to the event, set for 3:30-5:00 PM.

South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Traci Young Cooper, Richland County School District One (Office of Extended Day Programs), 803-231-6842, trcooper@richlandone.org

On October 22nd numerous partners from Columbia, South Carolina will collaborate to host a Stakeholder Breakfast at 9:00 AM at the Drew Wellness Center to raise awareness about afterschool programs for *Lights On Afterschool*. The keynote speaker at the event will be Emmy Award-nominated television host, chef and author Marvin Woods, who is well-known for his work combating childhood obesity by teaching students in afterschool programs to prepare and eat healthy food. The Honorable Robert Coble, Mayor of the City of Columbia, and Senator John Scott, of the South Carolina General Assembly, may attend. The winners of the 2009 *Lights On Afterschool* essay contest will deliver their essays. The afterschool winners of the tablemat contest will be recognized, and a middle school ensemble choir will perform for guests as well as representatives of afterschool programs.

Columbia, South Carolina: Bradley Smith, Challenging Horizons – University of South Carolina, 803-422-1593, drbradleyhsmith@gmail.com, chp.usc@gmail.com

The Challenging Horizons Program will host its *Lights On Afterschool* event for the community on October 22nd at the Irmo Middle School. An open house will begin at 4:00 PM, followed by a program featuring student panels and guest speakers from 5:30-6:00 PM. During this time the Challenging Horizons Program will receive the MetLife Afterschool Innovators Award from the Afterschool Alliance. To conclude the evening, a dinner will be held from 6:00-7:00 PM for youth, their families and program staff from multiple sites. Community partners as well as parents and program providers are invited, and officials from the State Education Department may attend

Georgetown, South Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Terri Towle, Georgetown County Afterschool Coalition, 803-708-6761, territowle@yahoo.com

Jessica Glover, Teach My People, 843-237-8737

The Georgetown County Afterschool Coalition will host its first countywide *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 22nd from 6:00-7:30 PM at East Bay Park in Georgetown. Activities will include bouncy castles and slides, creating a mosaic to be displayed at the new YMCA facility, and painting a six-foot light bulb canvas that will be sent to the Afterschool Alliance. Participants will have the chance to advocate for afterschool programs by decorating light bulbs, signing post cards and being a part of the "Georgetown County Afterschool Storybook". The storybook involves afterschool teens already trained in documentary interviewing asking youth and adults what afterschool means to them. Stories will also be submitted to the national Afterschool Alliance as part of their own "Afterschool Storybook". Dwight McInvail, winner of a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant award for innovative teen programs at Georgetown County Libraries, will be guest speaker. This is a collaborative effort of Georgetown County Afterschool Coalition partners: The Frances P. Bunnelle

Foundation, Georgetown County School District, Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, the Afterschool Alliance and other donors.

South Dakota

Belle Fourche, South Dakota: Marcy Urban, Belle Fourche Area Community Center, 605-892-2467, campoasis.bfacc@midconetwork.com

The Belle Fourche Area Community Center (BFACC) celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* this year with a concert on October 12th, featuring a local band and children from the Community Center performing together. The evening kicked off at 5:30 PM at the Belle Fourche Area Community Center Auditorium with a donated pasta supper, followed by the concert which included a mini-play and a Powerpoint presentation to exhibit some of the center's activities. The Mayor delivered the *Lights On Afterschool* Proclamation. City council and BFACC board members also attended, along with families, teachers and friends. The evening concluded with a donated dessert and coffee bar.

Newell, South Dakota: Sabrina Harmon, Harvesting Opportunities to Promote Education (H.O.P.E.) Program, 605-381-9136, sabrina.harmon@k12.sd.us

The H.O.P.E. Program will host the Mayor and City Council Members reading to children in the afterschool program to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. From 4:00-5:30 PM on October 22nd students will listen to stories and also discuss the importance of having the lights on after school, and what it was like for kids before the modern convenience of electricity. There will be arts and crafts projects that all incorporate light. Parents and community members will join the children and special guests for the *Lights On Afterschool* activities.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Amanda Potter, Volunteers of America, Dakotas, 605-310-2762, a.potter@voa-dakotas.org

The Volunteers of America in South Dakota will use the theme of light for *Lights On Afterschool* activities on October 22nd. From 3:00-6:00 PM, students and their families will receive giveaways such as flashlights and reflective stickers. They will bake light bulb cookies as a classroom project and read stories by flashlight. The topic will be safety, and they will discuss using lights and reflective gear for safety at night, as well as where are safe places to go if a student is unable to go home – for example, to an afterschool program.

Tennessee

Knoxville, Tennessee: Kelly Simler, Vestal Boys & Girls Club, 865-573-4837, ksimler@bgctnv.org

The Vestal Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Hollywood theme on October 22nd. From 4:00-6:00 PM, family and community members will be able to see the Boys & Girls Club facility, see the work that will be showcased from the program, and learn more about what students do after school, all as if the club were a movie set. Photographs of students in their best Hollywood costumes will greet guests. Members of the board, administrative staff, and teachers will attend the open house.

Memphis, Tennessee: Vinson Smith, Hickory Hill Boys & Girls Club, 901-542-9604, vsmith@bgcm.org

The Hickory Hill Boys & Girls Club will host an open house for parents, business leaders in the community and prospective youth members from 4:30-7:00 PM on October 22nd. Entertainment will be provided by two R&B hip-hop groups, and during the open house guests will have the opportunity to view the work done by the students and general information about the program. Parents who enroll a new member during the event will pay a discounted rate of \$5 per new membership, rather than the usual \$10 membership fee.

Nashville, Tennessee: Chanda Wilson, Project for Neighborhood Aftercare, 615-238-5819, c123wilson@aol.com

The Project for Neighborhood Aftercare will host a performance in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* from 5:00-6:00 PM on October 29th. Parents and school officials are invited to watch children in kindergarten through 4th grade perform dance routines, as well as see the "What Does Afterschool Mean To Me" posters created by the students. Approximately 200 people are expected.

Texas

Banquete, Texas: Afterschool Ambassador Edwin Barrera, PHD Vision, San Benito Texas, 356-361-9738, edwin@phdvision.com

PHD Vision hosted a *Lights On After School* event, introducing this annual celebration to new 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grantees recently funded in Texas. On October 16th, 21st CCLC South Texas programs in Robstown ISD, Banquete ISD, Driscoll ISD, Agua Dulce ISD, Odem ISD, Communities in Schools Brooke County, Santa Rosa ISD, San Benito CISD, Point Isabel ISD, San Gertrudis ISD, and Premont ISD joined 21st CCLC partnerships at a Texas-size barbeque and celebration. Guests included the Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas, a significant partner with the Banquete ISD 21st CCLC program. Banquete ISD hosted students and guests, with afterschool performances and displays. From 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, guests were able to view the shows and get more information about afterschool programs. Participants came from all 11 districts.

Dallas, Texas: Afterschool Ambassador Tanya McDonald, Dallas Afterschool Network, 214-912-4308, tmcdonald@dasn.org

To raise awareness about the need for afterschool programs, the Dallas Afterschool Network will host a bus tour, "Get on the Bus," of three afterschool sites in the city on October 22nd for *Lights On Afterschool*. Influential policy makers and educators – including members of the Dallas City Council, the District Attorney's office, police, local corporations and foundations, donors to the program and board members – are invited. On yellow school buses the participants will visit three sites that offer afterschool services in Dallas from 4:00-5:30. Participants will gain insight into the lives of children who have no afterschool programs available to them. On the bus they will see some of the impoverished areas of Dallas where children go to school and walk home every day, reinforcing the value and importance of afterschool programs.

Houston, Texas: Trina Finley, Southeast Texas Afterschool Association (SETAA), 713-696-1331, lightsonafterschool@hede-texas.org

The SETAA will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* breakfast on October 22nd at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Houston from 7:30-8:30 AM. With Khambrel Marshall of the KPRC Local 2 Severe Weather Team serving as emcee, SETAA will honor local afterschool champions. The

Honorable Harris County Judge Ed Emmett will discuss the critical need for and status of afterschool programs in the community.

Robstown, Texas: Rey Moreno, 21st Century Community Learning Center, 361-387-2835, rey.moreno@robstownisd.org

The 21st Century Community Learning Center will collaborate with the Boys & Girls Club of Robstown to host a rally in support of afterschool programs for this year's *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 22nd at 5:00 PM, students, teachers and school and community members will walk with posters made by the students from Diaz Park to the Boys & Girls Club of Robstown. They will be escorted by members of the police and fire departments. The event will continue until 8:00 PM at the Boys & Girls Club with activities, games, and performances, as well as guest speakers including state representatives, the Superintendent and the School Board President. The Mayor will read the Proclamation. 1,500 guests are expected.

San Antonio, Texas: Alisha Pierce, Studio4FM, 210-534-6638, studio4fm@mswomenscenter.org

At the Martinez Street Women's Center, Studio4FM will host an open house and informational session for members of the afterschool and summer programs and their parents. The event will be October 22nd in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* from 5:00-7:00 PM. Participating organizations include: ArtPace, SA Food Bank, Network for Young Artists, i-Teen Magazine, VIA Metropolitan Transit / "BUSTER the BUS" Mascot, Girls Inc., Martinez Street Women's Center (Promotoras), and Fighting 4 Youth.

Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah: Bobbie Ikegami, Utah Afterschool Network, 801-359-2722, bobbiei@utahafterschool.org

On October 22nd, afterschool providers across Salt Lake City and the state will hold rallies at 4:00 PM in support of afterschool programs. The Utah Afterschool Network will organize a statewide kick-off event at Nibley Park Elementary, where Deputy of Education Christine Kearl will declare October 22nd *Lights On Afterschool* day. State Senator Karen Morgan will be the guest speaker, and students and parents will present testimonials about their experiences with afterschool programs.

Spanish Fork, Utah: Julie Green, 4-H Program, Nebo School District, 801-798-4075, julie.green@nebo.edu

At Landmark High School on October 22nd, the five Nebo School District 4-H Programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with students, families, the school district's superintendent and Spanish Fork's mayor from 6:30-7:30 PM. Activities will include eight bounce house toys for children and families, as well as booths set up with carnival-style games and activities.

West Valley City, Utah: Afterschool Ambassador Margaret Peterson, Community Education Partnership of West Valley City, Inc., 801-949-9812, cep4kids@comcast.net

The Community Education Partnership and the Utah Afterschool Network will be hosts for state-wide events on October 22nd in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Festivities will begin with a rally at each location at 4:00 PM to promote afterschool programs. Eight sites across the state will hold rallies at which schools and centers organize "honk and wave" promotions. Students

will walk to a nearby street with teachers and leaders, and wave signs with messages in support of afterschool programs: “Honk if you support afterschool programs for kids!” Each class will color light bulbs, to be mailed to U.S. Senators Hatch and Bennett. City Council members are invited, and the Mayor will speak at the West Valley Family Fitness Center afterschool program.

Vermont

Burlington, Vermont: Ginny Burley, Community Connections, 802-223-3456, gburley@u32.org
The Vermont School Age Care Network, Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence, and the Vermont 21st Century Community Learning Center will collaborate to host the Vermont Afterschool Conference. It will feature more than 30 workshops designed for afterschool program directors, site coordinators, youth workers, instructors, educators, and program staff. Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant will be the special guest speaker. The Conference will be held at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center on October 23rd.

Montpelier, Vermont: Georgie Stapleton, Washington County Youth Service Bureau, 802-229-9151, gstapleton@youthservicebureau.info
The Basement Teen Center will host an open house for parents and community members in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be on October 22nd from 3:00-6:00 PM at the Teen Center. Students will showcase their work, the program and facility.

Putney, Vermont: Amelia Druthers, Putney Family Services, 802-387-2120, nolaughing@yahoo.com
On October 22nd at the Putney Central School, Putney Family Services will host a family potluck with student performances from 5:30-6:30 PM. Community members will be welcome to join the festivities and see what students have been learning and practicing in their afterschool program.

Swanton, Vermont: Julie Chiapinelli, MVU AfterHours and Cross Roads After School Programs, 802-868-7311, ext. 174, jchiapinelli@mvuschool.org
The AfterHours and Cross Roads After School Programs hosted an open house for students, parents and the community on September 16th at the Middle School. Some 500 parents learned about MVU’s After School Program, its goals, what it offers, and how to sign up. There was an informational table with a coordinator who meted and greeted parents, and students gave out pamphlets and registration forms.

Virginia

Alexandria, Virginia: German Cabezas, Holmes Middle School, 703-658-5906, German.Cabezas@fcps.edu
Holmes Middle School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year through the performing arts. On October 22nd from 4:00-5:00 PM, students will perform several stage numbers for parents and other guests. The evening will feature performances by the music and choir groups, as well as a short play. Members of the School Board and Fairfax Board of Supervisors will attend, as well as a representative from the office of Representative Gerry Connolly.

Danville, Virginia: Erin Ganey, Danville Science Center, 434-791-5160, eganey@smv.org

On October 22nd, in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* and in support of afterschool programs, the Danville Science Center will open up its exhibits without charge to the public from 3:30-5:30 PM. There will be hands-on activities for students in the arts and sciences, as well as information tables set up by representatives of local afterschool providers.

Falls Church, Virginia: Wonhee Kang, The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington, 703-304-8631, mkang@bgcgw.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year through leadership. On October 22nd the Boys & Girls Club will feature the work of the Torch and Keystone Clubs, both of which help to build student leadership through participation in community service work. Local leaders from the area, including members of the local fire department, will discuss leadership with students, parents and community members. The event will be held at the Boys & Girls Club from 4:00-7:00 PM.

Hampton, Virginia: Jeremy Ross, Hampton City Schools, 757-727-2015, jross@svo.hampton.k12.va.us

The Hampton City Schools will organize an informational Open House for parents of children enrolled in afterschool programs. Providers will have information to hand out at tables, and for the children there will be carnival-style activities and games. Costume characters will provide entertainment for the evening, and The Arc of Peninsula will provide buttons for everyone that promote *Lights On Afterschool*. At least 300 people are expected. The event will be held on October 22nd from 5:30-7:30 at the North Hampton Community Center.

Newport News, Virginia: Afterschool Ambassador Karen Washington, Newport News Parks, Recreation & Tourism, 757-926-1449, kwashington@nngov.com

The Newport News Parks, Recreation, and Tourism's Youth Programs will keep their lights on after school across the city on October 22nd as 20 recreation sites plan fun filled activities for youth and family to participate in. In addition, the local Patrick Henry Mall has invited the program to host a pictorial journey of afterschool care to be viewed by visitors and members of the community.

Washington

Seattle, Washington: Afterschool Ambassador Sherrie Belt, School's Out Washington, 206-336-6934, sbelt@schoolsoutwashington.org

School's Out Washington will partner locally with Youngstown Cultural Arts Center and nationally with the Afterschool Alliance and the JCPenney Afterschool Fund to host its annual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 22nd from 3:45-6:00 PM at the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center. The theme this year will be the importance of arts in the lives of young people, and the role afterschool and youth development programs play in fostering creativity and exposing youth to arts. This event will include not only great information on the importance of programs, but also performances by youth artists of all disciplines who will showcase their passion and talents. The event will be hosted by Eddie Francis from radio station KUBE93 FM. There will also be the opportunity to tour Youngstown's facility. At the event, Torani Syrups will host an Italian Soda bar and there will be pizza for the 200 attendees.

Seattle, Washington: Angie Claiborne, Seattle YMCA, 206-851-4183, anclaiborne@seattleschools.org

The Seattle YMCA will collaborate with the Concord International School to host a family dinner on October 22nd after school. Families will all bring a national dish to contribute to the potluck dinner, and will have the opportunity to learn more about the afterschool opportunities available at the International School.

Spokane, Washington: Alise Delzell, Boys & Girls Club of Spokane County, 509-489-0741, adelzell@bscspokanecounty.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Spokane County will incorporate its Character Counts Week into the *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 22nd. Students and staff members will discuss and celebrate the six pillars of character through Character Counts Week. On October 22nd the students will watch the documentary, *Including Samuel*, which discusses the issue of how students with disabilities are excluded in school. Students will then be responsible for creating, in teams, inclusive activities, and make character pledges. Students will have the opportunity to decorate light bulbs in keeping with the theme of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Spokane, Washington: Jesse Monteon, Boys & Girls Clubs Libby Teen Center, 509-536-8152, jmonteon@bgcspokanecounty.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs Libby Teen Center in Spokane will host an open teen forum on the topic of teens dropping out of high school. Two focus groups will discuss why teens are dropping out and how adults can help reduce the drop out rate. School administrators, teachers, principals, and representatives from afterschool programs will come to the Teen Center on October 22nd to hear what students have to say. The event will have a DJ and free hot dog dinner. All participants will receive a free membership to the Boys & Girls Club.

Tacoma, Washington: Megan Isakson, Puget Sound Educational Services District, 253-571-4179, misakson@psed.org

Through support from the Puget Sound Educational Services District, Stewart Middle School will hold a community rally in Tacoma on October 22nd from 3:00-4:30 PM. Students, parents and community members will carry signs and banners in support of afterschool programs and to raise awareness in the community about the importance of these programs. Students will wear shirts they made after school for the celebration.

West Virginia

Charleston, West Virginia: Jane Hange, West Virginia Statewide Afterschool Network (WVSAN), 304-720-9882, jane.hange@mail.wvu.edu

Children, parents, businesses and community leaders participated in the national *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 18th, at the Capitol in Charleston from 4:00-7:00 PM. The main event coincided with regional celebrations across West Virginia. Participants rallied for high quality afterschool programming with West Virginia's First Lady, elected officials, WVSAN partners, and afterschool program staff, students, and volunteers. Student performances and kid-friendly and fun activities were featured.

Chester, West Virginia: Melissa Hudson, The Tree House, 304-387-0101, ext. 409, mhudson@bethanywv.edu

The Tree House will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year by beautifying the bus stop and sign for The Tree House. Children will plant a garden of tulips, daffodils and other bulb flowers with the help of parents and community members on October 22nd from 4:30-5:30 PM.

Fairmont, West Virginia: Stacey Spadafore, Marion County Boys & Girls Club, 304-376-2627, smspadaf@access.k12.wv.us

The Marion County Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Middletown Mall in Fairmont, West Virginia on October 22nd. Three local 21st Century Community Learning Centers will collaborate with the Boys & Girls Club to organize the event. Activities will include informational booths, raffles, door prizes, performances by afterschool students, a climbing wall, face-painting, arts and crafts, and carnival games. Festivities will begin with a magic show, followed by guest speakers including the mayor of Fairmont. At least 500 people will attend.

Kenova, West Virginia: Amanda Perdue, Playmates Child Development Center of Kenova, 304-453-4858, amandaperdue1321@aol.com

Playmates Child Development Center (CDC) of the Kenova afterschool program will partner with the Junior League of Huntington to host a “Kids in the Kitchen” event for 2009’s *Lights On Afterschool*. Junior Leagues’ “Kids in the Kitchen” is an initiative of The Association of Junior Leagues International designed to help communities address urgent issues relating to childhood obesity and poor nutrition. Playmates CDC and Junior Leagues are committed to improving the health of youth by empowering them to make choices that lead to healthy lifestyles. On October 22nd from 3:00-5:00 PM, participants will learn and prepare healthy recipes, learn about nutrition and take part in physical fitness activities. Parents and community members are invited to join the children, as well as special guests including school officials and local representatives. The Mayor and the Governor’s wife may attend.

Kermit, West Virginia: Stefan Barbar, Affirming, Believing, Learning, Empowering (ABLE) Families, 304-393-4987, sb318805@ohio.edu

The ABLE Families Center will host an open house and performance night for guests to highlight the importance of the afterschool program for both students and the community on October 22nd. Students will demonstrate what they have learned throughout the year through songs, testimonials, poetry reading and other performances. Leaders from the local community will discuss the impact afterschool programs have on society and why they are important.

Spencer, West Virginia: Afterschool Ambassador David McCutcheon, PATCH 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 304-927-1997, dmccutcheon@rccoawv.org

The PATCH 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program will organize *Lights On Afterschool* events at each of its 16 schools. Students will decorate light bulbs to be displayed at individual program sites. Coordinators at each program will begin each session with a discussion of the importance of afterschool programs and encourage parents to attend the events held during the week of *Lights On Afterschool* with their children. At the end of the week, each school will host a fun parent night. Following the festivities, the decorated light bulbs will be sent to local legislators to advocate for afterschool programs.

Wisconsin

The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

Appleton, Wisconsin: Jaime Kriewaldt, Out-of-School Time Partnership, 920-731-0555 ext. 236, jkriewaldt@bgclubfoxvalley.org

The Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, and the Appleton Area School district will host a collaborative *Lights On Afterschool* rally at Pierce Park from 3:30-6:00 PM on October 22nd. Youth from 11 afterschool programs will attend the event, which will include information booths from other community organizations, a youth talent show, and carnival games. A local radio station will provide music and report on the event. The Mayor will deliver a Proclamation and parents will discuss what afterschool programs have done for their children and families. The Superintendent is invited, and 300-500 youth are expected.

LaCrosse, Wisconsin: Nicole Brei, Shuh/Mullen Boys & Girls Club, 608-782-3923, nicole.brei@bgcgl.org

The Shuh/Mullen Boys & Girls Club will hold an open house to highlight its afterschool programs for parents and the community. Because the Boys & Girls Club serves many children from Asian-American families, there will be cultural dances and ethnic food at the event. The Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club and Director of the School District will speak. The open house will be at the Boys & Girls Club from 4:00-5:30 PM on October 22nd.

Madison, Wisconsin: Rosario G. Vela, Madison School Community Recreation SafeHaven and SafeHaven PLUS Programs, 608-204-7858, rvela@madison.k12.wi.us

For its *Lights On Afterschool* event this year, the SafeHaven and SafeHaven PLUS programs will incorporate Hispanic Heritage Month with the visual presentation of the children's book *Margaret and Margarita*, performed by students and parents. There will also be math and reading activities for students, with a potluck dinner for parents to end the evening. The event will be held on October 22nd from 4:30-6:30 PM.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Brittany Vioar, 81st Street CLC Boys & Girls Club, 414-852-4085, brittanyv@boysgirlsclubs.org

The Boys & Girls Club will hold an open house for parents and families on October 22nd from 4:30-5:30 PM at the Club. Children will showcase their work, including artwork they have created, and presentations of what they have learned in their life skills lessons.

Wyoming

Big Piney, Wyoming: Keyth Palmer, 4-H Afterschool Program, 307-749-4229, kpalmer@bp.k12.wy.us

The 4-H Afterschool Program at Big Piney Elementary School will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd. At 7:00 PM, parents and community members will join the students and staff members for a short skit, fun activities with the children, and to learn more about available afterschool opportunities including the Character Counts program. School administrators will be invited, and the mayor will deliver a Proclamation to the school.

Cheyenne, Wyoming: Tiernan McIlwaine, Cheyenne Family YMCA, 307-634-9622, ext. 27, tmcilwaine@cheyenneymca.org

The Cheyenne Family YMCA and Boys & Girls Club will collaboratively organize a rally in support of afterschool programs. Community members and families will join students who walk through the city and enjoy festivities on October 22nd from 5:00-5:30 PM at the State Capitol

Building. The state auditor will attend the rally, as well as local administrators. The CEO of the YMCA and Director of the Boys & Girls Club will speak to students and community members.

Lander, Wyoming: Afterschool Ambassador Linda Barton, Wyoming Afterschool Alliance, 307-332-4240, lbarton@landerschools.org

On October 21st at the Lander Community Center, the community will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a family dinner and a dance performance. There will be a raffle with prizes and other fun events. The Governor's Proclamation will be read, and special guests will include Lander's Mayor, Superintendent, members of the city council, the Chief of Police, and other school and community members. The event will be from 4:30-6:00 PM.

Ten Sleep, Wyoming: Mitzi Stephenson, Ten Sleep Community Learning Center, 307-366-2310, tensleepafterschoolclub@yahoo.com

The Ten Sleep Community Learning Center will team up with its Title One program to host an open house for parents and community members. The open house will showcase the learning center's afterschool programs, and chili will be served. The event will be on November 9th during afterschool hours.