



Lights On Afterschool 2008 Local Events A Representative Sample

Alabama

Birmingham, Alabama: Tomika Apedoh, Bethel Community Learning Center, 205-796-0550, bclcta@bellsouth.net

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year, the Bethel Community Learning Center will host an open house on October 16th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM to show parents and community members what students do in their afterschool programs. The open house will feature arts and crafts displays, tutoring demonstrations, as well as a presentation by the drama class. Community leaders, teachers, principals from partner schools, and local TV stations may attend. Some 150 guests are expected.

Birmingham, Alabama: Kay Sharp, Shades Valley Community Education, 205-379-5373, ksharp@jefcoed.com

On October 16th during traditional afterschool hours, 3:00 to 6:00 PM, Shades Valley Community Education will hold open houses/receptions that give parents and staff members a chance to see what children do in their afterschool programs. Among the activities will be light bulb decorating by students and their parents. More than 800 people are expected at the ten open houses.

Greenville, Alabama: Amy Bryan, Butler County Extended Day Program, 334-382-5199, Amy.Bryan@butlerco.k12.al.us

Students at the Butler County Extended Day Program are creating invitations in the shape of light bulbs to send to community members for *Lights On Afterschool* this year. At the event on October 16th, students, parents and community members will participate in arts and crafts activities, receive brochures about the afterschool program, and enjoy milk and cookies. The three events at area schools will take place from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Local policy makers and media are invited.

Montgomery, Alabama: Ursula Cannon, YMCA Goodtimes Vaughn Road Elementary, 334-279-8878, ucannon@ymcamontgomery.org

During the after school hours of 3:00 to 6:00 PM on October 16th, students and families at YMCA Goodtimes will attend an open house at the elementary school featuring arts and crafts projects (including light bulb decorating), homework assistance, a special snack demonstration, and inflatable play structures to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Local policy makers and media are invited.

Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska: Linda Wetherby, Russian Jack 21st Century Community Learning Center, 907-742-1303, wetherby_linda@asdk12.org

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.

The Russian Jack 21st Century Community Learning Centers will host a “Family Math Night” for parents and students from Russian Jack Elementary School on October 16th from 6:15 to 7:15 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Thirty stations will offer math activities and games. More than 300 students, parents, family members and teachers will participate. Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich and local media are invited.

Eielson AFB, Alaska: Danielle Petty, Eielson School Age Program, 907-377-5437, danielle.petty@eielson.af.mil

The Eielson Air Force Base will host its annual *Lights On Afterschool* open house for parents and students at the Eielson School Age Program Center from 4:00 to 5:00 PM on October 16. Activities include yoga, a pool tournament, an art project, and science experiments. The Fire Department will give a presentation on fire safety. Following the open house, there will be an ice cream social from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will include the community beyond the Base. More than 60 guests are expected. Members of the Chain of Command including the Youth Director, Flight Chief, Base Commander, and Wing Commander are invited.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Afterschool Ambassador Julie Wild-Curry, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, 907-452-2000, ext. 251, jwildcurry@northstar.k12.ak.us

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District will light trees to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th. Schools, businesses, community organizations, afterschool providers and faith-based organizations will each light up a different tree with low wattage holiday lights from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The lights signify that each organization supports afterschool programs. Local dignitaries may visit different afterschool programs. The trees will stay lit throughout the winter to show continued support for afterschool programs in the community.

Arizona

Phoenix, Arizona: Vicki Catlett-Newby, PVUSD Community Education, 602-449-2210, vcattlettnewby@pvschools.net

PVUSD Community Education will have more than 23 schools participating in *Lights On Afterschool*, with the majority holding their events on October 16th between 5:30 and 8:30 PM. Every afterschool student will color light bulbs, which will then be sent to the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence. Many of the sites will host an after-hours parent event, and students will demonstrate science experiments and perform dances, participate in talent shows, and exhibit their artwork. Approximately 4,000 people will participate.

Rogers, Arizona: Cathy Davis, Rogers Pre-Kindergarten Program, 479-631-3572, cdavis@rogers.k12.ar.us

Rogers Pre-Kindergarten Program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 21st. The doors are open to the community from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will include refreshments and a tour of the classrooms, playground and building.

Tucson, AZ: Afterschool Ambassador Martha Petty, Flowing Wells Extension Programs, Inc., 520-887-2600, marthapetty@qwest.net

The Youth Development Coalition will host an “Afterschool is Key Symposium – Keep the *Lights On Afterschool*” on October 16th. The symposium will advocate for children and youth within the community and in the legislative processes. This year’s *Lights On Afterschool* event

aims to increase community resources and volunteerism for out-of-school time and improve the quality of programs through training and support for out-of-school time specialists. The event will be from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Flowing Wells High School Auditorium.

Arkansas

Bald Knob, Arkansa: Davissa Brimer, Bald Knob All Stars, 501-724-3714, brimerd@bkps.k12.ar.us

Bald Knob All Stars will begin its *Lights On Afterschool* celebration by placing light bulb shaped flyers around town to advertise its open house on October 16th. Then that day, from 3:15 to 5:15 PM, parents and community members will experience what the afterschool program provides. Children will demonstrate Taekwondo, boxing, readers' theater, art class and dance class skills. More than 40 people are expected. The event will be held at H.L. Lubker Bald Knob Elementary.

Danville, Arkansas: Randy Isely, Super-Out-School 21st Century Community Learning Centers at S.C. Tucker Elementary, 479-495-4820, iselyr@dps-littlejohns.net

The Super-Out-School 21st Century Community Learning Centers at S.C. Tucker Elementary celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* on September 4th. An open house was held at the school from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Parents and students learned about the different afterschool programs offered and then signed up their children. Parents toured the classrooms and learned about ways to get more involved with groups such as Watchdog Dads, the Parent Involvement Center and the Parent Teacher Organization. The S.C. Tucker Elementary School Principal, afterschool program director, and other school officials attended.

Eureka Springs, Arkansas: Afterschool Ambassador Barb Dunnam, Eureka Kids, 479-239-4553, Barbdeschner@Eurekakidz.org

Eureka Kids will host *Lights on Afterschool* in Harmon Park on October 16th. Activities this year include the arrival of the Eureka Kids "Afterschool for All Art Car." The "Art Car" is designed and maintained by the afterschool students and features Jackson Pollock style of painting, flashing light bulbs and youth. The "Art Car" placed fourth in the Eureka Springs Art Car Parade and now it travels all over Arkansas promoting afterschool. Dinner will be provided by On the Border, a restaurant based in Rogers. Displays and games will round out the event.

Gurdon, Arkansas: Lynn Failla, Gurdon Public Schools, 870-353-5123, faillal@gurdon1.dsc.k12.AR.US

Gurdon Public Schools will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a "Balloon Lift Off" at Cabe Middle School. The balloons will carry the school's address and the *Lights On Afterschool* light bulb and message. The event will be on October 16th from 4:15 to 5:00 PM. Sororities from Henderson State University will paint faces and provide other activities for the children. Rotary Club members and local and state policy makers are invited. Mayor Clayton Franklin will sign and may present the proclamation at the event. More than 50 people are expected.

California

Anaheim, California: Sandi R. Scott, Zion Lutheran School-Age Care, 714-535-3600, srscott@teacher.xohost.com

School-Age Care will host a carnival for all elementary school students to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents are invited. Faith-based groups such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and children's ministry will participate. Children and adults will participate in carnival games, face painting, raffles, Art Exploration, Total Golf Adventures and Conversa Spanish for Life. The event will be October 16th from 3:00 to 5:30 PM at the school's playground. A school district representative is invited. More than 200 people are expected.

Beale AFB, California: Morag E. Petersen, Beale AFB Youth Center, 530-634-4719, morag.petersen@beale.af.mil

On October 16th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, the Beale Air Force Base Youth Center will host an open house and fashion show. Students will showcase and model self-made clothes along with vintage clothing that reflects different periods of fashion from the 20th Century. After the fashion show, guests will have the opportunity to walk around the center and see what programs are offered. The entire base community is invited. The Flight Chief who manages all of the family programs on the base will attend.

Fullerton, California: Aaron Orozco, City of Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department, 714-738-5369, AaronO@ci.fullerton.ca.us

The Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department will turn the lights on for youth on October 16th. Afterschool programs sponsored by the City of Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department, the Fullerton School District, the Fullerton Boys & Girls Club, and the YMCA of North Orange County After-School Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* in a special event at the Independence Park Gymnasium. The event will be open to the public and take place from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Students will display art and perform vocal and dance skits.

Inglewood, California: Janet Tercero, Lennox Enrichment After School Program, 310- 680-8900, supa_jchick@yahoo.com

On October 16th, Buford Elementary School, along with other schools in the area, will host an open house for parents from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. The event showcases the four programs students take part in after school including math, science, physical education, and computers. Parents will have the opportunity to experience these subjects in rotation. Approximately 80 people are expected.

Los Angeles, California: Dennis Stecchi, Beyond the Bell Branch, 213-241-3113, dennis.stecchi@lausd.net

On Sunday, October 5th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Beyond the Bell Branch hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Birmingham High School in Van Nuys. There were more than 40 demonstrations of afterschool activities and more than 6,000 students celebrated and raised awareness about afterschool programs.

Los Angeles, California: Afterschool Ambassador Anna Araujo, Boys & Girls Clubs of East Los Angeles, 323-263-4955, x105, bgcela@yahoo.com

With the assistance of the Los Angeles Lakers Youth Foundation and the NBA-Toyota Project Rebound, the Boys & Girls Clubs of East Los Angeles will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 15th with an open house from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Earlier in the day, representatives from the Lakers, the National Basketball Association (NBA) and Toyota will join Lakers team

members, Lakers girls and Club members for a private ribbon cutting of the new Boys & Girls Club “L.A. Lakers Reading/Technology Center” and its newly renovated Teen Center, “The Club.” Parents and community members will attend the open house to see the rooms and enjoy performances by the Club’s performing arts groups including: guitar, piano, drum, choir, break dancing, hip hop, ballet, folklorico and cheer squad. The arts department will showcase an exhibit of youth’s work. During the open house, participants will decorate light bulbs and learn about afterschool programs at clubhouses and school sites. Community leaders, teachers, principals from partner schools, and local TV stations may attend. More than 150 guests are expected.

Los Angeles, California: Afterschool Ambassador Cathie Mostovoy, 213.249.9293, x232, cmostovoy@woodcrafrangers.org

With the assistance of Chivas USA, Woodcraft Rangers will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 19th from 10:00 AM to noon. More than 200 youth will showcase their talents during ChivasTown prior to the Chivas soccer game. Youth from Carver Middle School will break dance, students from Woodcrest Elementary School will perform a drum line. During the celebration, attendees will have the chance to decorate light bulbs and learn about afterschool programs. After the game, youth will have the opportunity to meet several team players who will speak on behalf of afterschool programs and enjoy an autograph session.

Sacramento, 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 16th at the South Steps of the State Capitol Building from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. An afterschool band and dance troop will entertain the group. The California Afterschool Network will present awards to afterschool programs and staff. California Superintendent of Schools Jack O’Connell will address the more than 500 youth, parents and community leaders who attend. At the event, the California Afterschool Network will have a comprehensive map of other *Lights On Afterschool* events throughout California.

San Francisco, California: Maureen O’Connell, T-Mobile, 617-939-8330

The national *Lights on Afterschool* kickoff event was held in San Francisco, in conjunction with the Mayor Newsom’s office, T-Mobile, City Year and Torani Syrups on October 2nd. Working side-by-side with CityYear members, 150 local T-Mobile employee volunteers transformed a local afterschool space – Whitney Young Child Development Center – from dull to dynamic, creating a stronger environment for learning and fun, from 10:00 AM to 2:45 PM. Then, from 2:45 to 3:45 PM, *Lights On Afterschool* kicked-off with an announcement of the student winners of a city-wide essay and art contest, “Why I Love Afterschool,” sponsored by San Francisco Afterschool for All Initiative. At the event, a giant mural, featuring student art and painted by T-Mobile employees, was unveiled. There were student performances and exhibits, and local leaders discussed the need for quality afterschool programs.

San Francisco, California: Afterschool Ambassador Jenny Arcilla-Gonzalez, Chinatown Beacon Center, 415-982-0615, x14, jenny@chinatownbeacon.org

The Afterschool Community Enrichment (ACE) Program will host its first “ACE Olympic Cup Torch Relay” to kick-off its yearlong Olympic Challenge between the eight elementary school

sites and to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The torch relay will be held on October 16th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, culminating at Huntington Park. More than 300 students are expected to participate along the two “torch routes,” while the remaining 490 ACE youth participants will be walking, rallying and distributing information about their individual programs and the significance of *Lights On Afterschool* in surrounding neighborhoods.

San Francisco, California: Michael Funk, Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center, 415-378-4798, mfunk@snbc.org

The Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center (SNBC) will have a book release and rally along the sidewalks of Sunset Boulevard for youth, parents, families and community advocates for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. The more than 500 participants will meet at A.P. Giannini Middle School. To coincide with the special day, Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center will release a special 140-page publication titled, *The Best of Both Worlds: Aligning Afterschool Programs with Youth Development Principles and Academic Standards*, to a nationwide audience. The book documents SNBC’s nationally recognized quality programs. Those who attend will receive the first copies of the publication.

San Jose, California: Afterschool Ambassador John Poch, After-School All-Stars of Greater San Jose, 408-280-5302, x115, jpoch@afterschoolallstars.org

After-School All-Stars of Greater San Jose will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* for an entire week. More than 200 students from two local schools that have After-School All-Stars of Greater San Jose programs will reach out to the community and remind adults to fulfill their civic duty by voting in the upcoming election. After a brief rally in front of San Jose City Hall on October 15th at 3:30 PM, students will canvass downtown businesses and then request permission to post hundreds of posters that they have created to encourage adults to register and vote this year. In addition to academics, afterschool programs teach kids about leadership and citizenship. Throughout the week, students will participate in other public service activities including visiting patients at Willow Glen Convalescent Hospital, beautifying the community, and clean-up public areas and washing windows for local businesses. For a complete schedule of events from October 13th through October 17th, including open houses for afterschool youth, parents and community members, please visit www.sjallstars.org.

Colorado

Boulder, Colorado: Kathryn Coleman, City of Boulder, 303-441-3344, colemank@bouldercolorado.gov

The city of Boulder and the Boulder Valley School District sponsored Boulder’s second annual *Lights On Afterschool* rally and celebration from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on Thursday, October 2, at the 1300 block of the Pearl Street Mall. School children of all ages showcased what they learned in afterschool programs with a variety of performances. Speakers discussed expanding afterschool opportunities so every child who needs a program has access to one, and the harm that results from budget cuts and freezes.

Colorado Springs, Colorado: Lisa Villanueva, Parents Challenge, 719-473-5430, lisa@parentschallenge.org

Parents Challenge will hold an open tutoring night on October 16th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the center to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Every half-hour, parents will present personal

experiences with the afterschool program and share success stories. Parents whose children do not currently participate will meet the staff, educational consultants, the executive director of the program, and parents whose children are currently enrolled to get information about the program. Parents will receive registration packets. More than 50 people will attend.

Commerce City, Colorado: Afterschool Ambassador Melanie Haas, Colorado MESA, 303-349-4045, haasm@cahs.colostate.edu

“Lights On After Dark,” took place at Adam City Middle School on October 10 to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Organizers recruited 90 minority students to participate in the parent-focused celebration. Sixth- and seventh-grade students applied physics and built a trebuchet and a roller coaster. The mayor, chief of police, district superintendent, U.S. Representative Ed Perlmutter and representatives from the Colorado Department of Education attended.

Denver, Colorado: Afterschool Ambassador Melanie Haas, Colorado MESA, 303-349-4045, haasm@cahs.colostate.edu

University of Colorado, Denver is hosting a science, technology, engineering and math expo, “STEMapalooza” on October 23rd to 25th at the convention center and will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* there. A grant from the Governor is funding the expo. Colorado MESA will have a demonstration area, and kids from around the state will be busy with hands-on activities for two days. The Governor and Dr. Tom Check, a Nobel Laureate from the University, will give keynote addresses.

Connecticut

Bethel, Connecticut: Michele Toth, YMCA Children’s Center, 203-744-4890, mtoth@regionalyymca.org

The YMCA Children’s Center will host a pizza party to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will create awareness about the importance of afterschool programs. More than 100 people are expected. Parents will be encouraged to sign the petition to show support for afterschool programs and funding. The petition will then be sent to Members of Congress.

Bridgeport, Connecticut: Tammy Papas, City of Bridgeport, 203-576-7252, papat0@ci.bridgeport.ct.us

The formation of the Bridgeport After School Network will be announced at this *Lights On Afterschool* event, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM October 16th at City Hall. The Superintendent of Schools, a representative from the State Department of Education, and the Executive Director of United Way will speak. Youth from five programs will perform, including a jazz ensemble, African dance, miming, cheerleading, and theater. Youth from another five programs will staff tables to demonstrate skills they learned in their afterschool programs, including sign language, knitting, drumming, golfing, science activities and origami. Approximately 150 children will enjoy refreshments and visit the demonstration tables. The event will be open to the community.

Hartford, Connecticut: Shannon N. Healy, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford, 860-922-3003, shealy@bgchartford.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford, along with nine other afterschool organizations in the Hartford area, will host two open houses, one at 1755 Park Street and the other at One Chandler Street to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Both open houses will be from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Each event will feature speakers who support afterschool programs, and activities that promote afterschool, including a light bulb design contest. More than 200 people will attend at each location. Boys & Girls Club board members, local and state policy makers, and principals are invited.

Litchfield, Connecticut: Tracy Lay, Education Connection, 800-852-4314, 143, lay@educationconnection.org

Education Connection will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at each of its 12 sites in the Western Connecticut school district. Each school is planning a special event for students and families and each site will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on the evening of October 16th. Most events will be open houses or fall/harvest festivals, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Local policy makers may attend events at selected sites. Education Connection is expecting more than 300 people.

Middletown, Connecticut: Michele Rulnick, Middlesex County After School Network, 860-343-6217, m.rulnick@midymca.org

The Middlesex County After School Network represents 30 afterschool programs, including 12 Middlesex YMCA programs, seven Westbrook YMCA programs, four Youth Service Bureaus, two licensed not-for-profit programs, one parks and recreation based program, and four exempt or arts based programs. Each afterschool program in the Middlesex County After School Network will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event. The Northern Middlesex YMCA will host an open house on October 16th at 6:30 PM. This year's event will bring attention to the diversity and reach of afterschool programs in Middlesex County. Student will showcase the activities they learn in their afterschool programs, and refreshments will be served.

New Haven, Connecticut: Sharon Henninger, United Teen Connection, 203-789-8336, henningersh@aol.com

Branford Access television show will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by interviewing guests who are planning *Lights On Afterschool* events in Connecticut. This one hour television special aired on October 13th from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Local officials also were interviewed. The show focused on the importance of afterschool programs in the community. On October 18th, the United Teen Connection and Branford Access will host a picnic and cook-out at Branford Point from 12:00 to 4:00 PM to continue the *Lights On Afterschool* celebration and honor youth and programs that are making a difference in the community. School counselors, coaches, youth and a representative from the town's drug and alcohol prevention program are invited.

New Haven, Connecticut: Mr. Jamie Alonzo, Evolutions After School Program, 203-432-6577, jamie.alonzo@yale.edu

Evolution After School Program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 16th at the Yale Peabody Museum. The event will be a "free day" at the museum for the entire community from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. There will be a banner promoting *Lights On Afterschool* and tables with activities. The tables will be staffed by afterschool students in the science program, who will do science demonstrations and games to teach the community about what the afterschool program offers.

Waterbury, Connecticut: Amanda Hunyadi, Waterbury Prevention Policy Board, 203-573-0264; ahunyadi@waterburyyouthservices.org

The Waterbury Prevention Policy Board is hosting a weeklong celebration for *Lights On Afterschool* from October 8th to October 16th. It includes a series of open houses that will showcase and highlight Waterbury's many afterschool programs. Local policy makers and community leaders are invited.

Delaware

Dover, Delaware: Beverly C. Banks, DSU 4-H Afterschool, 302-857-6424, bbanks@desu.edu

The DSU 4-H Afterschool will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year with an open house on October 16th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM at the Mifflin Meadows Community Center. The event will begin with the reading of the *Lights On Afterschool* Proclamation by a representative from Levy Court or Senator Joseph Biden's office. Following the reading, parents and students will take part in hands-on learning activities including computer technology, food and nutrition, and fitness. More than 25 parents and community members will attend. Literature on afterschool programs will be available to parents and other attendees, and light refreshments will be available. Local policy makers, including members of Caesar Rodney School District, are invited.

Newark, Delaware, Afterschool Ambassador Carol Scott, University of Delaware, New Castle Cooperative Extension, 4-H Youth Development, 302-831-8161, ctscott@udel.edu
4-H Youth Development is hosting open houses at each of the three program sites on October 16th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The open houses will focus on encouraging more middle school students to get involved in afterschool programs.

Wilmington, Delaware, Virginia Lacy, Project C.H.A.N.C.E, 302-651-2615, Virginia.Lacy@redclay.k12.de.us

Project C.H.A.N.C.E. will host a *Lights on Afterschool* event on October 16th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Three sites at Warner Elementary School, Shortlidge Elementary School, and Lewis Dual Language will host open houses. The event will include a display table featuring information on afterschool and students will discuss their afterschool experiences. Local and state policy makers are invited.

District of Columbia

Washington, District of Columbia: Timothea Howard, CentroNia, 202-332-4200, thoward@centronia.org

On October 16th, CentroNia, a bilingual public charter school, will host an open house from 5:00 to 7:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. CentroNia's event will provide the opportunity for more than 75 parents and students to view and sign-up for the afterschool programs offered at CentroNia. The school's CEO and Chief Academic Officer will attend.

Washington, District of Columbia: Ed Spitzberg, Sitar Art Center, 202-797-2145, ed@sitarartscenter.org

Sitar Arts Center will host its fourth annual fall fundraising event, "A Night of Sitar Stars," on October 16. One hundred guests are expected. The event will be from 6:30 to 9:30 PM and it

includes a tour of Sitar Arts Center and special student performances. The funds raised will allow the Center to subsidize the tuition of afterschool students at Sitar Arts Center.

Washington, District of Columbia: Millicent D. Williams, DC Children & Youth Investment Trust Corporation, 202-347-4441, mwilliams@cyitc.org

The DC Children & Youth Investment Trust is once again hosting a *Lights On Afterschool* event for all the local out-of-school time partners on October 16th at the Columbia Heights Education Campus from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Legislators, policy makers, educators, funders and parents will get “up close and personal” with out-of-school time programs and will visit a number of exhibits to speak directly with providers and youth. The program will include a variety of youth performances.

Florida

Boynton Beach, Florida: Bennie D. Drain, Prime Time Palm Beach County, 561-732-8066, bennie@primetimepbc.org

Prime Time Palm Beach County hosted a family fun fair from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on October 12th to jumpstart the week leading up to *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th. The event took place at the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA of Boynton Beach. The fair offers a rock wall, puppet making, sand painting, face painting, living chess, and free food. More than 1,000 people attended.

Hialeah, Florida: Maria Gomez, City of Hialeah Creative Learning & Play Afterschool Program, 305-698-3645, Mgomez@hialeahfl.gov

The City of Hialeah is hosting an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* at Walker Community Center, the community’s newest afterschool site, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on October 16th. Papa John’s Pizza and Coca-Cola will sponsor refreshments. Mayor Julio Robaina and members of the city council will present a proclamation declaring October 16, 2008 as *Lights on Afterschool Day* in Hialeah. Student work will be on display for parents and local dignitaries to enjoy. There will be face painting and a light bulb decorating station.

Jacksonville, Florida: Tammy Imrie, KidzArt, 904-287-8603, tammy@kidzartnfl.com

On October 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, KidzArt will host a free, fun *Lights On Afterschool* event at Bayside Village Shopping Center in St. Johns. Parents, youth and members of the community will celebrate the quality afterschool programs that keep kids safe and inspire learning after the school day ends. This year’s event will feature music, games, art projects and demonstrations for youth and their families. Refreshments will be served.

Key West, Florida: Daniel Dombroski, Wesley House Family Services and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Keys, 305-296-2258, bgckeysdan@bellsouth.net

The Wesley House Family Services and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Keys will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year with a march and a celebration at Bayview Park on October 16th. Children will march to the Harvey Government Center with their *Lights On Afterschool* light bulbs. At the Government Center, local dignitaries and parents will discuss the importance of quality afterschool programs. The program will be from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. There will be fun activities for youth and parents including a bounce house, face painting, snow cones, relay races, student entertainment and a tree planting ceremony. Information booths about the various afterschool

programs will be featured. More than 250 people, including the mayor, state representatives, chief of police and school officials may attend. The first annual *Lights On Afterschool* award will be given to the individual who has championed this cause over the last year.

Merritt Island, Florida: Sharon M. Doran, Tropical Elementary School Age Child Care, 321-454-1080, x206, doran.sharon@brevardschools.org

Tropical Elementary School Age Child Care will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th on the school's campus from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Students will participate in arts and crafts, music, and program demonstrations including karate, cheer, reading, "Lego League" and robotics. Local and state policy makers and school officials may attend. More than 150 people are expected.

Miami, Florida: Rosetta J. Vickers, Beta Tau Zeta Royal Association, 305-836-7060, zroyal@bellsouth.net

On October 16th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, the Beta Tau Zeta Royal Association will host a dinner and rally at its center. U.S. Representative Kendrick Meek will attend and give a *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation. Following the proclamation will be an inspirational grace, after which students from kindergarten to 12th grade will showcase their talents by singing, reciting poems and more. More than 75 parents, community leaders, and students will attend the dinner. The board of directors, state policy makers and local media are invited.

Miami Beach, Florida: Catherine M. Merced, Miami Beach Adult After School Care at Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center, 305-531-0452, cmerced@dadeschools.net

The Miami Beach Adult After School Care at Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center will host a show from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on October 14th in the Center cafeteria to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will showcase what they have learned in afterschool so far this year, including Flamenco dancing, a human chess game, four violin solos, demonstrations of various sports, a cheerleading performance and more. More than 100 students will perform, and approximately 200 people will attend. Miami Beach Mayor Matti Herrera Bower, Executive Director of Community Education Victor Ferrante, school board representatives and officials are invited.

St. Petersburg, Florida: Afterschool Ambassador Debra Ballinger, R'Club Child Care, Inc., 727-578-5437, dballinger@rclub.net

On October 16th R'Club Child Care, Inc.'s afterschool programs will participate in *Lights On Afterschool* events and rallies at each of its 43 afterschool program sites to support safe, stimulating afterschool programs. Each site will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* between 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The diverse and exciting activities will include: Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School will have a DVD Presentation; John Hopkins Middle School will have light bulb art; Nina Harris Exceptional School will emphasize a green theme; Blanton Elementary School will have parents and children make a bag of trail mix together to emphasize the theme of "Following the Trail to Strong Families;" Bardmoor Elementary School will have a cookout for parents and youth with a variety of hands-on stations; Sanderlin and Lakeview Elementary Schools will have a "Taste of R'Club" event with youth speaking out about the importance of before and afterschool programs.

Tallahassee, Florida: Phyllis Porter, Leon County Schools 21st Century Community Learning Center, 850-413-0441, porterp@Leon.k12.fl.us

This year, each 21st Century Community Learning Center site in Leon County will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a program showcase. Students will perform dance routines, offer band recitals, play string instruments, and demonstrate performing arts and theatrical skits. Multiple community partners, including High Touch High Tech, Mad Science, Imani Dance Troupe, and the Tallahassee Ballet will provide displays and demonstrations. Parents, community members and elected officials will be encouraged to participate in the demonstrations. In addition, each site will display posters explaining the benefits of afterschool.

Tampa, Florida: Afterschool Ambassador Bobbi Davis, The Children’s Board of Hillsborough County, 813-204-1752, bobbid@childrensboard.org
Tampa’s premiere *Lights On Afterschool* event will be held at Sam Rampello Downtown Partnership School, near the mayor’s office in the heart of downtown Tampa. Bright House Networks will premiere a video on afterschool – “After the School Bell Rings.” U.S. Representative Kathy Castor, Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant, Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio, and local and state policy makers will attend. More than 250 youth will participate and wear t-shirts donated by Bright House Networks. The winners of a youth essay contest on afterschool will be announced and honored.

Georgia

Atlanta, Georgia: Walt Thompson, After-School All-Stars Atlanta, 404-413-8365, [wrthompson@gsu.edu](mailto:worthompson@gsu.edu)

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the After-School All-Stars Atlanta will hold simultaneous events at each of its seven sites. Food, games and attractions will be featured at each site. The festivities will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. More than 1,500 students, more than 600 parents, and more than 175 afterschool staff members will participate.

Columbus, Georgia: Afterschool Ambassador Ernestine Ramsey, A.J. McClung YMCA Prime Time Afterschool Program, 706-322-2579, ernestiner@att.net
The A. J. McClung YMCA Prime Time Afterschool Program’s *Lights On Afterschool* event will be Saturday, October 18th at Marshall Middle School. Radio personality D J Chip from FOXIE 105 FM, the number one rated radio station in the tri-county community, will be the featured speaker. Youth from various afterschool programs, churches and other youth organizations will perform in a talent show. Events will include praise, dance and mime performances, stacking cups, puppetry, double dutch jump rope exhibitions, drum lines from high and middle school youth, Latino song and dance performance and an essay contest on “What After School Means To Me.” First, second and third place prize winners will be announced at the event. Local, state and congressional leaders as well as school board personnel are invited.

Decatur, Georgia: Afterschool Ambassador Mindy DiSalvo, DeKalb County School System, 678-676-1000, disalvom@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us
This year DeKalb County School System is celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* during the entire month of October with a focus on cyber safety. Since so many of the county’s afterschool programs have technology clubs, incorporate technology into afterschool activities, and emphasize science, technology, engineering and math in project-based learning, the county will use afterschool programs as the primary avenue to teach students, staff members, parents and the community about cyber safety. The DeKalb County School System is partnering with Georgia

Tech Research Institute, Georgia Department of Education, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Homeland Security, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and the Public Schools Foundation to develop the safety trainings. During October, the schools and their partners will provide various levels of training, awareness and classes to students, staff members, parents and community members with a series called “Lights On, Logged On.” The partnership hopes to train all 40,000 middle and high school students, staff, parents and elementary schools PTAs, staff and community partners.

Jonesboro, Georgia: Shacole Pearman, Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department, 678-479-5139, shacole.pearman@clayton.co.ga.us

The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th with a rally at Lee Street Park from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Program participants will sign petitions that will later be sent to Congress to show support for afterschool programs. Children in kindergarten through eighth grade will be able to register for afterschool programs and receive a free one-month pass to any recreation center. Guests will also enjoy food, games, music and more.

Savannah, Georgia: Susan Krauss, Savannah-Chatham County 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 912-395-1113, susan.krauss@savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us

Eight schools from Savannah-Chatham County will participate in *Lights On Afterschool* this year by hosting open houses. Bartow, East Broad, Haven, Fort Wintworth, and Garrison Elementary Schools will host open houses from 3:45 to 6:00 PM, and Derenne, Hubert, and Mercer Middle Schools and Beach High School will host open houses from 2:45 to 5:00 PM. Various traditional afterschool activities and presentations will take place at each school. Local elected officials are invited.

Savannah, Georgia: Whitney E. Rel, YMCA of Coastal Georgia, 912-547-6248, whitneye@ymcaofcoastalga.org

On October 16th, the YMCA of Coastal Georgia will host an open house from 3:00 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Staff members will be present so that parents and other community members can ask questions and discuss the afterschool program. More than 100 people will attend.

Hawaii

Ewa Beach, Hawaii: Jane M. Kihewa, Hale Pono Boys & Girls Club, 808-689-4182, Janek@bgch.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Hale Pono Boys & Girls Club will have a variety of games and other activities for children and parents in the Club’s gymnasium on October 16th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Guests will enjoy refreshments including juice, popcorn, cookies and ice cream. Members of the Weed & Seed office and community leaders are invited.

Fort Shafter, Hawaii: Peter C. Tedtaotao, Ft. Shafter Youth Center SAS, 808-438-1487, peter.tedtaotao@us.army.mil

Ft. Shafter Youth Center SAS held a mini carnival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 9th at the center. Children and parents enjoyed moon bounces, face painting, a bean bag toss, cookie decorating, pumpkin carving, and other activities. More than 175 people attended.

Schofield Barracks, Hawaii: Julie Ariola, Heleman SAS, 808-653-0726, Julie.Ariola@us.army.mil

Heleman SAS will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* Fair on October 16th at its youth center. More than 70 children are expected. The children will enjoy games, rides and other activities from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

Idaho

Bonnors Ferry, Idaho: Erika Thiel, Explore 4-H Afterschool Fun, 208-267-3235, ethiel@uidaho.edu

Explore 4-H Afterschool Fun hosted a carnival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event was from 6:00 to 9:00 PM on October 9th at the Boundary County Fairgrounds. It was open to the public, and more than 100 people attended. Activities included a cake walk, bean bag toss, face painting, and more. There were tables with information about the Explore 4-H Afterschool Fun program and other 4-H programs.

Cottonwood, Idaho: Wendy Kolb, The Discovery Center, 208-926-0964, kolbw@sd244.org
The Discovery Center will begin the *Lights On Afterschool* celebration with a “Walking Taco” dinner, where students eat tacos in a bowl with forks so they can better move around, and a silent auction. The event will be on October 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Clearwater Valley Elementary School. School board members and the county commissioner may attend. More than 75 guests are expected. Parents and children also will have the chance to play word games, puzzles, and other literacy games together.

Parma, Idaho: Sheri Faust, Parma Learning Center, 208-722-5115, sfaust@parmaschools.org
Parma Learning Center will host a Community Health Fair on October 16th at the Maxine Johnson Elementary Multi Purpose Room to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be from 4:30 to 7:00 PM and more than 300 people are expected. Afterschool classes in grades one through eight will have nutrition or health booths. Local community organizations and participants will offer information on safety, eating disorders, healthy eating, oral health, suicide prevention, and immunizations. The local Drug Demand Reduction Program will provide a Climbing Wall. Organizers will teach a women’s self defense class and a speaker will discuss how to “Motivate against Meth.” *Lights On Afterschool* participants will have access to blood pressure readings, vision screenings, massages, auditory checks, and more.

Pocatello, Idaho: Afterschool Ambassador Joyce Anderson, 21st Century Community Learning Centers at Pocatello/Chubbuck School District, 208-232-7119, ANDERSJO@d25.k12.id.us
Pocatello is planning a traditional open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th. Each afterschool center will display students’ work and afterschool students will act as hosts and explain their daily activities, such as homework, computer skills, character education, academic enrichment or arts and crafts. U.S. Representative Mike Simpson will attend one of the open houses and students will present him with a “Faces of Afterschool” quilt made by youth last Spring. Each center also will have a display from the school’s community partners. Refreshments will be served.

Illinois

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.

Bethalto, Illinois: Tad Middleton, Boys & Girls Club of Bethalto, 618-377-6030, tmiddletonbgcb@scbglobal.net

The Boys & Girls Club of Bethalto will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Parents and members of the community will learn about afterschool programs and enjoy educational games including the “Read Around the World” activity, coloring the *Lights On Afterschool* light bulb, billiards and basketball math competition, *Lights On Afterschool* scavenger hunt, and more. There will be free Boys & Girls Club tattoos for the first 50 students. Local policy makers may attend. Refreshments will be served.

Chicago, Illinois: Afterschool Ambassador Mande Polonsky, Chicago Public Schools, 773-553-1499, mpolonsky@cps.k12.il.us

The Chicago Public Schools Office of Extended Learning Opportunities will host the “Second Annual Breakfast of Champions” this year with After School Matters, the Chicago Public Libraries, the Chicago Park District, and the Department of Children and Youth Services for *Lights On Afterschool*. The breakfast will be held at the Tower Club on October 16th at 7:30 AM. It will celebrate champions of afterschool programming throughout Illinois. Students will showcase afterschool activities, and there will be surprises. Each Chicago Public Schools afterschool site will also host an open house and many local legislators including State Representative Maria Berrios, State Senator Jacqueline Collins, Alderman Toni Foulkes, State Senator Mattie Hunter and Alderman Joann Thompson will tour programs.

Chicago, Illinois: LaVonna Loving, Metropolitan YMCA of Chicago, 773-285-0020, lavonnaloving@ymcachgo.org

The Metropolitan YMCA of Chicago will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Talent Show. Children in the afterschool program will perform for the community and parents on October 16th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. Girl Scout Representative Carol Larry will share with the guests the opportunities that the organization offers. More than 80 people are expected. Refreshments will be served.

Chicago, Illinois: Afterschool Ambassador Roslind Blasingame-Buford, Broader Urban Involvement and Leadership Development (BUILD), 773-227-2880, x120, rblasingame@buildchicago.org

BUILD’s *Lights On Afterschool* event will be held in the Cabrini and Humboldt Park Communities, at Stanton Park and San Lucas Church (respectively) from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on October 16th. Youth, parents, and community members will canvass these two neighborhoods which both have a high prevalence of violence, to discuss how afterschool programs can be a tool to stop gangs, gun-violence, substance abuse, and other negative influences that plague communities. Youth and families will be encouraged to sign up for BUILD’s afterschool programs, which help to keep youth safe. The event will end with a rally at which youth will discuss their afterschool experiences, and showcase their talents and fellowship with the community. BUILD serves more than 3,500 youth each year in nine Chicago communities and county-wide through its Project BUILD Program, which works with youth who have been detained in the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center. Upon release, BUILD gives them a safe place to go after the school day ends.

North Chicago, Illinois: Ryan J. Hughes, YWCA Lake County Afterschool Program, 224-489-3049, hughesr@ywcalakecountyil.org

The YWCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Novak King School for the YWCA's annual Parents Night on October 16th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Children will demonstrate what they learned in afterschool care and perform African, modern, ballet, and hip-hop dance routines. Youth also will perform "Character Counts" and "I Aspire" speeches. Program Coordinator Ryan Hughes will present a montage of the afterschool program activities and events from this year. Refreshments will be served. More than 50 people are expected.

Indiana

Evansville, Indiana: Afterschool Ambassador Daniel Diehl, Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation, 812-434-6745, Dan@diehlconsulting.org

The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, School Community Council, and Evansville community will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 15th at Bosse Field from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. The event will feature child performances, a huge fireworks display, and more than 30 community booths with games, entertainment and food. It also will serve as the Red Ribbon Week kickoff event. Program participants, families and community members are expected and all attendees will receive *Lights On Afterschool* t-shirts. More than 3,000 people are expected.

Fort Wayne, Indiana: Lindsey D. Liston, Parkview Family YMCA, 260-497-9996, lindsey_liston@fwymca.org

Parkview Family YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Jorgensen YMCA. Information on local programs, games and craft booths will be set up for parents, children and other guests. To encourage healthy eating, fat-free hot dogs will be available for participants. Other afterschool programs, a local radio station, and more than 750 people will attend. The mayor and other local policy makers are invited.

Indianapolis, Indiana. Sara Beanblossom, VSA Arts of Indiana, 317-974-4123, sbeanblossom@vsai.org

Hundreds of Indianapolis Public School students will come to Garfield Park in Indianapolis from 3:00 to 5:30 PM on October 16th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. This year's event will be a fun fair with contests, hands-on activities and special performances by Young Audiences, Teacher Artists and the Indy Air Bears. Children and adults will fill out and color light bulbs to show their support for afterschool, and the bulbs will then be sent to Members of Congress. Visit <http://afterschoolcoalition.org/About/Special+Initiatives.htm> for details.

Michigan City, Indiana: Afterschool Ambassador Herb Higgin, Safe Harbor After School Program, 219-873-2026, x310, hhiggin@mcas.k12.in.us

The Dedication for the first afterschool public art project (PAWS), designed and provided by afterschool middle school students, was held on October 10th at Elston Middle School to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. PAWS is the code of conduct for the school – "Practice respect, Accept responsibility, Work together, Safety matters." The Dedication's Master of Ceremonies was Afterschool Project Coordinator Chip Cotman, and Superintendent Mike Harding and Elston's principal spoke at the dedication. Local radio station WIMS broadcasted live from the event and featured afterschool programs at both Michigan City elementary and middle schools.

Iowa

Ames, Iowa: Kate Sparks, Ballard Kids Club, 515-291-9050, kcballard@yss.ames.ia.us

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool* the Ballard Kids Club will host a sports-themed open house and potluck dinner on October 22nd at Ballard Elementary. There will be a variety of different football, soccer, basketball, and other sports activities. Students will also be able to decorate football-shaped cookies and make crafts. More than 70 people will attend. Local policy makers and school officials are invited. The event will be from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Lynelle Henricksen, Helen G. Nassif, YMCA, 319-366-6421, henricksen@crmetroymca.org

Cedar Rapids was one of the hardest hit communities in the state from the storms and subsequent flooding this spring and summer. Following the disaster, one afterschool provider said he no longer knew where many of the program's youth were living. The Helen G. Nassif YMCA, which administered before- and afterschool programs for children and youth, suffered millions of dollars in damage from the floods. For *Lights On Afterschool* this year, afterschool providers in Cedar Rapids will hold an event that highlights the ways afterschool supports working families as they recover from personal and community-wide loss. For pictures of the damage and recovery, visit www.crmetroymca.org.

Clinton, Iowa: Afterschool Ambassador Loras Osterhaus, Clinton Community Schools, 563-243-9600, x47, losterhaus@clintonia.org

The Clinton Community Schools Afterschool Program will sponsor a *Lights On Afterschool* rally on October 16th. The event will be from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Jefferson Elementary School. Participants will include the City of Clinton, school board, local business leaders, educators and other officials. The event will highlight three of the significant contributions that afterschool programs make to Clinton – keeping kids safe and healthy, inspiring them to learn, and relieving working parents of worries about their children's activities during the afternoon hours. More than 900 parents, students, supporters and community members are expected to attend. Local grocers, other businesses and the National Guard unit are among the sponsors and supporters of the event. The Governor and Mayor have been invited.

Dubuque, Iowa: Deanna K. Wiezorek, St. Mark Community Center, 563-582-5655, x104, dkwmem@msn.com

St. Mark Community Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Prescott and Audubon Elementary Schools on October 16th from 3:00 to 5:30 PM. Students will decorate *Lights On Afterschool* light bulbs and write essays about why afterschool programs are important and how they affect each individual. More than 60 people will attend.

Waterloo, Iowa: Shirley Greer, Boys & Girls Clubs of Blackhawk County, 319-234-2839, sgreer@bgcbhc.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Blackhawk County will host a talent show and dance contest at the center on October 16th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Awards for the top acts will be given out. Following the contests, students, parents and other guests will enjoy ice cream. This event is open to the community, and more than 175 people will attend. Local policy makers, school officials and the Chief of Police are invited.

Kansas

Shawnee Mission, Kansas: Rob Knaussman, Johnson County Department of Parks and Recreation, 913-831-3355, rob.knaussman@jocogov.org

The Johnson County Department of Parks and Recreation hosted 1,400 students from Shawnee Mission School District and Gardner-Edgerton USD 231 at the Shawnee Mission Park Theatre in the Park to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. “Lights On Across America” took place on October 10th. Students gathered for a picnic lunch sang with U.S. Representative Dennis Moore; he played the guitar and sang “This Land is Your Land.” Other activities included areas of fun targeted at different regions of the United States. There was: *West Coast*, volleyball and dance; *East Coast*, “Boston Marathon” ½ mile run; *Voting America*, *Southwest*, snacks of chips and salsa; and a *Midwest* hayride. Participants also made human light bulbs.

Topeka, Kansas: Lisa Wilk, Susanna Wesely School-Age Program, 785-357-5171, lisaw@ercrefer.org

The Topeka Alliance will host its first *Lights On Afterschool* event at Sussana Wessley United Methodist Church on Monday, October 13th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. U.S. Representative Nancy Boyda and Topeka Mayor Bill Buntin will be the special guests. Susanna Wesely School-Age Program will showcase physical afterschool activities. Youth in the Susanna Wesely School-Age Program will perform a song they wrote about afterschool.

Topeka, Kansas: Kathy Degan Bryant, 785-424-3298, kdbryant@ku.edu

Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius will be featured at a ceremonial signing of the *Lights On Afterschool* Proclamation on Monday, October 20th. Ten student and program representatives will attend the signing ceremony, and photo opportunity at 1:30 PM.

Topeka, Kansas: Sparkle Y. Sherrod, Community First Inc., 785-357-7331, sparkles@abcfirst.org

Community First Inc. will host its first ever *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 16th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Abbott Community Center. Mayor Bill Buntin will read the *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation, State Senator Laura Kelly will be the keynote speaker and board members will speak briefly about the importance of afterschool programs. An “Afterschool Hero Award” will be given. Members from Faith Temple Church will do a dance routine, the Williams Science and Fine Arts Magnet School choir will perform, as will students from the afterschool program. After the concert, youth will participate in activities including face-painting and decorating light bulbs. The West Star Energy Company will hand-out free light bulbs and coloring books and discuss the importance of going green. Cake and ice cream will be served, and the event is open to the entire community.

Wichita, Kansas: Shontina R. Tipton, AmeriCorps GoZones!, 316-264-9303, stipton@ifmnet.org

On October 16th from 5:00 to 7:30 PM, AmeriCorps Go Zones! will host three open houses at Orchard Park Recreation Center, Westside Baptist Church, and Colvin Recreation Center to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The events will begin with the reading of the *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation, followed by a tour of the facilities. Afterwards program students will provide information about the GoZones! program. The event will end with a question and

answer session. Light snacks will be available. This is open to the entire community. More than 150 people may attend, including local policy makers and local media.

Kentucky

Ashland, Kentucky: Kerri L. Thornburg, South Ashland Family Resource Center/AICC, 606-327-2797, kerri.thornburg@ashland.kyschools.us

On October 16th, South Ashland Family Resource Center will host an open house from 3:30 to 5:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will highlight afterschool activities and the high quality of care children receive. More than 70 parents, students and community partners will attend.

Lexington, Kentucky: Nicola Fleming, YMCA of Central Kentucky, 859-367-7326, nwright@ymcaofcentralky.org

Afterschool students and families at Picadome Elementary will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 14th from 3:45 to 6:00 PM with a rally and parade. Youth will display signs they made in their programs with messages about why afterschool is important. They will march with the signs around the school to raise awareness in the neighborhood. Schools will have stations set up for parents to do activities with children. Each station represents a core curriculum area from the lesson plan – health, wellness and fitness; science and math; arts and humanities; literacy; character development; service learning; and homework support.

Louisville, Kentucky: Tamala Geftos, YMCA of Greater Louisville School-Age Services Branch, 502-637-1575 tgeftos@ymcalouisville.org

YMCA of Greater Louisville School-Age Services will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* in each of the YMCA's 65 program locations. Jefferson County Public Schools, Bullitt County Public Schools, and parochial private schools in Louisville will hold events on October 16th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Each school will host an individual event such as a talent show, light bulb art project, or open house.

Louisiana

Alexandria, Louisiana: Jeffery Franklin, City of Alexandria, 318-449-5228, jeffery.franklin@cityofalex.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the City of Alexandria will hold an Afterschool Exhibition at the county fair from October 8th to October 12th. The Exhibition will display afterschool programs and activities around the city. More than 500 people are expected. Activities will begin each day at 8:00 AM and conclude at 8:00 PM. On selected days, local and state officials will be present.

Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana: Cora Davis, Barksdale Air Force Base School Age, 318-456-3448, cora.davis@barksdale.af.mil

The annual *Lights On Afterschool* Pep Rally will be held on October 16th in the Youth Center Gymnasium from 4:00 to 4:30 PM. Children in the afterschool program will prepare a chant and show for more than 100 people, including students, parents, base leaders and the school superintendent; it will emphasize the benefits of afterschool programs.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Deborah W. Jones, YWCA of Greater Baton Rouge, 225-413-2198, deborah@ywcabr-cfe.net

On October 16th, the YWCA of Greater Baton Rouge will host a rally and showcase at Independence Park from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The guest speaker will be East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor Kip Holden. Three hundred people are expected. Each region will have its own display section, so parents and others have the opportunity to view information about afterschool programs from their respective areas.

Harvey, Louisiana: Deidra B. Decay, Awesome Ladies of Distinction Mentoring Programs, 504-348-3992, awesomeladies@aol.com

The Awesome Ladies of Distinction Mentoring Program will hold an “Outstanding October” open house from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on October 25th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. More than 900 people, including media and local policy makers, are expected. The open house will honor students who may not be on the honor roll but are great students nonetheless. Parents and students will have the chance to learn more about the afterschool mentoring and tutoring programs.

New Orleans, Louisiana: Emily McLendon, Warren Eastern Senior High, 504-330-4444, emily_mclendon@nops.k12.us

On October 16th there will be an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* at Warren Eastern High from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Students and parents will watch a brief video put together by local 21st Century Community Learning Centers highlighting the activities programs provide for children after school. Following the video, parents and staff members will discuss national issues regarding afterschool programs and children. Guests will enjoy refreshments, and students will give tours of the site. More than 100 people will attend.

Maine

Addison, Maine: Afterschool Ambassador Charlie Harrington, Maine Sea Coast Mission EdGE Program, 207-546-4466, charrington@seacoastmission.org

On October 16th each of the EdGE Program’s nine sites will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the local elementary school that will kick-off the EdGE year. Each site will host a pot luck dinner and group activity. Parents and youth can sign up for afterschool enrichment activities. Students will review their journals with guests, and a journal page will be available for families to complete. Students and parents also will write postcards to federal, state and local legislators encouraging them to continue supporting afterschool. Students will display posters that answer the question “Why we enjoy the EdGE afterschool programs?” The EdGE Program will continue to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 24th with the fifth annual “Lights Out for Afterschool Haunted Trails” event. The theme this year is the *Lord of the Rings*. More than 500 people are expected and the proceeds will benefit fuel assistance – an emerging issue for rural programs. The trail will contain 12 scenes from the novel. The actors and actresses are mostly high school students. There will be Halloween games for younger children.

Augusta, Maine: Lauren A. Sterling, Maine Department of Education, 207-287-4349, Lsuren.Sterling@maine.gov

On October 16th, the Maine Department of Education will host a statewide media and policy event in the State Capital Building in the Hall of Flags from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM to

celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event, which is open to the public, will feature a keynote from Maine Attorney General Steven Rowe and the reading of the *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation by First Lady Karen Baldacci. There will be youth Co-Masters of Ceremonies who will share the impact afterschool programs have had on them. Awards honoring exemplary afterschool programs and volunteers will be given to 21st Century Community Learning Centers and other afterschool organizations. More than 125 parents, youth, and program advocates will participate, and state legislators and media will attend.

Bethel, Maine: Julie G. Hart, Mahoosuc Kids Association, 207-824-7007, mka@sad44.org
Mahoosuc Kids Association will host three events for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event at Telstar Middle High will be an ice cream sundae social from 2:30 to 4:00 PM, and the event at Woodstock Elementary will include cooking and crafting activities from 2:30 to 6:00 PM. The third event will be at Crescent Park School on October 17th. Children and parents will be able to paint pumpkins, play gym games, and much more from 2:30 to 6:00 PM. A community dinner will follow from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Each *Lights On Afterschool* event will be open to the public, and will show the great things the programs offer. More than 100 people will participate.

Jackman, Maine: James B. Caron, Live 2 Learn, 207-668-7749, caronj@sad12.com
Live 2 Learn will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year on November 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Forest Hills School. There will be a dinner, brief presentation, and an awards ceremony recognizing students in the program. After the dinner, guests will adjourn to the gymnasium where they will enjoy a presentation on the solar system in a planetarium. More than 60 people will attend, and school board members are invited.

Maryland

Andrews AFB, Maryland: Diana L. Hilliard, Andrews Youth Programs, 301-981-8648, diana.hilliard@afncr.af.mil

Andrews Air Force Base Youth Programs will hold an open house for parents, community members and program participants on October 16th from 5:00 until 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be piano lessons and Tae Kwon Do classes, and more. Base agencies such as the fire department also will set up tables. Parents will have the opportunity to meet instructors of the Andrews afterschool programs and learn more about community services offered at the base.

Baltimore, Maryland: Kelly Coston, Maryland State Department of Education, 410-767-0561, kcoston@msde.state.md.us

The Maryland State Department of Education hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* luncheon celebration on Monday, October 6th, at B&O Railroad Museum. The recognition program was from 1:30 to 3:00 PM.

Germantown, Maryland: Nicole Neale, Clopper Mill Elementary School PTA, 240-535-1002, president@cloppermillpta.com

The Clopper Mill Elementary School PTA will sponsor a costume ball for this year's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. The costume ball is to all the school's children, not just afterschool youth. The ball is October 16th from 6:30 until 8:30 PM. There will be a \$5 admission charge, and all of the proceeds will go towards afterschool programs serving the students at Clopper

Mill. The event will feature a DJ, a cotton candy machine and a moon bounce. Pizza and other refreshments will be served.

North Beach, Maryland: Jon Tucker, Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maryland, 410-326-2200, jtucker@bgcsm.net or Afterschool Ambassador Mark Smith, St. Mary's County Public Schools, 301-475-5511, x137, mgsmith@smcps.org

The town of North Beach and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maryland will host a grand opening celebration for the new \$2 million Bayside Boys & Girls Club, in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th at 4:30 PM. Governor Martin O'Malley will attend and address the crowd. Other speakers will include: House Majority Leader and Congressman Steny Hoyer; Mike Miller, President of the Maryland Senate; Michael Bojokles, Mayor of North Beach; Jack Smith, Superintendent of Schools for Calvert County; Michael Martirano, Superintendent of Schools for St. Mary's County; as well as representatives from the Calvert and St. Mary's County Commissioners; and other elected officials. The Rhythm Club from the St. Mary's County Boys & Girls Club 21st Century After School Program will perform, as well as other student groups.

Rockville, Maryland: Karen Rawlins, City of Rockville, 240-314-8633, krawlins@rockvillemd.gov

The City of Rockville will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at each of its three afterschool program sites. Open houses at Beall Elementary, Maryvale Elementary, and Twinbrook Elementary will be from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 16th. The afterschool performance group "The Finest" will tour the three locations with a dance and acting performance. The staff will discuss the activities the program offers; parents will have the chance to see children's activities.

Massachusetts

Boston, Massachusetts: Karen Peterkin, Roxbury Weston C.A.T.C.H Afterschool Program, 617-427-2086, catchroxwes@earthlink.net

Roxbury Weston C.A.T.C.H Afterschool Program will host an open house on October 16th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The theme of the event is "Harvest Time." Parents and students will explore the different uses of fruits and vegetables that are harvested in the fall. Children also will participate in arts and crafts and create Dream Catchers. Weston Public School Metco educational leaders, principals, and board of directors may attend. On display will be the afterschool programs and events the program offers.

Boston, Massachusetts: Katie Magrane, Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership, 781-348-4233, kmagrane@massafterschool.org

The Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership will host an "Afterschool and Out of School Time Grantee Recognition Ceremony" at the Boston Children's Museum on October 16th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. This event will recognize afterschool and out of school time programs' achievements from across the state. Representatives from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, local and state policy makers including a representative from the Executive Office of Education, will attend. For more information, please visit www.massafterschool.org.

Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts: Scott Craver, Hanscom AFB Youth Programs, 781-377-3308, scott.craver@us.af.mil

The Hanscom Air Force Base will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event this year on October 16th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the base's youth center. Approximately 120 students and family members will participate in various sport and art activities. The base leadership and media will attend.

Lawrence, Massachusetts: Sarais Sanchez, Merrimack Valley YMCA, 978-686-6191, ssanchez@mvyymca.org

The Merrimack Valley YMCA will host a "School Age Family Night" to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16. One hundred people are expected to attend.

Lynn, Massachusetts: Tania Buck, Lynn YMCA, 617-642-0639, tbuck@lynnymca.org
Lynn Mayor Edward "Chip" Clancy, State Representative Steven Walsh and State Senator Thomas Magee will attend and each read proclamations on the importance of YMCA afterschool programming at 3:30 PM on October 16th in the gymnasium with afterschool children to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. After the proclamation ceremony, groups of more than 150 children will rotate through activity stations including: team building, light bulb art, and decorating light bulb cookies. Each afterschool student will visit a video production area to talk about "Why the YMCA Afterschool Program is Important to Me." After *Lights On Afterschool*, program officials will make a DVD compilation of the students' answers, set to music.

Mashpee, Massachusetts: Ruth Provost, Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod and County UMASS 4-H Youth Development Program, 508-477-8845, info@boysgirlsclubcapecod.org
The Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod will host a fair from 5:00 to 6:30 PM on October 16th for *Lights On Afterschool*. Local organizations will have tables for guests to learn more about programs and activities. Children will decorate light bulbs and then enter their creations into a decorating contest. Awards will be given to local heroes and afterschool staff and volunteers. State representatives, county commissioners and representatives from the Assembly of Delegates are invited.

Wareham, Massachusetts: Cindy P. Bucacci, Wareham Child Care, 508-295-1734, cindy2438wareham@yahoo.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Wareham Child Care is having an open house at two elementary schools on October 16th. The open houses will be from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. The event is open to the community and more than 50 people are expected.

Westfield, Massachusetts: Blair E. Wilkinson, Westfield Boys & Girls Club, 413-562-2301, bwilkinson1283@yahoo.com

The Westfield Boys & Girls Club will hold an open house on October 16th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be refreshments and a booth with information about afterschool activities. Afterschool students will participate in a light bulb decoration contest. At the end of the event, the light bulbs will be displayed like a string of lights in the lobby.

Michigan

Battle Creek, Michigan: Jennifer Bonner, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Battle Creek Schools, 269-965-9680, jbonner@battle-creek.k12.mi.us

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers at Battle Creek Schools, the Battle Creek Family YMCA and Multi-Sports Center will host more than 800 youth at a *Lights On Afterschool* Carnival. The Carnival will be on October 16th from 4:30 to 7:30 PM at the Battle Creek Family YMCA. It will kick off with a welcome ceremony and a reading of the Mayor's *Lights On Afterschool* Proclamation, followed by fun for parents and students.

Flint, Michigan: Afterschool Ambassador LaDonna Gamble, Bridges to the Future, 810-760-1478, lgamble@flintschools.org

Bridges to the Future will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at all 36 schools, instead of one grand Bridges event as organizers have done in past years. Each site will host a parade around the community, an open house, or a taste of Bridges on October 16th. Local and state policy makers are invited.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Lynn Heemstra, Grand Rapids Public Schools, L.O.O.P., 616-456-4353, lheemstr@ci.grand-rapids.mi.us.

Grand Rapids Public Schools, L.O.O.P. afterschool program, in partnership with the upcoming "Walking with Dinosaurs" exhibit at the Van Andel Arena, will sponsor a *Box-osaurus* event for *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will showcase their cardboard dinosaurs and other afterschool activities and lead tours at the new Dickinson Elementary School from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on October 16th. Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell, State Senator Mark Jansen, and the local board of education president will speak. U.S. Representative Vern Ehlers is invited.

Minnesota

Duluth, Minnesota: Tim Caines, Boys & Girls Club-Lincoln Park, 218-725-7706, tcaines@bgcnorth.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Lincoln Park will host a community dinner to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 6:00 to 6:30 PM. The dinner will take place at the Club and will include a tour of the facilities. The event is open to Club members and families in the community. More than 75 people may attend, including local policy makers.

Duluth, Minnesota: Lori Maly, YMCA Homecroft School's Out, 218-722-4745, lmaly@duluthymca.org

Students from YMCA Homecroft School's Out program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 2:00 to 6:30 PM. The program will shuttle students from Homecroft Elementary School to the Homecroft YMCA where students will spend the afternoon swimming and making crafts. Afterward, students will go back to the school for a pizza party with parents. Throughout the week of *Lights On Afterschool*, students will decorate light bulbs and write why afterschool programs are important. The YMCA will display these bulbs to raise awareness about the program to the larger community.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Koreena S. Moua, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities-East Side, 651-774-5654, kmoua@boysandgirls.org

On October 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities-East Side will host an open house and dinner for students, parents, teachers and children from other youth

centers to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Activities will include a three-on-three basketball tournament, a spelling bee and a pool tournament. Parents and community members will be given tours of the facility. More than 100 people will participate in this year's *Lights On Afterschool* event. School board members and local media may attend.

Saint Paul, Minnesota: Marie K. Philippi, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities, 651-222-2212, mphilippi@boysandgirls.org

On October 15th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Twin Cities will host an open house and dinner for parents and community leaders from 3:00 to 8:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents will enjoy a presentation explaining the program and its benefits. Other will include pool and ping pong tournaments, and a raffle. The dinner will begin at 5:30 PM. Students will provide a song and dance performance during dinner. More than 150 people will attend.

Saint Paul, Minnesota: Krisha Saxon, Collins Productions, 507-458-3746, krishasaxon@hotmail.com

Collins Productions will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Abbetos Pizzeria on October 16th. Community members and elementary students from St. Paul School District will have the opportunity to participate in a swing dance lesson, light bulb artwork, and sign a petition to show support for afterschool programs. The petition will be sent to the state and local policy makers. The event will be from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Local media are invited.

St. Paul, Minnesota: Julie A. Murphy, West 7th Community Center, 651-298-5493, kjohnson@bgccc.org

The West 7th Community Center will host an open house on October 16th in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Guests will have an opportunity to meet and talk with students, parents and staff about the program, and the opportunity to write to legislators about the importance of afterschool programs. More than 60 people are expected. Legislators, community leaders, and school principals are invited.

Mississippi

Belzoni, Mississippi: Regina M. Boykins, Humphreys County 4-H, 662-247-2915, reginab@ext.msstate.edu

The Humphreys County 4-H will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by showcasing the different clubs the program offers. The event will be held at the Neighborhood Facility Building from 5:30 to 6:45 PM. Local policy makers and school officials may attend. Advisory Council President Bobbie Miller will speak. There will be a craft show and a dance performance by the students.

Greenville, Mississippi: Tamela C. Gines, Trigg Accelerated School, 662-334-7177, tgines@gville.k12.ms.us

Trigg Accelerated School will host a reading night on October 16th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be held in the school's gym from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Parents and community leaders will read to students and their families. This event will encourage literacy and provide an opportunity for students to add books to their own book collections. More than 200 people are expected. Local policy makers and media are invited.

Gulfport, Mississippi: Jamie Farnham, Boys & Girls Club of the Gulfcoast, 228-374-6654, jfarnham@bgcgulfcoast.org

The Boys & Girls Club of the Gulfcoast will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house and parent meeting on October 16th. The event will be from 5:00 to 6:30 PM and it will showcase the activities the program offers through displays and performances by groups like the dance team. The community health center will provide information about childhood obesity. Members of Vision of Hope will assist adults and children with financial literacy. A petition will be available for adults to sign to show support for afterschool funding and programs. More than 200 people are expected. Local and state policy makers and school officials are invited

Gulfport, Mississippi: Sheran Watkins, Harrison County 4-H, 228-865-4227, swatkins@ext.msstate.edu

The Harrison County 4-H will host an “Old-School Game Day” to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be October 16th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM and it will emphasize the importance of children having a safe place to go after the school day ends. Children will have the opportunity to play games like Monopoly and Twister. The 4-H Center will be open to the community. The Kessler Air Force Base will participate by providing information about afterschool programs on the base and its 4-H Center.

Gulfport, Mississippi: Adrienne Davis, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulfcoast, Hancock County Unit, 228-466-4185, adavis@bgcgulfcoast.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulfcoast, Hancock County Unit will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th. Youth in the afterschool program will decorate light bulbs and create a banner that explains the importance of afterschool programs. The Bay Police Department and Fire Department will provide information about bicycle and fire safety. The event will be from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. More than 150 children are expected.

Hattiesburg, Mississippi: Sheila E. Gaudet, The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, 601-544-3684, Sheila_gaudet@uss.salvationarmy.org

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th with a focus on community involvement in the afterschool program. Flyers with information about the importance of afterschool programs will be sent home with the children and given to guests. Local alumni may attend to talk to youth about the ways afterschool programs can affect their lives. Children will decorate their own light bulbs. Principals from the Hattiesburg Public School District may attend, as well as school officials, community partners and policy makers. It will be from 3:30 to 5:30 PM, and more than 150 people are expected.

Jackson, Mississippi: Carolyn Coleman, Kids Kollege, 601-979-2238, carolyn.coleman@jsums.edu

Kids Kollege will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and Kids Kollege’s 25th Anniversary on October 16th with a showcase. Afterschool students from five schools will attend and clubs including “Dancing Divas,” cheerleading, sign language group and Freedom School Programs will perform. The event will be from 6:00 to 8:30 PM in the Fredrick D. Music Recital Hall on the Jackson State University campus. City Councilman Charles Tillman will be a guest speaker. Mayor Frank Melton will attend. U.S. Representative Bennie Thompson and Governor Haley

Barbour sent *Lights On Afterschool* proclamations. Lonnie Edwards Sr., the Superintendent of Jackson Public Schools, and other school officials will attend. More than 500 people are expected. The light bulbs children decorated prior to the event will be used to decorate the facility; they will be sent to congressional offices with a petition after the event.

Meridian, Mississippi: Jim Beaugez, Peavey Electronics Afterschool Initiatives, 601-486-1474, jbeaugez@peavey.com

Peavey Electronics will host a talent contest, “Afterschool (Not) Idle,” again this year. The singing contest for kindergarten to 11th grade students is a celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Auditions were held at Peavey headquarters on September 27th and three finalists will compete in the finale October 16th at the MSU Riley Center during the official *Lights On Afterschool* rally that will begin at 4:30 PM. The grand prize winner of “Afterschool (Not) Idle” will win a demo recording session, the first runner-up will receive a Peavey guitar and amplifier, and the second runner-up will receive a Peavey Stage Pack® guitar starter kit. More than 500 people will attend the rally.

Missouri

Blue Springs, Missouri: Denise Boehm, Blue Spring School District, 816-224-1367, dboehm@bssd.net

The Blue Spring School District will host an open house and dinner on October 16th. At this year’s *Lights On Afterschool* event, students will decorate light bulbs which will then be sent to their U.S. Representative.

Columbia, Missouri: Leigh Ann Clayton, Adventure Club, 573-884-2582, claytonl@missouri.edu

The Adventure Club will hold open houses at each of the program’s 18 sites to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Each celebration will begin at 4:15 PM. School administration officials from each site will attend. Parents will have the opportunity to participate in traditional afterschool activities when picking up their child.

Hermitage, Missouri: Jackie Bock, Sundowners After-School Children’s Club, 417-745-2133, jbock@hermsandf.com

Sundowners After-School Children’s Club (SACC) will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house and barbeque on October 16th. The event will take place at the SACC building from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Approximately 60 people are expected to attend. Local and state policy makers may attend.

Independence, Missouri: Erin K. Berg, Local Investment Commission/Caring Communities, 816-521-2749, eberg@kclinc.org

The Local Investment Commission/Caring Communities is hosting a “Government Family Night” for *Lights On Afterschool* that involves the school district, afterschool families and the community. It will be held at the Santa Fe Trail Elementary School from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. More than 200 hundred people are expected. Speakers will address democracy, voting, taxes, the Constitution, laws, rights and responsibilities, and will incorporate afterschool programs in their presentations. Participants will sign petitions in support of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Kansas City, Missouri: Lucille H. Douglass, Truman Elementary LINC Before and Afterschool Program, 816-316-8103, douglasslh@missouri.edu

Truman Caring Communities will host an open house on October 16th at Truman Elementary Afterschool from 4:30 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will organize into groups, each with a parent as leader. Groups will make “Character Counts” beads bracelets, and have “Pillar of Good Character” presentations. There will be a model train exhibition brought in by a volunteer from the afterschool programs’s new partner – St. Luke United Methodist Church. County Legislator Frank Arbanas may attend.

Lee Summit, Missouri: Shauna L. Wiseman, Kids Country, 816-986-3321, shaunna.wiseman@leesummit.k12.mo.us

Kids Country will host *Lights On Afterschool* at Paradise Park, an amusement park, on October 16th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Approximately 1,000 people will attend. State and local policy makers are invited.

Louisiana, Missouri: Dale Miller, Twin Pike Family YMCA, 573-754-4999, ymcalatchkey@scglobal.net

The YMCA 21st Century Community Learning Centers programs will celebrate in three school districts on October 16th from 3:15 to 4:45 PM. The event will be a “Read In” featuring guest readers and a puppet show at the Louisiana site. The “Read In” is co-sponsored by La Scholars and Title I. The Pike County Health Department will present a puppet show on food safety. Local official may attend. The Clopton and Boncl sites will celebrate with a carnival. Guests will enjoy games, food and activities.

St. Louis, Missouri: Jennifer Davis, South County Family YMCA, 314-849-4668, jdavis@ymcastlouis.org

The South County Family YMCA will host *Lights On Afterschool* events at all 13 afterschool program locations. Students will color light bulbs and string them across the cafeterias. The events will feature poster boards with student testimonials about their favorite memories of afterschool. The memories will be displayed the YMCA lobby.

St. Louis, Missouri: Ronald Jackson, St. Louis for Kids, 314-241-0011, jacksonr@stlouis4kids.org

St. Louis for Kids will host a *Lights On Afterschool* awards luncheon at the St. Louis Science Center from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM on October 23rd. Students in area afterschool programs will decorate light bulbs on the official *Lights On Afterschool* Day on October 16th. The decorated bulbs will be featured at the luncheon and later sent to elected officials. In addition to the more than 200 luncheon participants, the mayor, aldermen, county executives, and state and federal representatives may attend. The keynote speaker is Merita Irby, Managing Director and Co-Founder of the Forum for Youth Investment.

Shell Knob, Missouri: Liz Hendrix, Kornerstone Afterschool, 417-858-2887, liz.hendrix@kornestoneinc.org

Kornerstone Afterschool will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* during parent and teacher conference time in the Shell Knob school cafeteria from 1:00 to 6:00 pm on October 16th. Parents can participate in a cake baking contest to win gift certificates donated by local

businesses. There will also be three raffle drawings per hour to give parents another chance to win prizes. Springfield's forest ranger and a reporter from *The Rattler* may attend.

Springfield, Missouri: Colin Barnett, Ozarks Regional YMCA, 417-862-7456, x140, cbarnett@yourdowntownymca.org

The Ozark Regional YMCA, Springfield Boys & Girls Club, and Springfield-Greene County Parks and Recreation will host an open house on October 16th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Community partners will promote their afterschool activities from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Portland Elementary School. More than 1,000 people are expected. State Senator Norma Champion will present a Proclamation and discuss the importance of afterschool programs.

Whiteman AFB, Missouri: Amy Hermann, WAFB Youth Programs, 660-687-5586, amy.hermann@whiteman.af.mil

On October 16th the Whiteman Air Force Base Youth Programs, along with the Whiteman Air Force Base School Age Program, will have an open house for the base community from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Youth Center to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The Center will serve refreshments and youth will showcase afterschool projects such as Lego displays and talents including Dance Dance Revolution. More than 75 people, including the base media, will attend and base leadership and commanders are invited.

Montana

Centerville, Montana: Peggy Perry, Centerville Leap Program, 406-736-5167

The Centerville Leap Program will host a dinner to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 27th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Centerville School for more than 150 people. "Miss Montana" Jennifer Hepner will be the guest speaker, her platform is "Beyond the Bell: Afterschool programs for Montana's Youth." Students' artwork will be on display and a short video highlighting the afterschool program will play. Local legislators, the county commissioner, Representative Dennis Rehberg, and the media may attend. This event is open to the public.

Great Falls, Montana: Sonya Smith, Boys & Girls Clubs of Cascade County, 406-761-1330, sonya.smith@bgcnem.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool* an open house will take place at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cascade County center on October 23rd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Children will give guests tours of the facility, and discuss the afterschool program. Displays will showcase the various activities children participate in, and what the program offers. This event is open to the community. More than 100 people will attend.

Missoula, Montana: Lisa Beczkiewicz, The Flagship Program, lbeczkiewicz@wmmhc.org

On Tuesday, October 28th, The Flagship Program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration featuring an assembly with Miss Montana. Her platform includes promoting afterschool programs. The event will take place at C.S. Porter Middle School. Middle school students will give personal testimonials and will form a light bulb to be photographed and displayed around the community.

Nebraska

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

This year for *Lights On Afterschool*, youth ambassadors from 15 afterschool programs in Lincoln will be stationed around the city's busiest areas on October 16th and will raise awareness of the need and benefits of afterschool programs. Later at 5:30 PM that afternoon, back at McPhee Elementary School near the state capitol the youth ambassadors will hold a press conference with Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler. During the month of October, the youth leaders will also work to inform local policy makers about the importance of afterschool programs.

Omaha, Nebraska: Niki O. Reed, North Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands, 402-342-2300, nmadisonreed@bgcomaha.org

The North Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 4:15 to 5:15 PM. Children will gather in the facility's gym to hear the Chief of Police speak about the benefits of the Boys & Girls Clubs and all afterschool programs. Students will also construct paper mache light bulbs that will later go on display. More than 200 students will participate, and local policy makers may attend.

O'Neill, Nebraska: Karen J. Schmeichel, Developing Eagles, 402-336-1400, kschmeichel@esu8.org

Developing Eagles will invite families for dinner and afterschool games to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. The event will be held in the commons of O'Neil Elementary School from 5:00 to 6:00 PM on October 16th. A reporter from the local newspaper and more than 200 people are expected to attend.

Plattsmouth, Nebraska: Sarah Sutton, POPS Place, 402-296-4173, ssutton@plattsmouthschools.org

This year POPS Place is partnering with a new local community center for a health fair to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be on Saturday, October 11th from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. More than 200 students and parents are expected to participate. At the health fair, POPS Place will have a booth at which parents and children can learn more about the program. There also will be a general health information booth, face painting, recreation booth, story telling booth, light bulb art booth. Fitness instructors and community partners are working together to illustrate the health benefits of afterschool.

Nevada

Carson City, Nevada: Jessica Roew, Boys & Girls Club of Western Nevada, 775-882-8820, jessicar@bgcwnv.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Western Nevada will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents will attend the open house on October 16th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM to participate in activities – in each of the seven rooms there will be different activities for the children and parents to enjoy together, including a scavenger hunt, pumpkin painting, and games. More than 250 people will attend.

Eureka, Nevada: Sandra Green, Eureka County School District and 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 775-237-5279, sgreen@eureka.k12.nv.us

The Eureka County School District and 21st Century Community Learning Centers will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a potluck dinner on October 16th. The event will begin at 5:30 PM at the Eureka Elementary School. Local and state policy makers and school officials may attend. Christina Sawyer from Mount Wheeler Power of Rural Electric Cooperative will be the guest speakers, she will provide tips on how to conserve energy and answer questions that children may have about recycling and conserving energy. Students will also present a “Reader Theater” and display art work. Program leaders will present a PowerPoint presentation of the afterschool program’s field trip to the Salt Lake City Science Museum. More than 100 people will attend.

Las Vegas, Nevada: Judy H. Schroeder, City of Las Vegas Safekey Afterschool Program, 702-229-3399, jschroeder@lasvegasnevada.gov

The City of Las Vegas Safekey Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at 68 sites across the city on October 16th. The open houses will be from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, or 6:00 to 7:00 PM, depending on the site. More than 20 people are expected at each open house. Students will showcase their talents in an art and talent show. Representatives from the City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services and City of Las Vegas Management may attend.

Las Vegas, Nevada: Raul Gomez, Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas, 702-368-0317, rgomez@bgclv.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by creating collages related to afterschool programming and *Lights On Afterschool*. This event will be from 5:00 to 6:00 PM on October 16th. After the event, outstanding collages may be submitted to the fine arts program. More than 200 children will participate.

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

The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and educate the community about the activities the program offers. The event will be held on October 16th at the organization’s hub, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. More than 300 people are expected to attend. Local organizations and clubs like Reno Christian Academy, Weed and Seed, karate program, Reno Jets Boxing, NYSEF Ski program, Mad Science, First Tee golf program, Boys & Girls Club membership, athletics, and Marge’s Camp will have tables. The local school district will offer parent education classes, one of which will help parents track attendance and monitor their children’s grades online. There will also be a math education class to help parents learn new techniques and explain the “new” math that students learn.

Reno, Nevada: Afterschool Ambassador Danielle Bowen, Washoe County School District Team Up Afterschool Program, 775-333-6038, DRBowen@washoe.k12.nv.us

More than 15 afterschool programs will attend this year’s *Lights On Afterschool* event in Reno. More than 1,000 afterschool students, staff, community members, local and state policy makers and school officials will attend a rally for afterschool at Pine Middle School from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Students will engage in hands-on science experiments, cooking demonstrations, hands-on banking classes, fencing, drawing by Young Rembrandts and more. Northern Nevada Food Bank will provide dinner for the crowd.

New Hampshire

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.

Concord, New Hampshire: Cynthia Billings, PlusTime New Hampshire, 603-856-8837, cbillings@plustime.org

PlusTime NH will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th at a parade that will march around the block surrounding the State House, as well as activities on the lawn from 3:45 to 4:45 PM. This year's *Lights On Afterschool* event will emphasize wellness, and when youth are not parading, children and parents can participate in a jazzercise class with a certified instructor, or snack on health food options such as juice boxes, apples, or granola bars. Approximately 150 students and parents are expected to attend. In addition, New Hampshire State Representative Mary Stuart Gile, Chair of the Children and Family Law committee will attend.

Laconia, New Hampshire: Regina Theberge, Project EXTRA!, 603-524-5710, rtheberge@laconia.k12.nh.us

Project EXTRA! will hold a gathering at the town's gazebo to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th for more than 200 people. From 2:00 to 4:00 PM, students and parents will hear Mayor Matthew Laehy read the proclamation and Superintendent Robert Champlin discuss the importance of afterschool programs. Parents and students will be invited to speak as well. Members of the local school board and the Laconia School District administration team will attend.

Manchester, New Hampshire: Donna Mostovoy, Manchester School District's 21st Century Community Learning Center Afterschool Program, 603-624-6300, dmostovoy@mansd.org
This year the Manchester School District will host an open house afterschool fair with fall-themed crafts, as well as a variety of activities and games for families – like the ones students do during a normal afterschool day. The program will be held at the Acting Loft, a community partner's location. Students will participate in activities organized by community providers such as martial arts, dance, and music. The event will be held on October 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. More than 150 guests are expected to attend, as well as local media.

Newport, New Hampshire: Dr. Ann Spencer, Newport Out-of-School Time, 603-863-3540, aspencer@sau43.k12.nh.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th, a policy makers breakfast will be held from 8:00 to 9:00 AM to inform community leaders about the program and begin the community discussion about sustainability. The breakfast will be held in the cafeteria of one of the school sites. Local and state legislators, the town board of selectmen, town manager, fire and police chief, board of education, town budget analysis committee, principals, business leaders, community partners, and local media may all attend. Later in the evening, Newport Out-of-School Time will also hold family night event. The community will be invited to participate in afterschool activities at an afterschool site from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

New Jersey

Bordentown, New Jersey: Patricia Vincent, 21st Century Community Learning Center, 609-631-4100, pvincent@hamilton.k12.nj.us

Afterschool students at the Hamilton Township Public Schools will participate in a mock election on October 16th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will vote for a presidential candidate, and their results will be released after the national election. Students will also present a program on Women's Suffrage. The school will set up a voter registration booth for adults

attending the event who have not yet registered. Although it will be too late for these individuals to vote, the program wants to emphasize the point that every vote counts, an important issue considering the amount of public support school budgets depend upon. A film will be shown about the 21st Century Community Learning Centers. More than 275 people are expected to attend, including students, district afterschool staff, families, local civic leaders, legislators, Board of Education members, central administrative staff, and local media.

Bridgewater, New Jersey: Theresa Roessner, Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen, 908-333-2279, troessner@ccdom.org

Catholic Charities will host 11 separate events at 11 afterschool sites in the area. These events will range from talent shows to dance recitals and are student organized. Students will decorate light bulbs at the event with what they love most about afterschool. The light bulbs will be laminated and attached to helium balloons, and then released at the close of the event. The address of the Catholic Charities main office will be on each light bulb, and those who find the balloons can mail them back. This way, the children will know that someone else saw afterschool through their eyes. Each program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th for two hours, starting at either 2:00 or 3:00 PM. Local media and policy makers may attend. The youth have written to elected officials, including President Bush, about the importance of afterschool.

Brown Mills, New Jersey: Glenda Nurse, NAES Lakehurst Youth Center, 732-323-4043, glenda.nurse@navy.mil

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year, NAES Lakehurst Youth Center will hold an open house. Students, families and community members will stop by Youth Center and get a glimpse of what the afterschool program has to offer. The local Base's newspaper plans to cover the event.

Millville, New Jersey: Gina Townsend, Cumberland Empowerment Zone 21st Century Community Learning Center, 856-459-1700, ginat@cezcorp.org

The Cumberland Empowerment Zone 21st Century Community Learning Center will team up with the Tri-County Community Action Partnership B.L.A.S.T 21st Century Community Learning Center Program to hold an open house and afterschool resource day at the Cumberland Mall in Vineland. Parents, students, and elected officials will speak to the crowd about the importance of afterschool programs. Other area schools will also be invited to come and speak about their experiences with afterschool. Exhibitors will conduct fun activities with students and parents such as a reading challenge, robotics, and a coloring challenge. More than 100 people are expected to attend on October 16th from 4:00 to 6:30 PM.

Minotola, New Jersey: Brian Rovani, Buena Out Of School Time, 856-697-0100, brovani@buena.k12.nj.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year, Buena Out Of School Time will feature a presentation for parents and students about child nutrition and wellness. The program will present proper eating habits and offer good ideas for fast, healthy meal options that parents can make. The event will take place on October 16th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Cleary Middle School, and more than 100 people are expected to attend. Participants will include nutrition experts, dieticians, and family counselors. Local media may also attend.

Perth Amboy, New Jersey: Mike MacEwan, Jewish Renaissance Foundation/ 21st Century Community Learning Center, 732-324-2114, x114, mjmacewan@gmail.com
On October 16th, an open house will be held at McGinnis Middle School for students and parents from three local public schools participating in the 21st Century Community Learning Center's afterschool program to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will include a reprise of many student performances that were created at this past year's summer program, such as a Blue Man Group and student readings. More than 250 people are expected to attend, and local and state policy makers may attend.

Princeton, New Jersey: Pamela Elmi, Princeton Young Achievers, 609-806-4216, pamela_elmi@monet.prs.k12.nj.us

The Princeton Young Achievers afterschool program will hold an open house at their three different locations in Princeton on October 16th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Children and parents will see art exhibits, hear poetry readings, enjoy refreshments, and go on tours of each location. More than 30 people are expected to attend including school district personnel, local policy makers and community members.

Ventnor City, New Jersey: JoAnn Onesky, 21st Century Community Learning Center, 609-823-7950, jonesky_rec@comcast.net

This year will be the biggest celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* for Ventnor City's 21st Century Community Learning Center. On October 16th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, the center will hold an open house, including a voter registration drive, health fair, student exhibitions, music and food. Seventh and eighth grade etiquette class students will act as hosts and hostesses, providing tours for visitors and urging them to sign the Afterschool for All Project 2010 Petition. The event will be at the Ventnor Educational Community Complex. Local elected officials, as well as several local media outlets may attend.

New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Michael Lujan, New Mexico Forum for Youth in Community, 505-821-3574, mlujan@nmforumforyouth.org

New Mexico Forum for Youth in Community partnered with Every Child Matters and Step up for Kid's Day to host New Mexico's *Lights On Afterschool* kick off campaign at the New Mexico Expo State Fair on September 16th. More than 3,000 people attended. They received information from New Mexico Out of School Time Network, the New Mexico Department of Health, child advocacy groups, prevention groups, and afterschool programs providers, such as the Boys & Girls Club and YWCA. Youth performances included afterschool program ballet dancers, a Folklorico group, and Marimba band. During a forum, state congressional candidates had the opportunity to answer questions from youth. There was also a "Go Green with Culture" poster contest for youth to show how they go green. The winner received a \$100 Visa gift card.

Farmington, New Mexico: Afterschool Ambassador Flo Trujillo, Farmington Public Library, 505-599-1261, frujill@infoway.org

The Farmington Public Library will host a tailgate party in the library parking lot on October 16th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. San Juan County Kids "UMATTER" teens, Sylvan Learning Center, Live Homework Help, Boys & Girls Club, Dance Studio,

Balloons for You, Coca-Cola and other afterschool organizations will provide different activities for youth. The local high school teen council and senate, local policy makers and Farmington Mayor Bill Standley will also participate in the event. Youth are encouraged to visit the library to do your homework and enjoy the fun!

Roswell, New Mexico: Carmen R. Arias, Boys & Girls Club of Roswell, 505-623-3196, carmenloveskids@live.com

On October 18th the Boys & Girls Club of Roswell will host an open house from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The Roswell Boys & Girls Club will invite other afterschool programs to participate. Information about afterschool programs will be available. Games, face-painting and other activities will take place. More than 100 people will participate. Local policy makers and local media may attend.

Santa Fe, New Mexico: Afterschool Ambassador Sharon Guerrero, Santa Fe Public School District, 505-467-2609, sguerrero@sfps.info

Ten schools from Santa Fe Public School District will participate in *Lights On Afterschool* this year by hosting an open house resource fair and dinner on October 14th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Open house activities will have an emphasis on the environment, and displays will be set-up for students to showcase artwork. Between 15 and 20 community-based organizations will attend and provide resources and information to the community. In all, there will be more than 2,000 participants, and members of the Santa Fe School Board and School District, and local State Representative Rick Miera may attend.

New York

Bronx, New York: Kate Biagi, Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation, 718-231-9800, kbiagi@nidcny.org

Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corp is hosting an open house on October 16th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. A local city councilman will be the guest speaker. More than 300 people, including students, parents, local business leaders and school administrators, are expected to attend. A reporter from *The Bronx Times*, a community newspaper, may attend.

Bronx, New York: Yvonne Williams, Good Shepherd Services, 718-563-0473, yvonne_williams@goodshepherds.org

Good Shepherd Services will be hosting a play entitled “A Day AND Life Without Afterschool” to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and raise awareness about the need for afterschool programs on October 16th at 3:30 PM. The students will write the play, which they describe as a combination of Michael Jackson’s “Thriller” and the *Wizard of Oz*! Local policy makers may attend.

Bronx, New York: Shawnette Williams, Sports & Arts In Schools Foundation, 718-427-1406, swilliam1576@gmail.com

This year students will conduct a *Lights On Afterschool* parade at a busy concourse that is home to civil and family court. The parade will feature signs and a chant both created by the children. Signs will read phrases such as “*Lights On Afterschool*,” “DYCD Cares,” “Afterschool Rocks,” and more. The parade will start at 4:00 PM on October 16th, and all staff, parents, and JHS 151

Lou Gehrig faculty will attend. Local media, including the Bronx 12 Local News may also attend.

Brooklyn, New York: Lynn Finkelstein, Sports and Arts Champions After School Program, 718-469-4395, teachinglynn@aol.com

Sports and Arts Champions After School Program has planned an activities day in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th. More than 100 parents and students will attend and participate in activities that the teachers will plan.

Brooklyn, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Nassim Zerriffi, Global Kids, 212-226-0130, x110, nassim@globalkids.org.

Global Kids and The After-School Corporation will join together to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the High School of Global Citizenship in Brooklyn on October 16th. The event will feature live dance and drumming performances by students, and student-led activities that will engage the audience in a discussion of the importance of afterschool. Parents and volunteers will be honored with awards for their dedication to the programs, while the “Afterschool Hero Award” will be given to U.S. Representative Yvette Clarke. The event will be a celebration of afterschool as well as a call to action from children to parents, asking them to advocate for afterschool programs.

Buffalo, New York: Matthew Hilton, YMCA Buffalo Niagara, 716-845-5440, mhilton@ymcabuffaloniagara.org

Lights On Afterschool open houses will be held at 34 YMCA school age child care sites in Erie and Niagra counties on October 16th from 5:30 to 6:00 PM. Parents and members of the community will learn about the benefits of afterschool programs.

Buffalo, New York: Christine Hochulski, Boys Girls Clubs of the Northtowns, 716-873-3244, chochulski@bgcnt.net

The Boys & Girls Club of the Northtowns will host an on-site open house for parents to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will take place on October 16th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM and will give parents the opportunity to meet staff members, view displays and artwork of students, and gain a better understanding of what the program offers. Parents will also be able to sign an “Afterschool for All” petition. The district’s city councilman, Joe Golombek may attend.

Canandaigua, New York: Captain Bob Ginter, Commanding Officer, Canandaigua Salvation Army, 585-394-6968

The Phoenix After School Program of the Canandaigua Salvation Army will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th with an open house at 4:00 PM. Special guests including Mayor Ellen Polimeni, Ward Two Councilmember Val Fenti, and Police Chief Jonathan P. Welch will attend. The event is open to the community.

Dunkirk, New York: Jody L. Briggs, Boys & Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County, 716-366-1061, jbriggsbgcncc@hotmail.com

On October 16th, the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua will have an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. At the event, Club members will recite a pledge in which they commit to doing well in school. Members of the music club will perform and some students will

recite poems about what afterschool means to them. Afterschool supporters will be recognized. Youth Bureau Executive Director Steve Purolo and Dunkirk Mayor Richard Frey will attend. The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Hudson, New York: Kathy Clark, Hudson Middle School Afterschool Program, 518-828-4360 ext 3192, misskathleen56@yahoo.com

The Hudson Middle School Afterschool Program will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* showcase on October 16th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Students in the “Video Producer Club” will prepare a video that gives an overview of all the afterschool programs offered at the middle school. More than 150 people are expected to attend the showcase including the local media, local and state policy makers, program donors, and school administration and school board officials.

Jamaica, New York: Hero Tamakloe, Jamaica YMCA/21st Century Community Learning Center, 718-558-0673, htamakloe@ymcanyc.org

Jamaica YMCA/21st Century Community Learning Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th at the Jamaica YMCA at P.S.95Q at 4:30 PM. Participants will walk and sing around the school. The Jamaica YMCA at P.S.95Q serves 175 youths in the Jamaica and Hollis communities, providing them with a safe place, academic and recreation support, and teaching them the YMCA core values of “Honesty, Caring, Respect and Responsibility” after the school bell rings. The *Lights On Afterschool* march is open to the community.

New York, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Megan Demarkis, Harlem RBI, 212-722-1608, x225, mdemarkis@harlemrbi.org

Harlem RBI will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the DREAM Charter School Auditorium. Participants will include policy makers, educators, families, and youth. The event will highlight three of the significant contributions that afterschool programs make to New York City – keeping kids safe and healthy, inspiring them to learn, and relieving the stress of securing quality supervision during after school time for working parents. Harlem RBI will honor Councilwoman Melissa Mark Viverito, U.S. Representative Charles Rangel, and parent volunteer Judy Padilla as “2008 *Lights On Afterschool* Heroes” for their dedication and commitment to ensuring that all children in East Harlem have the opportunity to participate in an excellent afterschool program. U.S. Representatives Yvette Clark, Joseph Crowley, and Jose Serrano are the other “2008 *Lights On Afterschool* Heroes,” and will be honored in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens.

New York, New York: John Albert, The After-School Corporation, 646- 943-8700, jalbert@tascorp.org or Hilda Gil, Washington Heights Inwood Coalition, 212-781-6722

This year’s *Lights On Afterschool* event will celebrate the many talents and abilities of the children of PS 28’s afterschool program in an event organized by the Washington Heights Inwood Coalition and The After-School Corporation. The event will feature dance and musical performances, songs and games of the Dominican Republic for parents and their children. Awards will be given to outstanding parent volunteers and the “Principal for a Day.” Goldman Sachs Vice President of Global Leadership and Diversity Robert Abreu will be the keynote speaker. Local elected officials and policy makers may attend the event, which is October 16th.

New York, New York: Seth Gladstone, Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation, 347-417-8197, SGladstone@sasfny.org

Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation is hosting *Lights On Afterschool* events at 44 sites at public schools throughout New York City on October 16th. The events will range from open houses with youth performances to walks and lighting ceremonies with city council members. An event at I.S. 125 in Woodside, Queens will be co-hosted by Citizen Action of New York's Coalition for After-School Funding, and will celebrate 10 years of high-quality afterschool programming at the school. Most events will take place from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The not-for-profit Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation seeks to improve the lives of New York City's public school students by offering a wide variety of services that include: academic enrichment; youth development; sports, fitness and wellness activities; visual and performing arts; community service programs; educational and recreational field trips; guidance counseling; and family involvement.

Rochester, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Caroline Merenda, Rochester Area Community Foundation, 585-271-4271, x. 4303, cmerenda@racf.org

The following sites will hold open houses at 4:00 PM. to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th. Youth, parents, media, and policy makers will attend the Safe to be Smart program at the Maplewood Library, Freedom School afterschool program at the Freedom Center, and the Lewis Street YMCA.

Rockaway Park, New York: Marina Callaghan, Rockaway Artists Alliance/ kidsmART Afterschool Program, 718-474-0861, marinarockart116@aol.com.

This year, kidsmART will host a concert featuring "The Silly Dilly Band" to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. More than 75 students and parents will attend the concert on October 16th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. The event will also be open to the entire community. Local Assemblywoman Audrey Pheffer and U.S. Representative Anthony Weiner may attend.

Saratoga Springs, New York: Patty Laudicina, YMCA of Saratoga, 518-583-9622, patti@ymcasaratoga.org

The YMCA of Saratoga will collaborate with the local JCPenney's to hand out youth-decorated light bulbs in its store windows. This is only one part of the Saratoga Springs *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 16th. The YMCA of Saratoga also will have water bottles decorated with *Lights On Afterschool* messages and pictures available to all members as they enter the program and the facility. They will be a constant reminder of the importance of afterschool programs!

Schenectady, New York: Adrienne Pagerey, Boys & Girls Clubs of Schenectady Craig Street Clubhouse, 518-374-3714, apagerey81@yahoo.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th, the Craig Street Boys & Girls Club will hold traditional afterschool hours, 3:30 to 6:30 PM, with a "Powerhour" homework help, social recreation, and sports programming. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM, and then from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, a fall-themed family night will be held, during which students and their families will be carving pumpkins and making fall decorations.

Schenectady, New York: Meghan Craig, Boys & Girls Clubs of Schenectady/Schenectady School District, 518-881-6938, craigm@schenectady.k12.ny.us

The Boys & Girls Club of Schenectady will host an open house at the Central Park Middle School on October 16th from 3:15 to 5:45 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. At the open house, students, parents and community members will participate in creating a Central Park Middle School pride banner, light bulb decorating, game room challenges, a trivial challenge and a writing contest. District administration, superintendents and principals may attend, as well as the local media. The Club expects approximately 90 people will attend.

White Plains, New York: Byron Smalls, White Plains Youth Bureau, 914-422-1378, bsmall@ci.white-plains.ny.us

The White Plains Youth Bureau will combine their *Lights On Afterschool* celebration with family night at each of their 11 locations this year. Students and families will enjoy a pot luck dinner and take part in various games, art projects, and family reading time. The event will take place on October 16th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, and the Youth Bureau expects more than 700 guests to participate at all the locations. The mayor, superintendent, school principals, director of the Youth Bureau, executive director of the local community center, and the director of Club Excel will speak at various sites. Local media may also attend.

North Carolina

Asheville, North Carolina: Jennifer Svenstrup, YMCA of Western North Carolina, 828-210-9021, jsvenstrup@ymcawnc.org

YMCA of Western North Carolina will hold *Lights On Afterschool* events at two locations – YMCA Avery’s Creek Afterschool Program and YMCA Beaverdam Afterschool Program – on October 16th from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. The two sites serve some schools in the Buncombe County School System and Asheville City Schools. Activities will include a child guided tour of the afterschool program and the opportunity to participate with youth in art activities. Local school officials and school board members and North Carolina State Representatives Bruce Goforth and Susan Fisher will attend.

Charlotte, North Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Claire Tate, Partners in Out-of-School Time (POST), 704-376-1845, x801, ctate@postcarolinas.org
POST is celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* on Friday, October 17th at an “Afterschool is Key” community breakfast from 7:30 to 9:00 AM at Byron’s South End. The breakfast will feature, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Chief Rodney Monroe, Superintendent Dr. Peter Gorman and Mecklenburg County General Manager for Community Health and Safety Janice Allen Jackson. The event will celebrate the important role that afterschool programs play in keeping youth safe, engaged and prepared to be successful adults.

Wake Forest, North Carolina: Jessica K. McDade, Boys & Girls Clubs, 919-556-7266, jmcdade@wakebgc.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake Forest will host an open house in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. The event will take place at the Club’s facilities and is open to parents and club members. Parents will have the opportunity to play games, read with the children, help color *Lights On Afterschool* light bulbs, and more. Parents also will meet with program staff members. Refreshments will be available.

North Dakota

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.

Minot, North Dakota: Mike Anderson, 21st Century Community Learning Center, 701-857-8788, michael.p.anderson.2@sendit.nodak.edu

The 21st Century Community Learning Center will host the annual *Lights On Afterschool* event at three of their program locations. The open house will be from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Lincoln Elementary, Louise and Clark Elementary, and Washington Elementary Schools on October 28th. Parents will have the opportunity to learn more about the program and create arts and crafts with their children. Program representative Mike Anderson will speak on the importance of afterschool programs. School board members and the Mayor may attend one of the celebrations.

Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio: Claudia M. Bowling, Claudia's Kids Care, Inc., 216-475-2391,

claudiaskidscare@sbcglobal.net

On October 16th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM Claudia's Kids Care, Inc. will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting a fair at the center for students and parents. Each room will have a different activity such as face painting or lollipop making. Local policy makers, community leaders and local media may attend.

Cincinnati, Ohio: Jennifer L. Wallace, Allison Learning Center, 513-531-9798,

noreco@aol.com

The Allison Learning Center, along with Norwood View Learning Center and Sharpsburg Elementary, will host parents at *Lights On Afterschool* events on October 16th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM at Allison, Norwood View, and Sharpsburg Elementary Schools. Parents will have the opportunity to see what students do on a typical afterschool day, and learn more about the new Catch Program which promotes fitness and well-being. Nutrition boards with various health information and statistics will be on display for students and parents to educate them about smart and healthy food and exercise choices. Students will also speak about their personal experiences with afterschool programs. Local policy makers and local media may attend.

Cincinnati, Ohio: Joann Avant, Cincy AfterSchool (CAS), 513-961-3200,

javant@cincinnatiymca.org

More than 17 Cincy AfterSchool sites, including elementary, middle and high school students, will participate in *Lights On Afterschool* this year on October 16th from 3:00 to 5:30 PM. Activities will include, fall festivals and carnivals with clowns and face painting, tutoring, photography, writing workshops and more. Each site along with non-affiliated CAS schools will each design a 12-inch square that will be sewn together into a 36-foot quilt. The quilt will then be displayed in downtown Cincinnati. The events are open to the community.

Columbus, Ohio: Kay Austin, City of Columbus/Sawyer Capital Kids, 614-645-5588,

bdaustin@columbus.gov

The Sawyer Capital Kids will host an open house at the Sawyer Recreational Center on October 14th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Capital University, Children's Hunger Alliance, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Neighborhood House, Trevitt Elementary School, and Yes Program, who all partner with the Capital Kids, will have tables displaying what activities and services they provide to the afterschool program. The event is open to the community in order to raise awareness as how these organizations contribute to helping youth and parents after the school day ends. Local policy makers and local media may attend.

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

Delaware City Schools will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th at five elementary and two middle schools. Information about the value and need for afterschool programs will be provided at each. Conger Elementary School will host a parent breakfast “on the go.” Children will decorate the school with light bulb art featuring stories about their afterschool programs, and serve parents coffee, juice and muffins to take on their commutes to work. Woodward Elementary families will host “Pancakes with the Principal” to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Willis Intermediate School will host a parent breakfast and pass along information about the importance of afterschool programs. Schultz Elementary School will host a family event. Smith Elementary School will “fire up” families and the community when the fire department joins the event to stress the importance of safety. Carlisle Elementary will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a harvest party to spotlight youth creativity. The morning *Lights On Afterschool* events will be 7:30 to 8:30 AM and the afternoon events are from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

Oklahoma

Lawton, Oklahoma: Kathi A. Dunaway, Smart Start #2, 580-355-3924, SmartStart2@playcare.com

Smart Start #2 will host an open house on October 16th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the facility to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. A large poster in the shape of a light bulb that students decorated earlier will be on display. At the event, parents and children will color *Lights On Afterschool* light bulbs, and parents will be able to meet with staff members and tour the facilities. This event is open to the public, and more than 50 people will attend. City Councilman Jeff Patton and local media may attend.

Muskogee, Oklahoma: Eileen Van Kirk, Oklahoma Afterschool Network, 405-236-5437, x112, e.vankirk@oica.org

The Muskogee Public Library will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 16th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Mayor John Hammon will read Governor Brad Henry’s *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation. Oklahoma author Sharon Draper will introduce her new book *Ziggy and the Dinosaur* to students, and 300 *Junie B. Jones* books will be distributed.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Milen B. Darby, Boys & Girls Club of Oklahoma County, Inc., 405-521-9292, mdarby@bgcokc.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Oklahoma City will host an open house and carnival on October 16th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM at the Club to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be games for children, and parents and other members of the community will be able to tour the facilities and ask staff members about the afterschool program and what it provides. More than 300 people will attend.

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

The Boys & Girls Club of Tahlequah will have an “Outside Fun Day” at 13 different sites on October 16th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Local community leaders and school board members may attend. Each site will host events from 3:30 to 5:30 PM and more than 125 people

are expected at each site. Children will participate in kickball, football, basketball, and soccer games, face painting and sack races. College students from Northeastern State University will participate and help with some of the games.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: Debbie Sekel, Barnard After Care Program, 918-746-6448, kelleja@tulsaschools.org

Children enrolled in the Barnard After Care Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Children and staff members will walk to Veterans Park to meet parents, and then they all will participate in fun activities including daffodil planting, face painting, light bulb cookie decorating and more. Students and parents will hear a representative from Mayor Kathy Taylor's office read the *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation. At 6:20 PM, students will create Tulsa's largest light bulb – an area on the soccer field will be outlined with white lights and then students will fill in the light bulb. A local news station will use its chopper to fly over the bulb and take shots that will be featured on the newscast. More than 300 people will attend.

Oregon

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

The Police Activities League will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house. Families, friends, and the community will learn more about the afterschool program on October 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the youth center. Families and guests will visit the activities room, game room, art room and learning center. Activities will include a nine ball tournament, Halloween art, bean-bag toss, parent vs. kids kick ball game and an ice cream social. At 6:30 PM parent counselor Kristine Bella will talk about typical youth struggles and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and get advice. They will be able to register youth.

Portland, Oregon: Andy Furgeson, Friendly House, 503-228-4391, afurgeson@friendlyhouseinc.org

Friendly House will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. A parade starting at Wallace Park will jump start the event which will be followed by a carnival in Friendly House's gymnasium from 4:00 to 4:45 PM. After the carnival students and other guests will go to another room for an assembly from 4:45 until 5:30 PM. The assembly will feature youth from every class. More than 130 students, parents, and teachers will attend, and the event is open to the entire community. Local media may also attend.

Salem, Oregon: Sara E. Tolle, Boys & Girls Club of Salem, 503-581-7383, stolle@bgc-salem.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Salem will organize a barbeque on October 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 at the center to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Children and parents will be able to participate in pool, arts and crafts, and other games. The event is open to all club members and parents. More than 100 people will attend. Local policy makers and local media may attend.

Pennsylvania

Erie, Pennsylvania: Jim Connell, Emerson-Gridley CHAMPS, 814-464-3311, jconnell@eriesd.org or Melissa A. Fuller, Downtown YMCA, 814-452-3261, Mfuller@ymcaerie.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Emerson-Gridley Elementary will join with the Downtown YMCA and Pfeiffer Burleigh Elementary in a walk from Emerson-Gridley Elementary to the YMCA in honor of *Lights on Afterschool* on October 16th. The walk will be from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. The Downtown YMCA will host a rally in the gym following the walk. Guest speakers will include Erie Mayor Joe Sinnott and Kevin John of ESPN, who will discuss the importance of school and afterschool. Fire department members will discuss fire safety, and the Erie Zoo will bring in animals. Students will color *Lights On Afterschool* light bulbs and send them to Congressman Phil English and Senator Arlen Specter. Tops Markets will donate ice-cream and Hungry Howie's Pizza will donate food. More than 150 students will participate.

Erie, Pennsylvania: Patricia Zielewski, Harding CHAMPS Program, 814-874-6550, pattyzielewski@aol.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th, the Hardling CHAMPS Program will organize a parade around Harding Elementary School in order to make neighbors aware of the program, after which a tree and flower planting ceremony will take place to symbolize the organization's growth. Parents and community members will have the chance to view student displays and ask questions about the afterschool program. Student-made cupcakes will be the refreshments. Local elected officials and media may attend. The event will be from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Juanita M. Clark, Parent & Community Leadership Team, 717-703-4233, pclt4u@hbgd.k12.pa.us

The Parent & Community Leadership Team will host an open house on October 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Camp Curtin School to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Events will take place in the school's gymnasium and cafeteria. Parents and community members will have the opportunity to walk through the halls to view the children's light bulb artwork and essays. The community's Gospel Choir may perform, and a selection of children will read personal essays regarding the importance of afterschool programs and how it positively impacts students. The organization also plans to raise money for three families. Two families from the school and one from the community and who all are part of the afterschool community. Those families will also have the opportunity to connect with other resources useful in that situation. This event is open to everyone in the community, and more than 500 people will attend. Super Reader, a local celebrity, and the media may attend.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Debra K. Ferguson, Harrisburg School District, 717-703-4167, dferguson@hbgd.k12.pa.us

Eleven schools from Harrisburg School District will participate in *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Each school will have a hands-on project for students to take part in. More than 1,100 students will participate throughout the District.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Judy Bentz, RSUP of the Capital Region, Inc., 717-567-7733, judybentz@embargmail.com

On October 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, the RSUP along with Newport High School will host a Pops concert by the school's band on the Newport High School football field to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. During the performance, face-painting, glow-in-the-dark jewelry making, and

other activities will be available for youth. The event is open to the community, and more than 300 people are expected. The mayor, local policy makers and local media may attend.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Salvatore J. Sandone, Southeast Philadelphia Collaborative, 215-923-1010, ssandone@zhansah.org

Southeast Philadelphia Collaborative will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with the “Southeast Philadelphia Collaborative Afterschool Idol Competition.” Each afterschool program has selected the best performance from its September talent shows to compete on October 16th. The event will be from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Edward Bok School. All performers will receive medals or trophies, and the top three acts will perform at the Spring Gala dinner.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Joyce Fratangelo, Wilksburg 21st Century Community Learning Center, 412-371-9500, fratangeloj@wilksburgschools.org

Wilksburg 21st Century Community Learning Center will host three open houses for *Lights On Afterschool* that let parents to have the same afterschool experience as youth. The event will be from 2:40 to 5:45 PM on October 23rd. Children will take parents through their normal afterschool routine, and parents will participate in tutoring, homework help, computer time, judo, science club, and the “I am Peer Proof” program. The events will take place at Johnson Elementary, Kelly Elementary, and Turner elementary. The events are open to the community.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Denis Krynski, Pittsburgh Greenfield ESW, 412-422-3535, dkrynski1@pghboe.net

Pittsburgh Greenfield ESW will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house on October 16th from 3:15 to 5:15 PM. Parents will learn about the programs offered after school. All guests will have the opportunity to see actor Gregory Kenney from Educate Us Productions perform a monologue entitled “Life as Billy Cosby.” The Science Center is donating a giant inflatable globe for the globe walk. Students will be able to enter the globe and learn about geography while walking around it. More than 75 people are expected.

State College, Pennsylvania: Afterschool Ambassador Robin Foltz, Child Development and Family Council, 814-238-5105, rfoltz@cdfc.org

The Child Development and Family Council of Centre County, Inc. and other local afterschool providers will sponsor “*Lights On Afterschool* A Spotlight on Afterschool Fun!” on October 11th at the Nittany Mall from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The event will feature several area afterschool programs, performances by afterschool students, activities, refreshments, door prizes and more. It will highlight three significant contributions that afterschool programs make to the community: keeping kids safe and healthy, inspiring them to learn, and relieving working parents of worries about their children's activities during the afternoon hours. Parents, afterschool supporters and community members are expected. Child Development and Family Council afterschool programs will also host open houses on October 16th.

Rhode Island

Cumberland, Rhode Island: Tamara S. Burman, Cumberland-Lincoln Boys & Girls Club, 401-333-4850, Burman4111@hotmail.com

On October 16th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, there will be an open house at the Cumberland-Lincoln Boys & Girls Club to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will discuss personal

experiences with the Club, and parents will have the opportunity to tour facilities and join a question-and-answer session with afterschool staff. Parents who sign their children up for the program and qualify will win a free one-year membership to the Club and a \$50 gift card to JCPenney. Local policy makers, school officials and local media may attend.

Middletown Naval Station, Rhode Island: Annie L. Tobin-Fickel, Naval Station Newport Youth Program, 401-841-2883, atobin81@yahoo.com

The Naval Station Newport Youth Program will host an open house for parents and students at the Child Development Center on October 16th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents and students will work together on cooking and art projects, and refreshments will be available. More than 50 people will participate, as well as media from the naval base.

Providence, Rhode Island: Amy L. Zapatka, YMCA Providence Youth Services, 401-265-3376, azapatka@gpymca.org

On October 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, YMCA Providence Youth Services will host a family dinner and Bingo night in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* at Lower School. There will also be a raffle with prizes. More than 120 people will attend.

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

On Friday, October 17th afterschool professionals, policymakers, education leaders and others will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at a “Breakfast of Champions” that will be at the Providence Marriott Downtown Hotel. This year’s “Breakfast of Champions” theme will be “Investing in Children and Youth: Building Our Future.” The keynote speaker will be Erin Gruwell, author of *The Freedom Writers Diary*, and inspiration for the movie *Freedom Writers*. The event will feature youth performances, afterschool program awards, and a special *Lights On Afterschool* Champion Award to Rhode Island’s Supporting Student Success State Leadership Team. The team consists of: Commissioner Peter McWalters; Providence Mayor David Cicilline; State Senate Majority Leader Paiva Weed; State House Majority Leader Gordon Fox; Director of Community Relations Office of Governor Carcieri, Sue Stenhouse; and Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Executive Director Elizabeth Burke Bryant. For more information on keynote speaker Erin Gruwell visit www.apbspeakers.com, and for more information about the event please visit www.afterschoolri.org.

Warwick, Rhode Island: Erica Saccoccio, A Family Tree School Age Program, 401-921-3412, saamc02889@yahoo.com

A Family Tree School Age Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by holding an open house on October 16th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Students will participate in various contests including essay writing to explain what afterschool programs mean to them, and light bulb decorating. Children and parents will cook together. More than 70 people will attend.

South Carolina

Charleston, South Carolina: Theresa Green, Kaleidoscope, 843-762-8252, greenbear50@hotmail.com

On October 21st, Kaleidoscope will hold an open house for parents and community members to see what students do in their afterschool program to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The theme for October is “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle” and, at the open house, students will sing a song that pertains to the theme, a song about family, and a song about patriotism. Instruments accompanying the songs are made from recycled materials. Students will put on a puppet show for guests, and Theresa Green will say a few words about the program. Sculptures made by students will also be on display. The event will be from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, and more than 35 guests will attend.

Charleston South Carolina: Laura A. Strickland, Drayton Hall Kaleidoscope, 843-852-2059, Laura_strickland@charleston.k12.sc.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Drayton Hall Kaleidoscope will host a family fun night on October 16th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Drayton Hall Elementary. The event will include food, prizes, and carnival games. More than 150 parents, teachers, students and staff members will attend.

Columbia, South Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Traci Young Cooper, Richland County School District One, 803-231-6842, trcooper@richlandone.org

On October 16th at 7:30 AM, the City of Columbia, Richland County School District One, South Carolina Electric & Gas/SCANA, Junior Achievement, EdVenture Children’s Museum, and South Carolina Afterschool Alliance will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Legislative Breakfast Briefing at the EdVenture Children’s Museum, the southeast’s largest children’s museum. Richland County School District One Superintendent Dr. Percy Mack will welcome more than 300 participants and Columbia Mayor Robert Coble will address the group to raise awareness for afterschool programs in South Carolina and urge support from policy makers. Winners of a student essay and art contest will be announced.

Columbia, South Carolina: Sarah Walker, Richland County School District One, Alcorn Middle School, 803-735-3439, swalker@richlandone.org

On October 16th, Richland County School District One’s Office of Extended Day Programs and Mad Science will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Alcorn Middle School. Mad Science will engage afterschool students with light and electricity classes, teaching them the fundamentals of electricity and electrical charges, the differences between static electricity and electrical currents, and how to uncover the hidden components in ordinary light and build a color wheel.

Greenville, South Carolina: Janice J. Sargent, Communities in Schools, 864-355-4306, tigersargent6@aol.com

Parents and students from Communities in Schools will attend a speech given by Syd Brown from Clemson University Extension Program on October 16th at Monaview Elementary as part of the *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. Following the speech, which focuses on nutrition and health, there will be “Math Olympics” for students. More than 125 people will participate. Representatives from local businesses, school officials and local media may attend.

South Dakota

Belle Fourche, South Dakota: Marcy D. Reagan-Urban, BFACC Oasis, 605-892-2467, campoasis.bfacc@midconetwork.com

BFACC Oasis will host a *Lights On Afterschool* family concert featuring a popular local band at the local community center from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on October 16th. An hour before the concert, a pasta dinner will be served. More than 100 people will attend, including the mayor and other local community and business leaders.

Belle Fourche, South Dakota: Kristy L. Messner, Belle Fourche Middle School JAM Program, 605-723-3367, Kristy.Messner@k12.sd.us

Belle Fourche Middle School will have a carnival on October 16th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. More than 200 people are expected at the evening event. Local media, city and state policy makers, and school board members also may attend.

Rapid City, South Dakota: Wendy Faris, YMCA Kidstop, 605-431-0458, wkf33@yahoo.com

The YMCA Kidstop will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the ten Rapid City Elementary Public School sites. Prior to the event, students will color *Lights On Afterschool* light bulbs and hang them as decorations. The light bulbs will be sent to the State Capitol after the event. Families, teachers, school staff members, superintendents, the CEO of YMCA, and YMCA directors will attend. The open houses will be October 15th through the 17th, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Fall festival activities will include face painting, and Halloween cookie and door-hanger decorating. Parents will have the chance to participate in the activities the programs offer.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Nancy Fallon, YWCA, 605-362-9438, nfallon@ywca-sf.org

The YWCA of Sioux Falls will invite grandparents, parents, and children to their open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 16th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM, families can enjoy arts and crafts, games and storytelling. The Mayor, Members of Congress and Senator Tim Johnson are invited. A picture of the illuminated Empire State Building will be displayed.

Tennessee

Knoxville, Tennessee: Lakishia Goss, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley, Laura Cansler Unit, 865-673-8645, lgoss@bgctnv.org

To get parents and school officials more involved in afterschool, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley will hold an open house on October 16th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, when parents come to pick up their children so they can stay and join this year's *Lights On Afterschool* event. Youth will set up activities around the facility, and adults will have the chance to take part in several afterschool activities to get a taste of what afterschool is like. After the tour, the Club will hold a family pumpkin carving contest, and will display the pumpkins until Halloween. Community members including little league coaches and church leaders may attend.

Memphis, Tennessee: Toshia Mullins, Goodwill Boys & Girls Club, 901-946-8213, toshiam@bgcm.org

The Goodwill Boys & Girls Club will hold an open house on October 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents, community members, local businesses and local churches may tour the program and see the students in an everyday afterschool setting. Students will be working in their normal homework groups, doing fine arts, and other activities. Faculty will give a brief overview on the importance of afterschool programs, and then a small dinner will be served so people can socialize with the students.

Memphis, Tennessee: Brian Bradshaw, Extended School Program, 615-898-7120, brian.bradshaw@cityschools.net

The Extended School Program will hold an open house at Hobgood Elementary for parents, the school principal, members of the board of education, and the school superintendent to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students in the program will display the many activities they do with a dance performance, arts club creations on display, demonstration from a cookbook the cooking club put together, a student band performance, drama games and a movie put together by the broadcast club. The event will be held on October 16th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

Morristown, TN: Afterschool Ambassador Cathy Wyatt Kitts, Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, 423-581-5420, cathykitts@aol.com.

Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, in collaboration with the Hamblen County School System, will host a family “Harvest the Knowledge” event to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 31st. Four schools funded by 21st Century Community Learning Centers and Lottery for Education Afterschool Programs, businesses, and community- and faith-based organizations will come together to provide a safe alternative to Halloween for afterschool children. With family members, they will enjoy a fun filled night of games and food. Each student will receive free books to start a home library, as well as school supplies. Family members will get information concerning adult literacy and *free* English-as-a-second-language classes. Students will hand carve pumpkins and light them to visually express *Lights On Afterschool*. Community partners will provide treats for each child. Local and state policy makers will attend.

Nashville, Tennessee: Lindsay Daly, Youth Life Learning Center, 615-333-7672, lindsay@yllc.org

This is the first year the Youth Life Learning Center is participating in *Lights On Afterschool*, and it is holding a town hall meeting focusing on child abuse, neglect, violence and gang activity. The meeting will include a panel with speakers from various organizations such as Victorious Mothers of Murder, the National Children’s Alliance, Juvenile Court, and the Metro Police. The panel will be moderated by Channel 4 News anchor Tom Randall. Parents, children, clergy, politicians, media, law enforcement professionals, educators, community partners and citizens may attend. The event will take place on October 16th from 3:00 to 5:30 PM.

Nashville, Tennessee: Afterschool Ambassador Illia Moore, Project For Neighborhood Aftercare, 615-385-7067, imoore@pnaweb.com

The Project for Neighborhood Aftercare will host *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations at each of its 11 sites on October 16th. At Rose Park Middle School, Nashville Mayor Karl Dean will deliver the keynote address on the Metro Government’s commitment to quality afterschool programming through its funding of Project For Neighborhood Aftercare – the city-sponsored afterschool program. The event begins at 4:00 PM and will feature presentations from youth with the theme of “Afterschool Around the World.” At the other sites, parents will tour the programs and learn about students’ afterschool activities.

Woodbury, Tennessee: Afterschool Ambassador Angela King, Cannon County R.E.A.C.H. Afterschool Programs, 615-563-5518, reachofcc@yahoo.com

Cannon County R.E.A.C.H. Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Memorial Arena on Lehman Street. All eight of the county’s afterschool program sites will participate. The Woodbury Police Department will hold

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.

a free car seat check. Other activities will include bobbing for apples, face painting, football toss, a haunted house and more. There will be a costume contest at 6:30 PM. State Representative Stratton Bone, State Senator Mae Beavers, County Executive Bart Gordon, Mayor Ricky Cope and more local policy makers are among the more than 300 people expected.

Texas

Austin, Texas: Afterschool Ambassador Anna Land, Heart House Austin, 512-929-8187, anna@hearthouse.org

The children of Heart House Austin are hosting an open house for this year's *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 16th for policymakers, friends, supporters, and volunteers. At the open house, guests will view student's artwork and other projects, get a book autographed by recently published young authors, see a demonstration of typical Heart House afterschool activities, and meet Heart House children, families, donors, volunteers and staff. More information can be found at www.hearthouse.org.

Austin, Texas: Afterschool Ambassador Anna Land, Heart House Austin, 512-929-8187, anna@hearthouse.org

The Central Texas Afterschool Network, and its partners United Way Capital Area and Ready by 21, will host its 6th annual "Breakfast of Champions" to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and advocate for afterschool programs on October 16th. The event will be from 8:00 to 10:30 AM at the Round Rock ISD Performing Arts Center. Featured speakers for the celebration include State Representative Mark Strama, David Balch of the United Way Capital Area, and Erica Curry from Highscope Youth Development. Afterschool Champions awards will be presented in eight categories including "Afterschool Donor of the Year" and "Afterschool Volunteer of the Year."

Dallas, Texas: Afterschool Ambassador Marco Galvan, Dallas Afterschool Network, 214-306-8400, x801, mgalvan@dallasafterschoolnetwork.org

The Dallas Afterschool Network will host *Lights On Afterschool* at the Dallas Zoo on October 16th. The event will take place in the Cat Green of the zoo. Close to 700 youth from almost 20 sites will attend. This year's *Lights On Afterschool* event will be a carnival with interactive youth activities. The event is meant to be both a celebration of local afterschool programs and an awareness raising activity. Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, Chief of Police David Kunkle and District Superintendent Michael Hinojosa will each speak at the event. Members of the Boy Scouts will serve as child liaisons and guide participants from event to event throughout the zoo.

Houston, Texas: Afterschool Ambassador Shannon Bishop, Cooperative for After-School Enrichment, 713-696-1332, sbishop@hcde-texas.org

The Greater Houston *Lights On* Alliance, and its partners the Harris County Department of Education, City of Houston Parks & Recreation Department, After School Achievement Program, YMCA of Greater Houston, SETAA (South East Texas Afterschool Association) and the Education Foundation of Harris County will host "Breakfast with the Mayor" to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and advocate for afterschool programs on October 16th. The event will be from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at the Hilton Houston Post Oak. The featured speaker for the celebration is Houston Mayor Bill White, who will discuss the status of afterschool in Houston in the

aftermath of Hurricane Ike and the critical need for more programs. In addition, SETAA will honor Mayor White for his leadership in promoting “Afterschool for All.”

Plano, Texas: Karen Johnson, Boys & Girls Clubs of Collin County, 972-424-6301, kjohnson@bgcc.org

The Plano Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th with an open house from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. More than 160 guests will have the opportunity to learn about the afterschool program and view children’s art work. The *Plano Star Courier* will cover the event.

San Antonio, Debbie Degollado, YMCA of Greater San Antonio, 210-924-2277, debbied@ymcastx.org

The YMCA of Greater San Antonio will host an open house at each of its 55 afterschool sites for parents and students to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents will tour the site, and participate in some activities that the students typically do after school. Approximately 20 to 30 parents are expected to attend each event. The open houses will be on October 16th from 2:45 to 6:00 PM. Local and state policy makers and school officials are invited.

San Antonio, Texas: Robert Calvillo, YTEENS, 210-433-6391, Robertc@ymcastx.org

In their first year working outside of the school district, YTEENS will be hosting an open house on October 16th to make the surrounding community aware of its activities for *Lights On Afterschool*. YTEENS open houses will be held at two different locations. Students will showcase artwork that they did in collaboration with a local contemporary art studio. Pamphlets and information will be handed out at each site about the new program. The event will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

San Antonio, Texas: LaNell Adams, Afterschool S.T.A.R.S., 210-434-6201, ladams@saisd.net

This year S.T.A.R.S. will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a variety show for parents, school officials and staff, local policy makers and community officials. The show will be on October 16th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM and more than 200 people are expected. Afterschool students from each grade will put on a different act. San Antonio Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón will welcome the guests and introduce program participants.

San Antonio, Texas: Lynn Juarez, Boys & Girls Club, 210-223-6962, juarez1697@sbcglobal.net

On October 16th, students participating in afterschool programs at Kelly Elementary will parade across the street from 3:30 to 3:45 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The kids will make and parade with signs about *Lights On Afterschool* and the importance of afterschool programs. After the parade, students will hold a talent show for parents.

San Antonio, Texas: Brenda Virjan, 21st Century Project Achieve, 210-648-1821, bvirjan@saisd.net

The 21st Century Project Archive will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house with activities emphasizing energy conservation and recycling on October 16th. Each grade will participate in a different environment-friendly activity. Kindergarteners will do an arts and crafts activity with a “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle” theme, third graders will create crafts using recycled materials, and fourth and fifth graders will create an ABC Energy Conservation book. The event will take place at Hirsch Elementary School, and families of students may attend.

Utah

Ogden, Utah: Kami Winger , Club Heights Afterschool, 801-452-4254, kawinger@weber.k12.ut.us

On October 10th, Club Heights Afterschool put on a performance from 5:30 to 6:30 PM for parents and community members to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. In recent weeks, students created their own imaginary country after the Beijing Olympics. Each country put on a dance or an Olympic event for the guests. The children then sang a song, and presented a short slide show. The mayor, city officials, school superintendent, members of the school district, community partners, local business members, the fire and police chiefs, and all teachers were invited. The program expected more than 150 guests.

Ogden, Utah: Jan Smith , YMCA Afterschool, 801-737-8571, jsmith@ymcasaltlake.org
This is the first year that the YMCA will be in the Ogden area and it is teaming up with Madison Elementary School on October 24th to both introduce the Y to the community and celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The school will hold a community carnival event from 3:00 to 5:30 PM with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 to introduce the new YMCA. After the carnival, the school will hold family time from 5:30 to 7:30 PM; families will eat dinner and hear from staff about what the afterschool program does and why is so important. The event is open to the community, and the mayor, commissioner, councilmen and local media may attend.

Orem, Utah: Lindsay Jewell, 4-H Utah County and Alpine School District, 801-851-8435, lindsey.jewell@usu.edu

On October 28th, the 4-H will sponsor a *Lights On Afterschool* trick or treat event, “Be Smart Be Safe” at Orem Junior High School Commons from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The event will feature a costume contest, trick or treat games, great prizes and science experiments.

Provo, Utah: Lindsay Jewell, 4-H Afterschool, 801-473-5195, lindsey.jewell@usu.edu

This year Timanogos and Centennial Middle School will host a family-friendly Halloween Carnival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 30th at 6:00 PM. A dance group from Brigham Young University will perform, and youth will take home fun projects that families can do together. Local community partners, including 4-H, state and private funders, school officials and teachers may attend.

Provo, Utah: Chris Fillmore, Rock Canyon After School Program, 801-787-0124, chrisf@provo.edu

On October 9th, the Rock Canyon Afterschool Program celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* with a short program and dinner for families of students. The children put on a short presentation for families that included a “Reader Theater” performance, as well as a game for parents. Afterwards, families enjoyed dinner and Chris Fillmore provided information on the afterschool program.

Salt Lake City, Utah: Libby Kushma, After School Program, 801-481-4824, Libby.Kushma@slc.k12.ut.us

The After School Program will have an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th so parents can see the activities the program offers. The event will be from 4:30 to

5:30 PM. Refreshments will be provided, and Jamba Juice is donating smoothies. Zurchers Party Supply is donating balloons. Students will do crafts and make bookmarks, magnets and origami boxes to sell to raise funds, and they will show parents and community members what they are learning after school. At this year's *Lights On Afterschool* event, the After School Program also will sponsor a used game and book drive. Students and parents will sign a petition to state legislators expressing their support for afterschool programs.

Spanish Fork, Utah: Lindsay Jewell, Lights On! Utah County 4-H Afterschool, 801-851-8435, lindsey.jewell@usu.edu

Lights On! Utah County 4-H Afterschool will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at East Meadows Elementary School from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on October 21st. The event will feature an opportunity for families to come, jump, slide, and play together on inflatable jump houses. There will be donuts and cider and fun for all.

Vermont

Bristol, Vermont: James E. Lockridge, The Hub Teen Center & Skatepark, 802-453-3678, director@bristol skatepark.com

On October 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, the Hub Teen Center & Skatepark will invite members of the community to attend its *Lights On Afterschool* event. Guests will enjoy refreshments and a live band. Staff members will give tours of the facility. More than 150 people will attend.

Burlington, Vermont: James E. Lockridge, The Big Heavy World Foundation, Inc., 802-865-1140, jim@bigheavyworld.net

The Big Heavy World Foundation will host an open house at the site's location at 215 College Street from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on October 18th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Big Heavy World, founded in 1996, is a volunteer-staffed non-profit dedicated to preserving and promoting Vermont-made music. Big Heavy World also helps operate WOMM-LP 105.9 FM, Burlington's volunteer-programmed community radio station. Teens from the program will premiere a youth radio show, and high school and college-aged volunteers will give tours of the facilities. This event is open to the public, and more than 150 people will attend. Local policy makers and the media are invited.

Montpelier, Vermont: Afterschool Ambassador Virginia Burley, Community Connections, 802-223-3456, gburley@u32.org

On October 16, Community Connections will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on the lawn of the State House in Montpelier. Afterschool programs from eight sites, in kindergarten through 12th grade, will gather on the lawn to show the range of activities taking place in the after school hours. The theme of the event is: "What is Your Dream? Afterschool helps get you there!," and posters with this theme and a space for students to provide art and language describing their dreams will be distributed. In addition, participants will create a giant mural where they can share their dreams. High school students from the afterschool program will videotape a documentary of the event and interview students about their dreams. The mayor, school board members, and legislators are invited. The Governor's *Light On Afterschool* proclamation will be on display. Community Connections will partner with the Montpelier Downtown Community Association to co-advertise *Lights On Afterschool* with the Association's "Moonlight Madness" promotion which occurs that same evening and with Kids are Priority

One, a group calling for a “virtual strike.” Parents will wear buttons and otherwise call attention to the need for child care, including afterschool.

Newport Center, Vermont: Christina L. Quintal, Newport Town School, 802-334-5201, christina.quintal@lsc.vsc.edu

Newport Town School will host a fall festival at the school on October 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The Cooking Club will make snacks for guests, and offer displays of services the program offers. Staff members will give tours and answer questions. More than 50 people will attend, and the entire community is welcome.

Rutland, Vermont: Diana Pfenning, The Rutland Public School Tapestry Program, 802-786-1935, dpfenning@rutlandhs.k12.vt.us

On October 16th from 2:30 to 6:30 PM, the Rutland Public School Tapestry Program will host an open house at six different sites to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. This event will be open to the entire community. Students will hand out homemade cookies and decorate *Lights On Afterschool* light bulbs. Parents will play games with the children and help with homework. More than 300 people will participate. Local policy makers and school administrative officials are invited.

Virginia

Chesapeake, Virginia: Kimberly Midgette, YMCA of South Hampton Roads, 757-366-9622, kmidgette@ymcashr.org

The YMCA of South Hampton Roads will host a carnival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Georgetown Primary. The event will be from 5:00 to 6:30 PM on October 16th. There will be cooking activities, face painting, dancing, and much more. The Health and Wellness Director will discuss youth obesity and the programs the YMCA offers to combat this growing epidemic. Principals from the eleven different YMCA school sites, YMCA board members, the school superintendent, and families will attend. Two early childhood development classes from Norfolk State University will attend this year’s *Lights On Afterschool* carnival for a class project. JCPenney will present 18 gift cards to families in the Open Door Scholarship Program, and JCPenney’s Dave Maddox will attend. More than 100 people are expected.

Falls Church, VA: Afterschool Ambassador Regla Armengol, Prospera Initiatives, 571-278-3996, rarmengol@msn.com

Prospera Initiatives’ *Lights On Afterschool* event will be a Bilingual Career Fair. The event will introduce afterschool students and other local youth to a broad range of career opportunities available to bilingual professionals, allowing participants to meet and get to know professionals of their own ethnic background, and inspiring students to set college and career goals. More than 40 organizations will take part, conducting seminars with small groups of youth and providing exhibits. Participants will also have an opportunity to send messages of support for afterschool to local policy makers. The event will be at JEB Stuart High School from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 18th.

Hampton, Virginia: Karla Triggie, City of Hampton, 757-727-6460, ktriggie@hampton.gov
The City of Hampton will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event at the Northampton Community Center on October 16th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The event will celebrate the importance and

excellence of Hampton's afterschool programs. Youth, families and communities will participate in games and door prizes. There will be food and free t-shirts for youth. Parents will enter a drawing for a chance at free afterschool care and \$25 gas cards.

Richmond, Virginia: Leslie Canady, Manchester Family YMCA, 804-276-9622, canady@ymcarichmond.org

The Manchester Family YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at an open house on October 16th. Parents will see the afterschool activities that children participate in, such as arts and crafts. Cool Smile will teach children about good hygiene and provide toothbrushes and flavored floss, and Pepsico will provide healthy snacks for children to sample. Displays will include a giant light bulb with facts about the benefits of afterschool programs, and smaller light bulbs with reasons children enjoy the YMCA afterschool program. The smaller light bulbs will be sent to Members of Congress with a letter encouraging support for afterschool funding. The event will be from 5:30 to 7:30 PM and more than 60 people will attend.

Virginia Beach, Virginia: S. Carter, Kids Quest Afterschool Program, 757-496-6709, scarter24@cox.net

Kids Quest Afterschool Program will host an open house at Cook Elementary on October 16th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents, students, staff members and the community will enjoy a moon bounce, cotton candy, pizza, and fun activities. More than 100 people will participate, and a representative from the mayor's office may attend.

Washington

Olympia, Washington: Shannon Ginn, Schools Out Washington, 206-323-2396, sginn@schoolsoutwashington.org

On October 16th, School's Out Washington in collaboration with the Washington State 21st Century Community Learning Centers and Educational Service District 113 will host the "Afterschool Hall of Fame" awards in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. It will highlight key stakeholders and be held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Award winners will include: Washington State Association of Principals President Gary Kipp; educator Brain Reese; Vancouver City Councilmember Jeannie Harris; Boys & Girls Club of South Puget Sound President Rick Guild; and community member Joan Yoshitomi. Students will showcase what they have learned in their afterschool program. More than 400 students are expected. Starbucks and Twin Star Credit Union are donating beverages and snacks. "Miss Washington" Janet Harding will emcee the event and Olympia Mayor Doug Mah and several other local leaders will attend.

Seattle, Washington: Afterschool Ambassador Sherrie Belt, Schools Out Washington, 206-323-2396, sbelt@schoolsoutwashington.org

School's Out Washington is hosting a "Root Beer Float Social" for *Lights On Afterschool* in partnership with Powerful Schools at Beacon Hill International School on October 16th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Speakers will include: State Representative Eric Pettigrew; local radio station KUBE 93.3 FM's Community Affairs Director and Thrive By Five Washington board of directors member Tony Benton; and school board member Cheryl Chow. Students and family members will testify about the benefits of afterschool programs. There will be opportunities for parents to participate in traditional afterschool activities. More than 400 students will participate. Seattle Superintendent Maria Goodloe-Johnson, Seattle School Board Director

Cheryl Chow, Representatives from U.S. Senator Patty Murray's office and U.S. Representative Jim McDermott's office, representatives from the City of Seattle's Office of Education and King County Council will attend. Pepsi is donating beverages for the event.

Tacoma, Washington: Gene L. Anderson, Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound, Gonyea Branch, 253-502-4636, gene@bg-clubs.com

The Gonyea Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound will host an open house for parents and children on October 16th from 3:30 to 7:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. While parents receive tours of the site's facilities, children will enjoy a number of computer, sports, and arts and crafts activities. There will also be an ice cream social for teens. More than 200 people will attend. Local policy makers and law enforcement officials are invited.

West Virginia

Huntington, West Virginia: Wendy Terry, YMCA Childcare Center, 304-697-7113, wrterry65@yahoo.com

The YMCA Childcare Center of Huntington will host an open house on October 16th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Several activities will be planned in the gym, including a jump rope presentation from the jump rope team. Parents, board members, and community leaders will attend and a local police officer will discuss the importance of afterschool programs in keeping kids safe. Dinner will be served, and local media including WSAZ Channel 3, WOWK Channel 13 and the *Herald Dispatch* may attend.

Kenova, West Virginia: Patty Garrison, Buffalo Elementary Afterschool, 304-908-3096, PGarri4979@aol.com

This year to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, students will participate in a field day featuring events like relay races, hula hoop contests, and jump rope. The event will be held for students only on October 16th during normal afterschool hours from 2:30 to 4:00 PM.

Morgantown, West Virginia: Afterschool Ambassador Lynn Sobolov, 304-291-9288, x235, lsobolov@access.k12.wv.us and Heather VanScoy, Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club, 304-292-7510, mbgclub@yahoo.com

On October 14th, Afterschool For All, a coalition of afterschool programs in Monongalia County, including the Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club, will hold a celebration in the Morgantown Mall to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. It will feature stage performances with a magic act, zumba, karate and robotics demonstrations, hands-on science activities, mask-making, a bounce house, and live remote with WVAQ 101.9 FM. Morgantown's Mayor Ron Justice and other city council members will address the crowd. The event will highlight a new website for parents, www.morgantownparentzone.org. This year's *Lights On Afterschool* event will be held from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM and is open to the community and to families of students. More than 200 people are expected, and information on afterschool programs will be distributed.

South Charlestown, West Virginia: Jane Hange, WV Statewide Afterschool Network, 304-720-9822, Jane.Hange@mail.wvu.edu

On October 16th, the West Virginia Statewide Afterschool Network, in collaboration with area afterschool programs and state education and child care agencies, will host the annual *Lights on Afterschool* celebration at the State Capitol Building's Lower Rotunda from 4:00 PM to 7:00

PM. The event will include emcees Steve Bishop and Jenny Murray of V-100, student performances, exhibits by program providers, refreshments, face painting, an obstacle course and other activities for children. At 4:30 PM, guest speaker Jim Strawn will read aloud from his book “The Mad Sad Glad Book.”

Wisconsin

Appleton, Wisconsin: Mary Beth Bialecki, Foster/Boys & Girls Club, 920-832-5724, bialeckimarybe@ascd.k12.wi.us

Foster/Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 3:15 to 6:00 PM at Foster School. Children, staff members and other guests will walk one mile to promote the site’s “Getting Healthy Afterschool” theme. After the walk, guests will be able to participate in various games and activities including pumpkin bowling, bocce ball, and a ring toss. More than 150 people including parents, children, and day school staff and will participate.

Appleton, Wisconsin: Jaime Kriewaldt, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley, 920-731-0555, jkriewaldt@bgclubfoxvalley.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley are planning numerous afterschool activities to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Locust Boys & Girls Club on October 16th from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Other afterschool programs will meet at the club for a healthy dinner, pep rally and other activities. Children will participate in relay tournaments, kickball games, and carpetball tournaments, which is exclusive to the Boys & Girls Clubs. There will be stations where children can decorate *Lights On Afterschool* light bulbs and a large *Lights on Afterschool* banner, and make glow-in-the-dark beaded bracelets. The event is open to the public, and more than 350 people will participate.

Black River Falls, Wisconsin: Sarah J. Pergande, Learn & Play Daycare & Preschool, 715-284-2200, play_daycare@yahoo.com

Learn & Play Daycare & Preschool along with other local schools will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 16th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Children, staff members, and other guests will meet at Veterans Park where there will be refreshments and a guest speaker. Following the speech, there will be a parade to downtown Black River Falls. Children, staff members, and parents will carry signs and banners made by the children. The event is open to the public, and more than 200 people will participate.

Madison, Wisconsin: Lindsey K. Tollefson, Orchard Ridge YMCA After School, 608-276-6606, lindsey.tollefson@ymcadanecounty.org

On October 16th, Orchard Ridge YMCA After School will host an open house at Orchard Ridge Elementary for parents and students from 3:15 to 5:45 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. In addition to the daily activities children typically participate in, there will be a candle making project. Staff members will be available to answer questions about the program. More than 60 people will attend.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Ramona M. Kaiser, West Allis/West Milwaukee Recreation Department, 414-604-4900, kaisr@wawm.k12.wi.us

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, West Allis/West Milwaukee Recreation Department will host a pizza dinner at General Mitchell Elementary from 5:30 to 7:00 PM on October 16th. There will

be a coloring contest and other activities for children. Parents and children will enjoy music by a live DJ while playing board games. More than 75 people will participate, and local policy makers are invited.

Racine, Wisconsin: Katherine L. Dunkerson, Racine Unified School District, 262-664-6990, Kathy.Dunkerson@racine.k12.wi.us

All 18 of Racine Unified School District's afterschool program sites will host open houses on October 16th from 2:30 to 6:30 PM. The mayor and county executive will read the *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation. In addition to regular afterschool activities, children will decorate *Lights On Afterschool* t-shirts and light bulbs. The events taking place at every site are open to the entire community and other afterschool providers. More than 2,500 people, including local politicians and the media, will attend *Lights On Afterschool* events at the 18 sites.

Rhineland, Wisconsin: Afterschool Ambassador Chris Francis, YMCA of the Northwoods, 715-362-9622, x103, chrif@ymcaofthenorthwoods.org or Afterschool Ambassador Robin Mainhardt, Project Bridges CCRR, 715-479-0337, Project.Bridges@ministryhealth.org
The School District of Rhineland and YMCA of the Northwoods will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and the importance of afterschool programs on October 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Participants will enjoy afterschool activities, as well as free food and drink while students from the Community Helping Afterschool to Mold Positive Students (CHAMPS) Program and YMCA afterschool programs showcase their art with an exhibit of recent projects. A *Lights On Afterschool* talent show will start at 6:00 PM and include performances from the CHAMPS Program and YMCA afterschool programs. Afterschool parents and families are writing messages for local, state and federal policy makers on why afterschool is so important. After the *Lights On Afterschool* event, they will be sent to the policy makers. A photographer for the *Northstar Journal* will attend.

Wyoming

Basin, Wyoming: Nancy Bredeson, Beyond The Bell, 307-568-2262, nbb@bresnan.net
This year Beyond the Bell will hold an open house for students, families and community leaders to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will feature science experiments by students and high school mentors, a display of language skills (students have been learning some Arabic from an Iraqi exchange student), presidential history, singing, games and treats. Local and state policy makers and local media may attend. The open house will take place on October 15th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.

Evanston, Wyoming: Grace Zolnosky, Youth Opportunities Unlimited!, 307-783-6328, gzolnosky@evanstonwy.org

On October 7th, Mayor Will Davis officially proclaimed October 16th *Lights On Afterschool* Day. Mayor Davis spoke about the importance of afterschool to more than 100 people. City council members, county commissioners, school board members and the local newspapers attended. On October 16th, Youth Opportunities Unlimited will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* dinner at the Youth Center, with food served by youth. The dinner will be in a "western style" and will last for the duration of the evening. More than 100 guests may attend, including local officials, teachers, parents, various local organizations, churches and the local newspaper.

Lander, Wyoming: Afterschool Ambassador Linda Barton, Lights On in Lander, 307-332-4240, lbarton@fre1.k12.wy.us.

On October 16th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, Lights On in Lander is sponsoring a family social and dance at North Elementary School for *Lights On Afterschool*. Organizers will read a Proclamation from the Governor. The event will feature a disk jockey, door prizes from local businesses, and sandwiches and dessert. The Mayor and the Chief of Police will discuss the importance of afterschool programs.

Powell, Wyoming: Shannon Lusk, Boys & Girls Club of Park County, Powell Unit, 307-754-0202, shannonlusk@tctwst.net

The Boys & Girls Club of Park County will host an open house for its students, as well as students from surrounding afterschool programs to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The children will participate in traditional afterschool activities, including art, athletics, and more. The open house is being held on October 16th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM, and Powell Mayor Scott Mangold and local media are invited. Parents, teachers and community members will attend.

Rochester, Wyoming: Brenda Nixon, Creative Kids Class, 307-655-2236, nixonbrenda@hotmail.com

This year's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration will be held in conjunction with a volleyball game between two local rival schools. At the game, booths will be set up around the school with local organizations giving out information at each one. The event will be held on October 16th beginning at 5:00 PM and ending after the volleyball game concludes. The school board, superintendent and surrounding school principals are invited.

Belgium

Mons APO, Belgium: Natasja O. Sterling, SHAPE School-Age Services, 326-544-6079, natasja.sterling@EUR.army.mil

SHAPE School-Age Services will hold a progressive dinner and open house on October 16th from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the Child Development Center and Youth Services building to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will showcase all of the Center's youth programs. Local military commanders will be the guest speakers. More than 250 people will attend, including the school principals, coaches, members from the military community, and parents.

Germany

Spangdahlem APO, Germany: Gira Christian-Booker, Spangdahlem Youth Programs, gira.brooker@spangdahlem.af.mil

Spangdahlem Youth Programs will hold a harvest fest on October 16th for *Lights On Afterschool*. The festival will include traditional program activities and it will be held in the gym at 4:30 PM. More than 120 people will attend, including the Spangdahlem APO's Flight Chief. The Base's local newsletter will feature an article on this year's *Lights On Afterschool* event.

Spangdahlem APO, Germany: Shawna Brancato, Bitburg School Age Program, shawna.brancato@spangdahlem.af.mil

Bitburg School Age Program will host an open house on October 16th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will begin at 4:00 PM. Activities will include games such as blast ball, insect war, flag tag, skip-bo and others. There will also be an exhibit with the children's art

work, 4-H photography, fit factor booth, and an arts and crafts booth for children and parents. The cooking club children will prepare a meal for parents and the community. More than 80 people are expected.