Afterschool Alliance

Support for October 12 Lights On Afterschool
Comes from All Quarters

What do the National Association of School Psychologists, the US Conference of Mayors, Total Golf Adventures and the Association of Children's Museums have in common? They are among the nearly 200 diverse organizations that are supporting the Afterschool Alliance's seventh annual *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 12.

Organizers expect a million people in communities across the country to participate in *Lights On Afterschool* this year. Rallies will be held in big cities and small towns from Los Angeles, California to Laconia, New Hampshire, and everywhere in between. Afterschool providers large and small will open their doors to the public to showcase the benefits of afterschool. Among them are 21st Century Community Learning Centers programs as well as programs affiliated with the nation's leading afterschool providers – Boys & Girls Clubs of America, YMCA of the USA, Junior Achievement, 4H Afterschool and the Afterschool All-Stars.

"The diversity of our Lights On Afterschool partners is a testament to the myriad ways in which afterschool programs benefit children, families and communities," said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. "These organizations work with us year after year to show their support for the afterschool programs that keep kids safe, help working families and inspire students to learn."

Lights On Afterschool was launched in October 2000 with 1,200 events across the country. Last year, a million people rallied at 7,500 events to show their support for afterschool programs. A list of 2006 partner organizations is available online at http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/lights_on/sup_orgs.cfm

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 by 2010. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

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