



Lights On Afterschool 2011 Local Events *A Representative Sample*

Alabama

Dothan, Alabama: Altha R. Newman, CP, Boys & Girls Club of Hawk-Houston, 334-792-4618, arnewman@hawkhoustonbgc.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Hawk-Houston will hold its annual *Lights On Afterschool* family carnival on October 20th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Activities will include train rides, apple bobbing, face painting and much more! Families and community members will be able to walk through the haunted house and mystery maze.

Gadsden, Alabama: Mark Ward, Gadsden City Schools' Community Education, 256-549-2925
Gadsden City will hold an Anti-Bullying Rally for *Lights on Afterschool* this year, on October 19th at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the rally is to increase awareness and educate students, parents and the community about bullying's impact. The event is sponsored by CED Mental Health, the City of Gadsden Family Success Center, United Way and Cultural Arts. Speakers will include Tina Meier, who founded the non profit Megan Meier Foundation; and Kirk Smalley, who went on a mission to end bullying after losing his 11-year-old son to suicide.

Loxley, Alabama: Afterschool Ambassador Cherry Penn, Baldwin County Public Schools, 251-972-8518, cpenn@bcbe.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Baldwin County Public Schools will host a parent night at Stapleton Elementary School, featuring a ribbon cutting for the new 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) disc golf course, an art show and a dinner served by 21st CCLC afterschool students. The event will be held at 5:00 PM on October 20th. More than 200 people are expected, including Dr. Pam Henson, the Director of Instructional Support, and Ms. Pam Magee, the Federal Programs Coordinator.

Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska: Jennifer Brown, Mountain View Boys & Girls Club, 907-770-7321, jbrown@bgcalaska.org

On October 20th, Mountain View Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Mayor Sullivan has been invited to present a Mayoral Proclamation in support of afterschool programs. Afterward there will be a community-wide lightbulb art contest.

Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska: Deborah Conklin, Eielson Youth Programs, 907-377-3194, Deborah.conklin@eielson.af.mi

Eielson Youth Programs will feature games and activities that promote literacy for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th. The goal for the event is to make reading and writing fun, by creating the longest story ever written by the youth and staff.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Jody Vignola, Ryan Learning Center, 907-456-6564, jody.vignola@k12northstar.org

Ryan Learning Center will celebrate *Lights On Family Night* at Ryan Middle School on October 20th from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. There will be recreational and board games, as well as dinner. The entire community is invited to attend and learn more about afterschool programs.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Afterschool Ambassador Julie Wild-Curry, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, 907-452-2000, x251, Julie.wild-curry@k12northstar.org

On October 21st, each of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool program sites will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. At the open houses, programs will showcase what youth do each afternoon. Some sites will include a fall festival, poetry café or family night.

Arizona

Flagstaff, Arizona: Ajalon Stapley, FACTS, 928-527-6168, astapley@fUSD1.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, FACTS held a Community Carnival on September 24th. Local community organizations, along with all ten of FACTS programs, set up activity booths and the City Council presented a Proclamation. Families and community members participated in family friendly activities. The Community Carnival featured a bounce house, raffle, DJ and food.

Fountain Hills, Arizona: Maggie Paup, Boys & Girls Club-McKee Branch, 480-344-5407, mpaup@bgcs.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Boys & Girls Club-McKee Branch will have a family fun night event on October 20th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Families will have the chance to explore all the clubs they have to offer. The event will be centered around a chili cook-off. Each family will be responsible for bringing a crock-pot of their own chili and the staff members at the club will judge. Mayor Schlum will be the honorary judge and will recognize the winner of the chili cook-off, who will receive a one-month paid membership to the McKee Branch of the Boys & Girls Club.

Lake Havasu City, Arizona: Dianna Butler, Havasu For Youth, 928-453-2426, havasuforyouth@yahoo.com

Havasu For Youth will host an afterschool rally at the famous London Bridge in Lake Havasu City. The London Bridge will be lit up in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, and there will be community education about the activities offered by local afterschool clubs. The Mayor will be asked to proclaim *Lights On Afterschool* day for Lake Havasu City. A jcpenny store manager and jcpenny staff members will be on hand to show their continued support of Havasu For Youth and the afterschool program.

Peoria, Arizona: Gus Brown, City of Peoria AM/PM Program, 623-773-7688, gus.brown@peoriaaz.gov

All 21 City of Peoria AM/PM afterschool program sites will host activities for parents and children on October 18th. Posters are currently up at each site advertising the event, which will feature a craft project and group game for program participants and parents. Each student has decorated a lightbulb to present to his/her parents as an invitation. To motivate the parents to

attend, a drawing will be held at the end of the event at each site for one free day at the AM/PM Program. The administrative staff from each afterschool program site may attend.

Phoenix, Arizona: Judy Harper, PVUSD-Quail Club, 602-449-4420, jharper@pylearners.com
The PVUSD-Quail Club hosted a Glow in the Dark Disco Dance Party on October 11th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The students celebrated with blinky bracelets and dancing, as well as fun Halloween-themed games and activities. The fun started at 1:45 PM and the students and staff had a wonderful time celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* Halloween style.

Tucson, Arizona: Michelle Glover, Youth Programs School-Age Program, 520-228-8484, michelle.glover@dm.af.mil
On October 20th, the Youth Programs School-Age Program will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* Carnival with jumping casts, crafts tables, and carnival games. There will be tours of the facilities along with a table with information on School-Age Programs, the Youth Center, and sports programs. Staff members will lead building tours of the School-Age Program, and youth from leadership groups will conduct tours of the Youth Center building. Refreshments will be available. The festivities will commence at 4:30 PM.

Tucson, Arizona: Debra Jackson, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, 520-837-8139, debra.jackson@tucsonaz.gov
For *Lights On After School*, all 21 KIDCO Sites will perform three- to four-minute routines at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park. The theme will be “Light It Up” and the event will be held on October 20th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. It will be emceed by Crystal Stark from the *American Idol* and a KIDCO participant. There will be booths set up by a variety of afterschool programs, as well as concession stands for refreshments. The entire community is invited.

Arkansas

North Little Rock, Arkansas: Jennie Cunningham, North Little Rock Parks and Recreation, 501-791-8545, jcunning@nlrpr.org
The ASPire afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th from 3:30 to 7:30 PM at Sherman Parks Community Center. The celebration will begin with an afterschool pep rally followed by the “LIGHTS OFF! Talent Showcase.” The showcase will be conducted with the lights off and the youth are responsible for lighting up their acts. Parents, students, educators and community leaders are expected.

Conway, Arkansas: Mari Abrams, Boys & Girls Club of Faulkner County, 501-329-8849, lamarie2002@yahoo.com
The Boys & Girls Club of Faulkner County will host an open house for Club members’ families, community leaders, guests and friends at three locations to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 20th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, afterschool programs at the Bob Nabholz, Grace and Mayflower Boys & Girls Clubs sites will open their doors to the community. Local leaders, as well as board members, will attend and discuss the benefits offered by afterschool programs. Refreshments will be served.

Paragould, Arkansas: Tessa Cripe, Baldwin BEAT, 870-236-6369, tcripe@parafould.k12.ar.us
Baldwin BEAT will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th with a Family Night at which students and parents will share great ideas for having family fun at home. The event will begin at 6:30 PM and all afterschool program participants and their families are encouraged to attend.

Pine Bluff, Arkansas: Annette Dove, TOPPS, Inc., 870-850-6011, toppsincdove@aol.com
On October 20th, TOPPS will highlight its book club with t-shirts made by students that display what their afterschool programs mean to them. A graphics store run by students will aid in the creation of the t-shirts that depict afterschool activities. Each student will receive a glow-in-the-dark t-shirt representing *Lights On Afterschool*. Students in grades one through four will dress as their favorite book characters and each student will receive a free book. A state representative will read to the students and there will be games, food and music.

Stuttgart, Arkansas: Amy Branson, Park Avenue Elementary PLUS, 870-674-1411, abranson@sps.k12.ar.us
Park Avenue Elementary PLUS will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* from 5:30 to 6:45 PM on October 20th. The event will feature music, food and fun for the entire family.

California

Alameda, California: Samantha Evans, LEAPS/BACR, 510-866-4005, Samantha.evans@bacr.org

LEAPS/BACR will hold a Spaghetti Feed to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th at Henry Haight Elementary School. Students and staff will enjoy the meal and great company from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

Compton, California: LaTricia R Scott, CUSD/ASES, 310-898-6350, scottlatricia73@yahoo.com

More than 600 students, parents and jcpenny employees will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by performing *Move Your Body*, A Let's Move initiative coordinated by First Lady Michelle Obama that aims to increase opportunities for kids to be physically active. The Civic Center monument, dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will radiate beams of light that will engulf the city courthouse, city library and shopping center. The 70-foot monument, set against a backdrop of splashing fountains, will be topped with the message: Afterschool Matters. The display will be seen throughout the city and surrounding areas.

Los Angeles, California: Nancy Arias Youth Policy Institute, 832-253-5042, naria@ypisua.org
To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Youth Policy Institute will showcase its programs on October 20th after school with student performances and engaging activities. All of the Institute's families and friends are invited to this community event. Refreshments will be served.

Merced, California: Luise So'oala, Merced County Office of Education, 209-381-4533, lsooala@mcoe.org

Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) is organizing a *Lights On Afterschool* festival on October 20th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM downtown. The festival will celebrate afterschool programs.

MCOE expects hundreds of people to attend the event, which will feature free entertainment, including live performances by students, as well as an art gallery, games, bounce houses, arts and crafts, a pumpkin patch and exhibition booths. Children will participate in a costume contest at 7:30 PM.

Napa, California: Jessica Rennie, THE SPOT/Boys & Girls Club, 707-255-8866, jrennie@thepositiveplace.org

By beginning the evening with snacks for the kids and their parents, THE SPOT/Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th with fun-filled activities and performances for all ages! During the regular afterschool time, the dance club will do a performance for all guests and club members. After that, guests and participants will break into groups to make various art projects, and participate in fitness and dance programs.

Oakland, California: Mildred Oliver, Oakland PAL, 510-615-5758, moliverpal@myway.com
On October 20th during afterschool program hours, Oakland PAL will have all participants in the Building Strong Minds Afterschool Mentoring Program meet with their mentors. Everyone will participate in a karaoke contest and video game playoff. Food and beverages will be served.

Oakland, California: Frederick Douglass Mesa, Urban Arts/Project Phoenix, 510-219-0467
Urban Arts/Project Phoenix will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th at Urban Promise Academy, 3031 East 18th Street. At the event, the MetLife Foundation and the Afterschool Alliance will recognize Urban Arts/Project Phoenix as an “Afterschool Innovator” for the program’s success at providing multiple benefits for middle school students, particularly in the area of aligning afterschool with school-day learning, lessons and content. Urban Arts/Project Phoenix is one of only five afterschool programs in the country to receive the 2011 MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovator Award. As part of the award, Urban Arts/Project Phoenix will receive \$10,000 to sustain its work. The Urban Arts/Project Phoenix event will showcase a new multi-million-dollar program facility and will include a talent show performed by students in the program. The event will begin at 7:00 PM.

Palo Alto, California: Jeff Maier, Palo Alto Family YMCA, 650-842-2768, jmaier@ymcasv.org
The Palo Alto Family YMCA will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event that will highlight self-identity, appreciating differences, healthy lifestyles and relationships. The October 20th event will feature mural painting, active games and an engineering challenge.

San Diego, California: Michelle Nunez, Southwest Middle H.Y.P.E Afterschool Pro, 619-628-4084, garcia.nunez@sweetwaterschools.org
On October 20th during regular afterschool program hours, parents will come and view the activities that the students participate in daily – games, music and dance performances and more. Students and parents will have the opportunity to decorate their own lightbulb that will be displayed and view a live artwork design. Refreshments will be served.

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

Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center (SNBC) will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a community concert featuring performances by renowned Chinese flautist and professor Geng

Tao, and youth from SNBC's afterschool program. The concert will take place at Ulloa Elementary school on October 20th at 7:00 PM. By bringing together participants, their families and community leaders, the *Lights On Afterschool* event will highlight the important role afterschool programs play in the community. SNBC's Founder and Director will give the keynote address.

San Jose, California: Doreen Hassan, Santa Clara County After School Collaborative, 408-351-6426, dhassan@ymcasv.org

The Santa Clara County After School Collaborative will celebrate and honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the afterschool field by hosting the fifth annual "Breakfast of Champions" *Lights On Afterschool* event. The Breakfast will be held at the Tech Museum of Innovation on Wednesday, October 19th from 7:30 to 9:00 AM.

San Leandro, California: Hillary Bass, Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League, 415-305-2173, hbass@acgov.org

On October 20th at 6:00 PM, youth leaders in Furthering Youth Inspiration (FYI), a program of the Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League, will light up the skate park in their community, as it is the new epicenter of youth activity in the area and the neighbor to the future home of the Ashland Youth Center, for *Lights On Afterschool*. Youth and families will fill the skate park with people holding lights – votives, flashlights, glow sticks and more – to represent the community's stake in making sure that there are positive activities for their youth in this area, which has traditionally had nothing going on after school. Local leaders will then make speeches and youth will offer testimonials about the importance of afterschool programs. 500 guests are expected.

Santee, California: Afterschool Ambassador Pam Brasher, Out-of-School Time Programs, Santee School District, 619-258-2369, pam.brasher@santeesd.net

The Santee School District, Out-of-School Time Programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* throughout the month of October, culminating with an open house on October 20th at all nine afterschool program sites and Santee's partnership program with the Cameron Family Y. Each site will welcome Project SAFE and After School Education and Safety (ASES) youth and their families, as well as community leaders. At the open house, students at the Sycamore Canyon site will share what is happening with the music program; students at the PRIDE Academy site will demonstrate a state-funded ASES program in action, along with the afterschool enrichment art program. At the Cameron Family Y, the students from the Hill Creek and Carlton Hills sites who have enrolled in the Swim and Gym program will demonstrate what they have learned. This *Lights On Afterschool* open house is a special collaboration between the two programs with funding from the City Development Block Grant. Other sites that will host *Lights On* open houses include Cajon Park, Carlton Hills, Carlton Oaks, Chet F. Harritt, Hill Creek, Pepper Drive, and Rio Seco. Times for these events are approximately from school dismissal until 6:30 PM, except the swim and gym program at the Cameron Family Y, which begins at 3:45 PM. All events are free of charge.

Colorado

Brighton, Colorado: Dan Roybal, Shopneck Boys & Girls Club, 303-637-7272, danr@bgcmd.org

Shopneck Boys & Girls Club will welcome the families of all the club members for a spaghetti dinner and game night to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. A “MATH B.I.N.G.O. NIGHT” will allow kids and parents to play and win prizes, and one lucky participant will win the grand prize after a special drawing. Members of the youth leadership club, the Totch Club, will give tours of the club to showcase the facility and afterschool programs.

Commerce City, Colorado: Jason Martinez, Commerce City Boys & Girls Club, 303-853-5570, jasonm@bgcmd.org

The Commerce City Boys & Girls Club will host an open house and fall festival on October 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with afterschool youth and their families. Activities will include making caramel apples, decorating mini pumpkins, making trick or treat bags, carnival games, and a photo booth for capturing special moments with friends. A full dinner, popcorn and drinks will be served.

Denver, Colorado: Sarah Dixon, City of Denver, 720-423-3877, sdixon@dpsfoundation.org
On October 20th, the City of Denver will literally keep the lights on after school. The City & County Building at 1437 Bannock Street downtown will be lit up after a special ceremony to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. A public art installation that surrounds the building will feature student artwork in a tribute to the great collaborations in place across Denver that serve city students through afterschool programs. Events are being planned and executed by a collaborative team that includes the City and County of Denver, the Denver Quality After School Connection (a network of the city’s leading afterschool providers), the *Lights On Afterschool* Partnership, and others.

Lakewood, Colorado: Shelly Kelley, Boys & Girls Club of Metro Denver, 303-985-0202, shellyk@bgcmd.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Metro Denver will host a fall festival on October 20th to celebrate its one-year anniversary and *Lights On Afterschool*. During the Club’s first year, one of its greatest achievements was the addition of a garden. The garden has allowed the Club to expand its programming in all areas, especially cooking classes. Afterschool youth have the opportunity to grow, harvest, cook and then eat a variety of different foods. At the festival, there will be specific seasonal activities for each member to complete, and youth who complete each activity will receive a prize.

Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado: Victoria Reid, Peterson Air Force Base Youth Center, 719-556-7220, Victoria.Reid@peterson.af.mil

Peterson Air Force Base Youth Center in Colorado will commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th by gathering their 9 to 18-year-old afterschool students to conduct science experiments. These experiments will focus on chemistry, and will include cauldron bubbles and using different kinds of flubber and putty. *Lights On Afterschool* will be held during regular afterschool program times: 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

Connecticut

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.

Bridgeport, Connecticut: Becca Huston, Bridgeport After School Network, 203-333-9270, bhagel@bpafterschoolnetwork.org

On October 20th during regular program hours, Bridgeport After School Network will highlight performances from various after school programs in Bridgeport for *Lights On Afterschool*. They will also offer hands-on opportunities for the youths who participate in the event.

Bridgeport, Connecticut: Judith LaMonico, John Winthrop Lighthouse After School, 203-576-7769, jlamonico@bridgeportedu.net

The John Winthrop Lighthouse After School program will hold a special *Lights On Afterschool* program for parents and administrative personnel on October 20th. It will feature student performances and other activities.

Brandford, Connecticut: Michelle Cunningham, Connecticut After School Network, 860-730-2941, mdc@ctafterschoolnetwork.org

On October 19th, the Connecticut After School Network will hold a statewide kickoff in Meriden for *Lights On Afterschool* with a symposium for educators and program directors. “After the Bell: Leadership Makes the Difference” will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Dr. Paul Young, Executive Director of the National AfterSchool Association will keynote the event, which will also include two panels of local afterschool providers and school officials from around the state. The first 100 people to register will receive a free copy of Dr. Young’s book, *Principal Matters: 101 Tips for Creating Collaborative Relationships Between After-School Programs and School Leaders*.

Enfield, Connecticut: Claire Hall, Educational Resources for Children, Inc., 860-253-9935, info@erfc.us.org

On October 20th, Educational Resources for Children (ERfC) will host community events at three afterschool centers – Henry Barnard and Enfield Street Elementary Schools and JFK Middle School – to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. ERfC afterschool youth will showcase the myriad activities they participate in each afternoon. The open houses will be held from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Also at each event, ERfC will recognize the volunteers who will receive Presidential Service Awards for their volunteer work in 2011.

New Haven, Connecticut: Doreen Abubakar, Explore Discover and Create STEM Club, 203-415-3646, doreenabubuakar@gmail.com

For *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th, Explore Discover and Create STEM Club will unveil their beautification project at the West River Monument, where they will host watershed education events for the community. Everyone is invited to participate in the educational events to learn more about the club.

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

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Above and Beyond will host its annual fear factor event on October 20th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. Afterschool students will venture through a graveyard and answer questions about the subjects they have learned during the first two months of school. Students will also participate in a relay, using their mouths to carry hard boiled eggs marinated in Above and Beyond’s “special sauce,” and in a bucket-of-mud challenge in which students must reach in

and identify objects despite the oozing stink surrounding the bucket's contents. Organizers say the eating challenge will offer delicious delicacies Gordon Ramsay wouldn't dare to try!

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

“Wild About After School Programs” Celebration! Montville Youth Services Bureau will host its annual *Lights On Afterschool* Dance to celebrate the great kids of the afterschool program and the amazing work done by afterschool programs all over the country. There will be a rolling pizza truck, snacks and tons of fun at this safari-themed event, organizers say. Families of all participants are invited.

Delaware

Milford, Delaware: Marlene Duffy, Greater Milford Boys & Girls Club of Delaware, 302-422-4453, mduffy@bgclubs.org

The Greater Milford Boys & Girls Club of Delaware will host an open house for the community for *Lights On Afterschool* this year. Community members are invited to tour the club and get more information about its afterschool programs.

Newark, Delaware: Sharon Stull, Western Family YMCA, 302-453-0123, sstull@ymcade.org

The Western Family YMCA held its annual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 16th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Red Clay and Christina school superintendents, teachers and parents of the more than 400 children in the afterschool program, and local officials participated. The event featured many of the activities the children enjoy during afterschool hours, such as zumba, CATCH, music, and arts and crafts, with parents able to participate and enjoy those same activities with their children. On October 20th, each of the ten afterschool school sites will celebrate with smaller events.

Newark, Delaware: Fontella Taylor, 4H Afterschool, 302-831-4977, ftaylor@udel.edu
4H Afterschool will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th with an open house at each of its programs. At the sites, organizers will provide information about the importance of afterschool programs and showcase students' work with music and art enrichment programs. Light refreshments will be served.

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware: Dennis Arden, Burton Village 4-H Afterschool Program, 302-362-6563, arden@udel.edu

On October 20th, Burton Village 4-H Afterschool Program will host a parent information night for *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be homework help from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, followed by an opportunity for community members and parents to play games such as Nintendo Wii or traditional board games with the kids. There will also be a tour of the facility for the parents. Refreshments will be served.

District of Columbia

Washington, District of Columbia: Rebecca Ende, Sitar Arts Center, 202-797-2145, x106, Rebecca@sitarartscenter.org

A committee of philanthropic and community leaders are joining with corporate and media sponsors at Sitar Arts Center in Adams Morgan on October 20th to host its annual benefit event, “A Night of Sitar Stars” to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The evening will begin at 6:00 PM with a special open house featuring student-led tours, an art exhibition and an opportunity to mingle with the students, volunteers, artistic partners and families. A cocktail reception, silent auction, student performances by Sitar Arts Center’s ballerinas and the Saints Band, and an encore presentation of songs from Sitar’s summer musical, “Bye Bye Birdie,” at the Meridian International Center will follow the open house.

Washington, District of Columbia: Maggie Riden, DC Alliance for Youth Advocates, 202-587-0616, maggie@dc-aya.org

The DC Alliance for Youth Advocates (DCAYA), in conjunction with the Children Youth Investment Trust Corporation, will host *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Wilson Building. The *Lights On Afterschool* event will raise awareness and celebrate afterschool programming in the District. Students will perform spoken word and dance routines and afterschool leaders including Ellen London, CEO of the Children Youth Investment Trust Corporation and the DCAYA Board Chair, Mayor Vincent Gray, are scheduled to speak at the event. An award will be presented to a local out-of-school-time champion to round out the festivities.

Florida

Boynton Beach, Florida: Suzette Harvey, Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc., 561-732-8066, sharvey@primetimepb.org.

Prime Time is hosting its 7th Annual *Lights On Afterschool* rally in support of afterschool in Palm Beach County on October 20th. The West Palm Beach City Hall will be lit all day and night in recognition of the event. This year’s theme is “Lights On Learning” in recognition of the opportunity afterschool offers for supplemental learning. The celebration will be held outside from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and will feature speakers and performances to raise awareness of the importance of quality afterschool programming. 100 guests are expected.

Branford, Florida: Karen Koon, 21st Century Community Learning Center, 386-935-5615, kkoon1@suwannee.k12.fl.us

On October 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, the 21st Century Community Learning Center will partner with an area jcpenny to light up a boat on the Suwannee River for *Lights On Afterschool*. The festivities will take place on the banks of the river, where the mayor will proclaim *Lights On Afterschool* Day. City officials, the local Rotary Club president, and families of students in the afterschool program will participate to help raise awareness about the benefits afterschool programs offer.

Hialeah, Florida: Marla Alpizar, City of Hialeah CL&P and YLC, 305-818-9143, malpizar@hialeahfl.gov

Hialeah will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* over the course of two days. The mayor and city council will proclaim October 20th as *Lights On Afterschool* Day. The City of Hialeah Education and Community Services Department Creative Learning & Play (CL&P) Afterschool Program will host an “Are You Smarter Than Me?” game show at the Wilde Community Center

on October 20th at 7:00 PM. On this third annual *Lights On Afterschool* event in the community, participants of the CL&P afterschool program will challenge local politicians, business leaders, and city officials in a battle of wits, in this take on the popular game show “Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?” Then on October 21st, the CL&P afterschool program will organize a flash mob at a local mall. The mayor, members of the city council, and members of the Mayor’s Educational Advisory Board may attend.

Jacksonville, Florida: Tyrica Young, The Bridge of Northeast Florida, 904-924-3081, tyrica@bridgejax.com

The Bridge of Northeast Florida, Inc. North Shore TEAM Up will showcase the variety of enrichment activities offered at the program on October 20th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Students from the modeling/social skills enrichment class will model clothing donated from local boutiques; the TV/video production class will present a mini-documentary on North Shore TEAM Up; the cheerleading and step/dance class will showcase choreographed dance routines and cheers; and the sewing/crochet class will display completed pieces. To open and close *Lights On Afterschool*, the chorus will perform musical selections.

Jacksonville, Florida: Gennifer Jett, Communities in Schools for Jacksonville, 904-354-5918, gjett@cisjax.org

On October 20th, Jacksonville will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the city’s Friendship Fountain, a historical landmark, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Communities in Schools of Jacksonville will partner with the Jacksonville Children’s Commission and other area afterschool programs to celebrate at the Jacksonville Friendship Fountain landmark. The event will include the mayor, city council members, school superintendent, policy makers, parents, teachers, volunteers and students from all Jacksonville afterschool programs. Some 500 students are expected to participate, walking together to the Riverwalk, where the fountain is located. The celebration will include a drum line and cheers, student and parent testimonies and words from local leaders who have kept afterschool programs as a top priority in Jacksonville since the 1998 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) were established. Each 21st CCLC program has been sustained in Jacksonville since 1998-99 – a measure of the City’s support for afterschool programs. The event will culminate with a countdown prior to the Friendship Fountain being lit up with yellow lights symbolizing *Lights On Afterschool*.

Lake Worth, Florida: Karen Miller, For The Children, Inc., 561-493-1190, ftcinc1999@yahoo.org.

For The Children will light up The Old Historic Osborne School, which has important historical significance because it was the only school black students were allowed to attend during the segregation years, to celebrate *Lights On*. At a rally October 20th from 2:00 to 6:00 PM on the Cultural Green Plaza, the mayor will read a proclamation in support of afterschool programs. Various youth organizations will perform and offer testimonials about the importance of afterschool programs in their lives. Attendees will enjoy snacks, face painting, performances and more. More than 500 guests are expected.

Orlando, Florida: Jennifer Hooks, Timber Lakes Extended Day, 407-249-6177, Jennifer.hooks@ocps.net

Timber Lakes Extended Day will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th with a Family Game Night with board games, Nintendo Wii, and Karaoke. All of the program's students and their families are encouraged to attend this fun-filled night. The event will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 PM and refreshments will be served.

Panama City, Florida: J.C. Schwab, Boys & Girls Club of Bay County, 850-763-3546, jschwab.bgc@gmail.com

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bay County will host a *Light On Afterschool* games event at its C.C. Moore facility on October 20th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Activities will include parent vs. child foosball games, art displays, street hockey games and other exciting prizes and giveaways. Healthy Start will table with information promoting their organization's mission to identify the health care needs of local women, infants and their families and to meet those needs with local resources. Boys & Girls Club alumnus and Bay County Commissioner Bill Doizier may attend and share his positive experience with the club. Chairman of the Board for the United Way of Northwest Florida will discuss the importance of afterschool programs.

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

On October 20th, *Lights On Afterschool* activities in Tampa will be capped off by the lighting of the SunTrust Building downtown. Local afterschool partners including the Tampa Metro YMCA, Computer Mentors, the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, Hillsborough County Public Schools and the City of Tampa will be on hand to celebrate the lighting. United States Representative Kathy Castor or one of her staffers will attend the event to acknowledge the importance afterschool programs play in inspiring children and youth to learn, keeping kids safe, and allowing parents to work. Proclamations from Governor Rick Scott and Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn will be read.

Viera, Florida: Todd Forschino, Brevard Public Schools, 321-633-1000x27, forschino.todd@brevardschools.org

Each year, 58 School Age Child Care (SACC) programs and twelve 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) operated under Brevard Public Schools celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* in Florida. With the partnership and cooperation of NASA and Delaware North Parks and Recreation, the event will light up the Rocket Garden at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. On October 20th, children and staff from the 21st CCLC Space Explorers and SACC program at Coquina Elementary, district School Age Child Care staff members, Brevard Public School VIPs, and the Brevard community will travel to the Kennedy Space Center Rocket Garden for *Lights On Afterschool*. Representatives from the local jepenney, school board members, local dignitaries and the local media have been invited to the "3-2-1 Blast Off to *Lights On Afterschool*" celebration of quality afterschool programs. The goal is to raise awareness of the importance of these programs, including the vital role they play in the lives of the 5,000 Brevard County elementary students who attend them – and the families of these students, who depend on afterschool programs.

West Palm Beach, Florida: Tammy Greer, Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc., 561-732-8066x123, tgreer@primetimepbc.org

Prime Time is hosting its seventh annual *Lights On Afterschool* rally in support of afterschool on October 20th. The rally will feature cheerleaders and a drum line along with youth performers from the afterschool program. Speakers include Suzette L. Harvey, Executive Director of Prime Time Beach County; Gaetana D. Ebbola, Chief Executive Officer of Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County; Mayor Jeri Muoio; and Keith Oswald from the School District of Palm Beach County. Youth will also speak and share their afterschool experiences. Jennifer Ross with WRMF 97.9 FM will be Mistress of Ceremonies. The *Lights On Afterschool* rally will begin at 10:00 AM at City Center Plaza Courtyard.

Georgia

Albany, Georgia: Leslie Heard, Mt. Olive Community Outreach Center, Inc, 229-435-9961, laparrish@att.net

Balloons, bouncy castles and barbeque will be the highlight of Mt. Olive Community Outreach Center's *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The Center will release hundreds of bright yellow balloons and the youth will make lightbulb cut-outs that say what afterschool programs meant to them.

Atlanta, Georgia: Dana Harris, Next Steps Youth Entrepreneur Program, 678-570-0398, djharris@nextstepsyep.org

The Next Steps Youth Entrepreneur Program will commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* at the site of its new Atwood Community Gardens. The gardens received a makeover after winning the 2011 Lowe's Heroes Volunteer award, which allowed the program to turn the 3.5 acre site into a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) outdoor garden and training facility. The October 20th celebration, held from 3:30 to 6:30 PM, will serve as a pre-grand opening. Council member Cleta Wilson will attend and offer a proclamation for *Lights On Afterschool*.

Atlanta, Georgia: Rick Jones, Community Life Concepts, 404-332-1500, rickjones@communitylifeconcepts.org

Community Life Concepts will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house. Parents and community members will learn about the work students are engaged in after the school day and about the importance of afterschool programs.

Brunswick, Georgia: Susan Lee, 21st Century CLC After School Matters, 912-267-9011, sulee@glynn.k12.ga.us

The 21st Century Community Learning Center School Matters will light up the Ritz Theatre, a local landmark, and have a family night with students presenting skits and a musical extravaganza to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th.

Columbus, Georgia: Afterschool Ambassador Ernestine Ramsey, A.J. McClung YMCA, 706-322-2579, ajmcclung.ymca@att.net

This year the A.J. McClung YMCA will host its *Lights On Afterschool* event at a local jcpenny store. Organizers will table at one of the store entrances and station afterschool youth to hand out flyers with information on afterschool. Students will also distribute yellow blinking lights to customers at the store. Youth will briefly perform for jcpenny staff and customers, with a

performance that features messages about how important the afterschool program is to them. This year's event will be held on October 20th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

Griffin, Georgia: Gary Stern, R.A.P. Academy, 770-228-7982, rap_academy@yahoo.com
The inaugural *Lights On Afterschool* R.A.P. Academy Event and The Mis-Education of RAP Hip Hop Awareness Youth Conference will be held from October 20th to 23rd. The goal of this year's conference will be to drive and stimulate intellectual dialogue on important youth issues.

Warner Robins, Georgia: Mandie Holovach, Robins AFB Youth Program, 478-926-2110, mandie.holovach@robins.af.mil
Robins AFB Youth Program will hold its second annual Spaghetti Dinner to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th. The flight chief will visit the program, sign a proclamation in support of *Lights On Afterschool* and discuss the importance of safe and fun afterschool programs with parents.

Hawaii

Hawaii, Hawaii: Dawn Dunbar, After-School All-Stars, 808-734-1314, dawn@afterschoolallstars.org

On October 20th, After-School All-Stars will commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* by performing a skit focusing on anti-bullying.

Honolulu, Hawaii: Afterschool Ambassador Paula Adams, Fun 5 Program, 800-581-7491, x20, paulaadams1602@gmail.com

Afterschool programs in Hawaii will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 19th. On the days before *Lights On Afterschool* is celebrated nationwide, afterschool youth will decorate lightbulb art and hang the decorated art in front of afterschool sites on all the islands, so parents will see them when they come to pick up their children. One hundred afterschool youth will be bussed to the state capitol, and they will hang the bulbs around the building.

Kaunakakai, Hawaii: Janice Espiritu, 21st Century Community Learning Center, 808-553-1730, Janice_espirtu@notes.k12.hi.us

The 21st Century Community Learning Center will observe *Lights On Afterschool* by holding an Open House that will highlight the program's activities, which include homework help, Math Whiz program, Achieve 3000, Robotics, School of Rock, Violin Classes and a computer lab open to the public.

Pahoa, Hawaii: Norman Dufresne, UPLINK, 808-965-2150, normandgorby@aol.com

UPLINK will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with performances of John Lennon's "Imagine," hula dancing, ukulele music, Hawaiian percussion and sign language on October 20th during traditional afterschool hours.

Wailuku, Hawaii: Tanya Jones, Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui, 808-760-5050, tanyaj@bgcmaui.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui will host a Family Night/Open House to share and display all the wonderful projects that the students and staff do at the club. On October 20th, the doors will be open to family and community members to showcase the program's offerings.

Idaho

Boise, Idaho: Amy Stahl, Boise Parks & Recreation, 208-608-7611, astahl@cityofboise.org
Boise Parks & Recreation will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by holding open houses at three sites across the city on October 20th. Mayor David Bieter will join the festivities at the Whitney Community Center, where students and staff members will harvest produce from the community garden. A grant award from the Boise Southwest Rotary Club to acquire books, magazines and bookshelves for afterschool reading clubs will also be announced at the event.

Cottonwood, Idaho: Erin Shears, Center for Discovery, 208-962-7080, Shears@sd242.k12.id.us
Center for Discovery celebrated its 12th annual *Lights On Afterschool* with a Family Math Night on October 12th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. The new elementary school hosted *Lights On Afterschool* this year, and all teachers were on-hand to run game tables for participants and their families in order to show them that math can be accessible and fun.

Elk City, Idaho: Delise Denham, REACH Club, Inc., 208-842-2218, x7, denhamd@sd244.org
REACH Club held its fifth annual *Lights On Afterschool* celebration with a catfish fry on October 8th at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Pocatello, Idaho: Afterschool Ambassador Joyce Anderson, Building Bright Futures 21st Century Community Learning Center Afterschool Program, 208-232-7119, andersjo@sd25.us
Eight (seven elementary and one alternative secondary school) Building Bright Futures afterschool program sites will hosting their traditional *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 20th. Each site will follow its regular schedule of daily activities with some special *Lights On Afterschool* activities included. The start times vary at each center: Ellis Elementary, 3:30-5:00 PM; Greenacres Elementary, 3:00-4:30 PM; Jefferson Elementary, 3:00-5:00 PM; Syringa Elementary, 3:30-5:30 PM; Tyhee Elementary, 2:30-5:00 PM; Washington Elementary, 2:15-5:15 PM; Wilcox Elementary, 2:45-3:45 PM and Alameda Center, 4:30-5:45 PM. Fifty participants are expected at each center and all parents, teachers, community partners and local and state dignitaries are invited to attend and learn about afterschool in Pocatello.

Illinois

Chicago, Illinois: Antwon Mallory, YMCA of Chicago, 312-388-7545, amallory@ymcachicago.org

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Chicago Public Schools leaders are expected to make remarks at the Morton-YMCA Community School's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. In an effort to promote health and fitness, the Morton-YMCA Community School will host a Family Dance-a-Thon event for afterschool students and their parents, as well as students from outside the program and their parents, teachers and school personnel, and community residents. Guests will be invited to join in an hour-long fitness session of active dancing to popular songs

and slides (cha cha, turbo hustle, wobble, etc.), engaging all in a fun, but intense workout session. The event is 5:00 to 6:00 PM on October 20th.

Chicago, Illinois: Jamey Makowski, Build, Inc., 773-394-3884, Jamey@buildchicago.org
Build, Inc. will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year with a family night celebration on October 20th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at San Lucas Church in Humboldt Park. Throughout the year, BUILD afterschool youth express their feelings and emotions through poetry, photography, artwork, and/or dance and this year it will all be showcased at the *Lights On Afterschool* festival. Participants will also be able to face paint, enjoy arts and crafts, and join or watch a small basketball tournament. After the festivities at San Lucas Church, families, supporters, community members, and friends of BUILD will march through the streets of Humboldt Park promoting afterschool programming and its importance to the local community.

Chicago, Illinois: Angela Papaleo, America SCORES Chicago, 312-666-0496
America SCORES Chicago will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st at Douglas Park Field House, 1401 South Sacramento Drive. At the event, the MetLife Foundation and the Afterschool Alliance will recognize America SCORES Chicago as an “Afterschool Innovator” for the program’s success at providing multiple benefits for middle school students, particularly in supporting literacy. America SCORES Chicago is one of only five afterschool programs in the country to receive the 2011 MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovator Award. As part of the award, America SCORES Chicago will receive \$10,000 to sustain its work. The America SCORES Chicago *Lights On Afterschool* event will incorporate the program’s weekly Friday soccer game with an afterschool expo for parents, students and community members that will showcase afterschool community partners such as the Chicago Fire, which will run soccer drills; Common Threads, which will offer cooking demonstrations; and Girls in the Game. The event begins at 5:30 PM.

Chicago, Illinois: Ron Schnorbus, Better Boys Foundation, 773-542-7300, rschnorbus@betterboys.org

Better Boys Foundation afterschool youth will make paper bag votives and scatter them around its youth-built garden on October 20th to light it up for *Lights On Afterschool*. The agricultural and knitting programs will “dress” the garden up in a harvest theme. Youth from the literature and tap dancing programs will do readings and performances, and the film group will showcase their work.

Joliet, Illinois: Karen Cooper, Troy Trojans Afterschool Enrichment Program, 815-741-7275, kcooper@jolietpark.org

On October 20th, the Troy Trojans Afterschool Enrichment Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house for students, parents and school officials. There will be games, a bounce house and local community members reading to youth. The event will begin at 4:30 PM.

Naperville, Illinois: Laura Baldwin, Young Rembrandts, 630-493-4263, laura.baldwin@youngrembrandts.com

Young Rembrandts will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by lighting the 10 foot statue of Dick Tracy at the Riverwalk in downtown Naperville. As part of the celebration, Richard Pietrzyk will teach two free drawing classes to students after school. Pietrzyk is a retired cartoonist that

worked on the Dick Tracy comic years ago.

Orland Park, Illinois: Afterschool Ambassador Priscilla Steinmetz, The Bridge Teen Center, 708-532-0500, priscilla@thebridgeteencenter.org

The Bridge Teen Center and jcpenny in Orland Square Mall will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* October 20th at 7:30 PM. The event will feature a live acoustic performance by a local student musician and member of The Bridge Teen Center Athena Tapia. A special proclamation from Governor Pat Quinn declaring October 20, 2011 *Lights On Afterschool* Day in the State of Illinois will be unveiled. Special prizes will be given away during the one-hour event, and 50 attendees will be randomly selected to win a free *Lights On Afterschool* t-shirt. By celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* in Orland Park's shopping mall, the event will raise awareness about the importance of local afterschool programs.

Peoria, Illinois: Libby Taylor, Common Place Teen REACH, 309-685-4114, desilu96@hotmail.com

Common Place will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration in collaboration with YWCA and Dream Center Teen REACH programs. Common Place has been housed in the Howett Street Christian since 1967, and it sits in the heart of one of the worst neighborhoods in Peoria. While the area is dark and bleak, the light's of the afterschool children will shine with sidewalk luminaries (one for every child Common Place serves) and a wish lantern ceremony. More than 50 sky lanterns will be launched into the inner city night skies by parents, staff, volunteers and special community guests. Performances will include Bradley University's Kappa Alpha Phi Fraternity Steppers, poetry readings, a dramatic dance/skit and a song and dance routine; all performed by our participants. There will also be demonstrations of "The Shurley English Method" and sports stacking. The event is October 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Sterling, Illinois: Melissa Ryan, Sterling-Rock Falls Family YMCA, 815-535-9622, mryan@srfymca.org

Sterling-Rock Falls Family YMCA will commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th by educating the community about afterschool programs. A celebration will be held for the youth in a local park where BLIND (Building Lasting Impressions that Never Die) will lead the activities. All of the Sterling sites will merge and the local jcpenny will join the celebration.

Indiana

Evansville, Indiana: David Schutte, Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, 812-435-0928, david.schutte@evsc.k12.in.us

Hundreds of local residents joined the Center for Family, School and Community Partnerships for a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 12th at Bosse Field. Participants visited booths set up by community organizations and picked up flyers and party favors. The event then moved to Bosse Field, where local student groups performed. The celebration began at 4:30 PM and concluded at 7:30 PM.

Indianapolis, Indiana: Marrianna Stephens, George Buck Boys & Girls Club, 317-370-8301, mstephens@bgcindy.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.

George Buck Boys & Girls club will hold its *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 24th with a Family Fun Night from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Students from Marian University will supervise math games and a lightbulb coloring contest. Afterschool youth will read essays about why the Boys & Girls Club is important.

Indianapolis, Indiana: David Klinkose, Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis, 317-501-4854, david.klinkose@yahoo.com

The Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis sponsored its 11th annual *Lights On Afterschool* event in Indianapolis on October 5th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the City Market's plaza. The event was targeted to adult community leaders and parents to inform them of the value and importance of afterschool programs in Indianapolis.

Kendallville, Indiana: Jolene Frey, LEAP of Noble County, 260-636-7011, jfrey@leapofnoblecounty.org

LEAP of Noble County celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* with a bike-a-thon and BBQ on October 8th. The bike-a-thon route was 20 to 30 miles long for competitive adults. For the non-competitors, there was a two-mile family tour of Ligonier. The event was from 4:00 to 9:00 PM and all families took part in a corn-hole tournament, bounce houses, live music, food, raffles, and games.

Michigan City, Indiana: Afterschool Ambassador Herb Higgin, Safe Harbor/Michigan City Area Schools, 219-873-2026, hhiggin@mcas.k12.in.us

Safe Harbor/Michigan City Area Schools are partnering with a local McDonalds' and will have a live radio broadcast on October 20th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. WIMS-AM will interview the mayor, school superintendent, and state senators about the importance of afterschool programs. The event will feature a series of student-led demonstrations focusing on the arts and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) related activities such as a Lego robotics competition, SPARK sports events, and student choral performances. The event will be from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. The partnering McDonalds' will donate 15 percent of the day's receipts to Safe Harbor/Michigan City Area Schools Afterschool Program.

Iowa

Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Afterschool Ambassador Lynelle Henricksen, Cedar Rapids Metro YMCA, 319-366-6421, x102, henricksen@crmetroymca.org

For the second year in a row, Cedar Rapids Metro YMCA will host a rally at Greene Square Park to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The rally will focus on educating the community about the great out-of-school time programs in the area and discussing transportation options for kids, which is a barrier to accessing the programs. On October 20th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM, organizers will use a parked bus in the square as a backdrop for the rally. The Boy Scouts will conduct a flag ceremony and several children from a variety of afterschool programs will perform. A parent, the Iowa Youth of the Year and local dignitaries will speak. Participants will be able to decorate *Lights On Afterschool* lightbulbs and sign a petition in support of afterschool. Around 200 people are expected.

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

The Clinton Community Schools Student Adventures Afterschool program celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* on September 27th with an event at Alliant Energy Field. More than 900 afterschool students, parents and community members attended and some signed the “Don’t deny or divert afterschool funds” petition.

Perry, Iowa: Mary Hillman, PACES-Perry School, 515-465-8214,
hillmanmary@perry.k12.ia.us

PACES-Perry School will hold a two-day event for *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 19th at “Walk for PACES,” afterschool students, staff and parents will walk laps to support the program and get pledges from the community. On October 20th, PACES-Perry School will hold “Celebrating a Dozen Great Years at PACES” with a program and family wellness fair. Families will participate in fun, hands-on learning activities, enjoy a group supper and the night will conclude with the 12th annual PACES IDOL competition.

Storm Lake, Iowa: Becky Morton, Storm Lake Community School District, 712-732-8080,
bmorton@slcsd.org

The Storm Lake Middle School Tornado Learning Club will join together with Kings Pointe Resort and Monsanto to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. This event will bring awareness for the need of afterschool programs by lighting up the lighthouse which guides the middle school students in the right direction within their studies and extracurricular activities in their future. It will be open to the public on October 20th from 4:15 to 5:15 PM. There will be outdoor activities, a healthy snack and a few speakers from the community will kick off this event.

Kansas

Haysville, Kansas: Tiffany Jones, 21st Century Community Learning Center Boys & Girls Club-Haysville, 316-680-5196, tjones@usd261.com

21st Century Community Learning Center/Boys & Girls Club-Haysville will hold a “Cultures Around the World” night for its members and parents, who will come and discover new things about their culture and others. Foods, traditions, music, crafts that represent each member will be shared at various booths. The event will be held on November 17th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Iola, Kansas: Afterschool Ambassador Angela Henry, SAFE BASE, 620-365-4780,
angela.henry@usd257.org

On November 2nd, students from the SAFE BASE afterschool program will make a “Blue Plate Special Dinner” for 200 parents, guardians, families and community members with produce from the new school-based garden to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The city street will be closed off, allowing the dinner at the garden location to feel like a “block party.” Families will watch a short movie in the garden after the dinner. The event will begin at 5:30 PM.

Lawrence, Kansas: Marcia Dvorak, Kansas Enrichment Network, 785-864-9665,
mjdvorak@ku.edu

The Kansas Enrichment Network will host a summit on the future of afterschool in Kansas, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning, and the celebration of afterschool programs on October 20th from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Legislators, state agencies, educators and other stakeholders will take part in breakout sessions at “*Lights On Afterschool* -- It Does Take a

Village” and listen to speakers discuss the importance of afterschool programs and what children and youth in Kansas need to succeed.

Topeka, Kansas: Jason Lamb, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 758-580-4571, jlanb@tscpl.org

On October 20th during regular afterschool hours, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library will present a variety of the afterschool programs that the library offers, including homework help, hosting the local 4-H, games and gaming, crafts and live animal education. The *Lights On Afterschool* event will be open to the entire community.

Wichita, Kansas: Cathleen Palmer, Greater Wichita YMCA/Child Care and Camp, 316-264-1610, x255, cat.palmer@wichtaymca.org

The Greater Wichita YMCA/Child Care and Camp will partner with its local jcpenny to host a fun-filled, safety-themed fall afternoon on October 27th. To kick off the second annual *Lights On Afterschool* event, there will be a “Flip the Switch” activity at 5:00 PM where a giant lightbulb will be turned on to draw attention to the importance of afterschool programs. The children will go on a tour of the jcpenny store and learn about store safety, while parents will be able to learn more about the afterschool program at informational booths. Store managers from jcpenny and district employees may attend. All YMCA afterschool students and their families are expected.

Kentucky

Campbellsville, Kentucky: Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Taylor County High School Fit 4 Life, 270-465-4431, Jennifer.fitzpatrick@taylor.kyschools.us

Taylor County High School Fit 4 Life will host its second annual *Lights On Afterschool* event by blocking off Main Street and hosting a variety of events for the students from two local school districts. In a partnership with the Taylor County Anti-Drug Coalition, Taylor County High School Fit 4 Life will spotlight how afterschool programs can prevent drug and alcohol use by students. The school’s clubs and various groups will host skits, drum line performances, face painting, and much more.

Cloverport, Kentucky: Jennifer Ammons, Cloverport Independent Schools, 270-788-3388, Jennifer.ammons@cloverport.kyschools.us

By joining forces with the 21st Century Grant Program and highlighting Red Ribbon Week, Cloverport Independent Schools will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with snacks, recreational time, learning about the community, and visiting with the town’s mayor on October 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Corbin, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Karen West, Redhound Enrichment and Corbin Independent Schools, 606-523-3628, karen.west@corbin.kyschools.us

The Corbin Independent School District will host family and community *Lights On Afterschool* events featuring students from the Redhound Enrichment afterschool programs. The event at Corbin Elementary will be held at 6:00 PM on October 20th and will showcase an overview of activities available to students during afterschool hours. Family offerings will include pumpkin carving, fall crafts and light snacks. Special guests will include Linda Robinson, State Director

of Kentucky's 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and Phyllis Elder, Director of the Kentucky Out of School Alliance. A city-wide "Porch *Lights On* for Afterschool" campaign will also take place; community members and businesses will leave their lights on the evening of October 20th in support and recognition of the need for afterschool programs. Corbin Primary will host a separate event on October 25th that will feature student musical performances from *The Wizard of Oz* and offer attendees the chance to participate in zumba classes and family literacy activities.

Monticello, Kentucky: Katherine Kidd, Wayne County Schools, 606-348-6691, katherine.kidd@wayne.kyschools.us

During the *Lights On Afterschool* event, Wayne County School students will put the finishing touches on hot air balloons made from tissue paper and glow sticks. A full-size real hot air balloon will also be on campus. At 5:00 PM, the mayor, county judge executive and a Kentucky state representative, along with the superintendent and other school officials, will hold a press conference to draw attention to the importance of afterschool programming and highlight the success of the 21st Century afterschool programs. At dusk, students will simultaneously release their balloons and the real-life hot air balloon will lift off with dignitaries and students aboard. With all the glowing activity lifting off, Wayne County Schools plans to LIGHT UP THE SKY! There will be live radio/TV/Internet streams from the site.

Paris, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Leslie Spears, Promise Program, 859-987-2160, leslie.spears@paris.kyschools.us

The Promise Program in Paris celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* with a "Cultural Heritage Night" for afterschool youth and families on October 6th. From 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Paris Elementary School, afterschool students from the entire school district displayed information and shared food from the countries the youth were studying. More than 150 youth and families attended the event.

Louisiana

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Nakeveya Anthony, Big Buddy Program, 225-388-9737, n.anthony@bigbuddyprogram.org

The Big Buddy Program partnered with the YWCA's Baton Rouge Parent University and a host of community partners to sponsor a *Lights On Afterschool* Rally and Talent Show on October 13th. A special *Lights On Afterschool* community forum and breakfast preceded the rally on October 12th. The program included complimentary breakfast, a brief press conference, and a panel discussion about the important contribution afterschool programs make to the community. Elected officials, community leaders and other stakeholders joined this critical conversation to show support for afterschool programs that can help reduce truancy and high school drop-out rates, decrease crime among youth, and improve student achievement.

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

The YWCA Greater Baton Rouge will offer a series of events to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* in addition to its October 20th celebration – a rally, battle of the bands and talent show. The YWCA hosted a parent empowerment on October 13th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. It will host an

afterschool professional development workshop on October 19th from 10:00 AM to noon. To conclude *Lights On Afterschool*, an area Walgreens “We Care Day” will support afterschool programs on October 22nd from 2:00 to 6:00 PM.

New Orleans, Louisiana: Cyndi Nguyen, Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training, 504-255-0400, vietno@sprint.blackberry.net

On October 20th, the Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with its sixth annual “Afterschool *Lights On Parade*.” The parade will feature students and staff from four schools, who will march through the streets of New Orleans to show their afterschool pride, showcase the program, and reach out to the community. The celebration begins at 5:00 PM at the VIET Community Center.

New Orleans, Louisiana: Kim Nance, Audubon Park, 504-391-2772, kimnance@bellsouth.net
For *Lights On Afterschool*, Audubon Park Afterschool Program will “light up” a marker that will highlight Greenville and the Buffalo Soldiers. The event will be held in Audubon Park, a local park and zoo recreational site that is the campgrounds where the Buffalo Soldiers were formed and lived during 1866. The landmark event will illuminate a historical moment in time and it will allow students and community stakeholders to honor unsung heroes who came into existence and lived in the same community as their school. The event will be held on October 20th.

New Orleans, Louisiana: Mallory Falk, Kids Rethink New Orleans Schools, 504-208-2813
Kids Rethink New Orleans Schools will host its *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 22nd at ArtEgg Studios, 1001 South Broad Street. At the event, the MetLife Foundation and the Afterschool Alliance will recognize Kids Rethink New Orleans Schools as an “Afterschool Innovator” for the program’s success at providing multiple benefits for middle school students, particularly in the area of providing opportunities for service learning. Kids Rethink New Orleans Schools is one of only five afterschool programs in the country to receive the 2011 MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovator Award. Kids Rethink New Orleans Schools will receive \$10,000 to sustain its work. The event will have a garden party theme to highlight students’ interest in growing and making food, driven by one of their advocacy areas: healthy food in cafeterias. Parents and other guests will have the opportunity to tour the students’ garden, plant seeds and watch a student-produced documentary. The event will begin at 4:30 PM.

Maine

Dover-Foxcroft, Maine: James Macomber, Penquis Young Entrepreneurs Society, 207-974-2476, jmacomber@penquis.org

The Penquis Young Entrepreneurs Society will hold an Open House to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. It will be open to students, parents, community members and school leaders. Speakers and activities will focus on the afterschool program and the activities it offers. Refreshments will be served.

Indian Island, Maine: Carla Knapp, Penobscot Nation Boys & Girls Club, 207-817-7355, Carla.knapp@penobscotnation.org

The Penobscot Nation Boys & Girls Club will host a traditional social for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. The social has been designed to bring attention to the importance of afterschool programs to the community, family members and local business owners. The event will begin with youth drumming and dancing, followed by a pot luck social. Youth will speak about the difference the club has made in their lives.

Kittery, Maine: AnnMarie Plante, The School Age Program, 207-438-2114,
annmarie.ramsdell@navy.mil

On October 20th, the School Age Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with its FirstTee Golf Program kick-off. The program's mission is to improve the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life enhancing values through the game of golf. The festivities will begin at 4:00 PM.

Portland, Maine: Janine Kaserman, Portland Police Department, 207-756-8135,
janinek@portlandmaine.gov

For *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th, the Portland Police Department will partner with The Root Cellar and Portland Recreation (Reiche and East End sites). *Lights On* will feature arts and crafts activities and gym games with the afterschool youth. Healthy snacks will be served.

Maryland

Aberdeen, Maryland: Derek Dewitt, Boys & Girls Club of Harford County, 410-838-3354,
ddewitt@bgcharford.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Harford County will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting a Parents' Night Out and Halloween Party on October 18th. Bertucci's, an event partner, will donate 20 percent of the night's profits to the Club. Because of the donation, parents of afterschool youth will be encouraged to go out for a fantastic meal while their children enjoy a fun and safe Halloween Party. It is expected to run from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.

Baltimore, Maryland: Destiny Murdock, Boys & Girls Club of Metro Baltimore, 443-567-3990,
dmurdock@bgcmetrobaltimore.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Metro Baltimore will hold an Open House/Talent Showcase to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The Talent Showcase will highlight the diverse talents of the youth, while raising awareness of the need for more afterschool programs and afterschool funding in Baltimore City. The event will be held on October 20th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

Berlin, Maryland: Mary Anne Cooper, Snowhill Middle School, 410-632-5246,
macooper@mail.worcester.k12.md.us

Snowhill Middle School's Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* for the entire week of October 17th to 21st in order to allow all parents and community members the opportunity to experience the Afterschool Academies. During the week, parents and community members will be invited to participate just as if they were students in the academies.

Berlin, Maryland: Terry Smith, Buckingham Elementary School, 410-632-5300,
tlsmith@mail.worcester.k12.md.us

Buckingham Elementary School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with the theme of “Letting the Light Shine in Afterschool Academy.” Lightbulb posters of children participating in various activities will be placed throughout the school. Parents and community members will attend an open house on October 19th at 4:00 PM to learn how the afterschool program works.

Leonardtwn, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Mark Smith, St. Mary’s County Public Schools, 301-475-0242, mgsmith@smcps.org

On October 20th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, St. Mary’s County Public Schools will hold “Shining a Light on our Partners” at Lexington Park Elementary School for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will bring students from all four sites as well as members of the Board of Education, District Superintendent, and County Commissioners to one central location to acknowledge the many community partners that support afterschool programs.

Montgomery Village, Maryland: Francine Corbett-Voltz, Abrakadoodle, 240-418-3381, fcorbett-voltz@abrakadoodle.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Abrakadoodle will host a mock-“Wine and Cheese” art show at the Bright Eyes Children Center located at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School on October 20th at 5:00 PM. State Senator Nancy King will attend and present a proclamation to the center. Note: The wine will, in fact, be grape juice.

Silver Spring, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Lynn Sobolov, Excel Beyond the Bell, 301-354-4913, lsobolov@collaborationcouncil.org

On October 20th, Montgomery County Recreation, Montgomery County Public Schools and the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families will showcase its new, collaborative Excel Beyond the Bell afterschool programs as part of *Lights On Afterschool*. Open houses will take place at Strathmore Elementary School and Mario Loiederman Middle School. At Strathmore there will be: a tour of the Big Learning and KidzMath sessions; peer2peer tutoring; refreshments; *Lights On* giveaways; and guest speakers. At Loiederman there will be afterschool activities like: Pyramid Atlantic – More than Words; YMCA – RC CAR; creative writing club; art adventure. After the youth finish their activities there will be a short program with a welcome from Principal Alison Serino and remarks from: Christopher Garran, Community Superintendent; Gabriel Albornoz, Director of Department of Recreation; Valerie Ervin, County Council President; Isiah Leggett, County Executive; Carol Walsh, Executive Director, Collaboration Council and testimonials from a student and parent. Refreshments will be served.

Silver Spring, Maryland: Rev. Virgilla Gist-Madwekwe, Academy Child Development Center at Drew Elementary School, 301-989-0245, virgillagist@gmail.com

The Academy Child Development Center will host a “Community Connections” event to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The center’s school-aged children will perform original skits that depict life in the community and describe how everyone is connected as a member of the same community. The skits will cover such themes as environmental awareness, health and safety, good citizenship, and responsible decision-making. Along with the talent showcase on October 20th, families and community members will share a meal and participate in group activities.

Massachusetts

Chicopee, Massachusetts: Clarisa Matlasz, Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, 413-592-6707, cmatlasz@yahoo.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th at 4:00 PM by holding an open house so that members of the community can drop by and see the programs offered to youth. All current club members are encouraged to bring a friend to the event. Activities include a poster-making contest, game room tournaments, games in the gym, hula hooping and much more! Healthy snacks will be served.

Fall River, Massachusetts: Eloise Carrier, Citizens for Citizens, Inc After School, 508-675-2154, x221, Eloise.carrier@cfcinc.org

Citizens for Citizens, Inc. After School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with its annual open house on October 20th. Parents and children will document their thoughts about afterschool services by designing individual *Lights On Afterschool* lightbulbs.

Fredericktown, Massachusetts: Bobbie Jensen, Fredericktown Middle School, 573-783-6555, bobbie.jensen@fpsk12.org

Special guest speakers and student projects will be showcased at the *Lights On Afterschool* event at Fredericktown Middle School on October 20th. Parents, teachers and administrators are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Lawrence, Massachusetts: Jullisa Deplet, Merrimach Valley YMCA, 978-686-6191, jdeplet@mvyymca.org

Merrimach Valley YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th with an event focused on the importance of afterschool parents. Parents will have the chance to engage in some of the activities that their kids participate in on a daily basis. There will also be activities such as a Parent vs. Child Dancethon, edible art, and much more.

Lynn, Massachusetts: Kendra Owens, Lynn YMCA, 781-581-3105, kowens@lynnymca.org

This year's annual *Lights On Afterschool* event will begin with a short program in the YMCA gym on October 20th at 3:30 PM. It will include the annual City of Lynn Proclamation by Lynn's Mayor, and a few words from national and local afterschool partners and local youth. The speakers will be followed by Lynn YMCA's annual open house where the children and their families will participate in activities such as cooking, art, science and sports activities.

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

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* and in a partnership with the Barnstable County/UMass/4-H Youth Development program, the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod will hold a nonprofit fair for families and children fair on October 20 at 4:00 PM. Local nonprofits that serve children and families will participate in the fair and be recognized for their service to the community. A special guest who has contributed to the welfare of children and families will be recognized at the event. The fair will provide food, games, moonwalks, and other family friendly activities to all guests free of charge.

Michigan

Baldwin, Michigan: Anne Cole, Truenorth Project Focus/PACE Baldwin, 231-745-1163, acole@truthnorthservices.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, The Truenorth Project Focus/PACE Baldwin will celebrate a night of “Afterschool Is Magical” on a campus that has elementary, middle and high school afterschool programs on October 20th. The event is open to the entire community, especially parents and teachers.

Bay City, Michigan: Matt Alman, Bay City Public Schools, 989-895-2546, almanmm@gmail.com

On October 21st, Bay City Public Schools will have a *Lights On Afterschool* tailgate party prior to the varsity football game against their cross-town rival. The Athletic Director is donating football tickets to those who come see a demonstration about what goes on in the school district’s afterschool program. There will also be food and family entertainment.

Benton Harbor, Michigan: Ira Green, First Chance, Inc, 269-277-5411, igreen@1stchanceinc.org

Local leaders, including invited guests Benton Harbor City Mayor, Benton Harbor Area Schools Superintendent, and state and national government officials, will join First Chance Afterschool Program in shining a light on the importance of afterschool programs at an event at the Benton Harbor Community Fountain. The fountain has just undergone a very extensive remodel and update which has continued to beautify the city of Benton Harbor. The Benton Harbor Community Fountain will be lit in recognition of *Lights On Afterschool*, and guests will hold battery operated candles and gather into the shape of a lightbulb. Up to 400 guests are expected at the event October 20th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Benton Harbor, Michigan: Jeanne Surch, Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor, 269-926-8766, jsurch@bgcbh.org

MLK STEAM Academy at the Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor will invite students, parents and school and community leaders to an ice cream social and book fair where students will meet the author of *The Snow Wish*, create a book of their own, and shop for a free book to take home. This year’s *Lights On* event will not only increase awareness of afterschool programming but also the importance of literacy.

Detroit, Michigan: Charee Henry, 21st Century Community Learning After School, 313-852-8500, charee.henry@detroitk12.org

On October 20th, after discussing the importance of the afterschool program and all of its offerings, students at the 21st Century Community Learning After School program will be given a blank piece of a wall-size jigsaw puzzle to explain or draw what they feel their part is in the afterschool program. The puzzle will be displayed in the hallway for others to see, and parents will be asked to participate in a *Lights On Afterschool* hallway rally. The students will make visors, posters, and buttons in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool* and will march through the building before dismissal.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Lynne Heemstra, Our Community's Children, 616-456-4353, lheemstr@grcity.us

Our Community's Children (OCC) will rock Grand Rapids and the surrounding metro areas in Kent County with a *Lights On! Lives Changed! Shine on Afterschool Rally* at Calder Plaza in central downtown Grand Rapids on October 20th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. OCC will be shining multiple colored lights on the Grand Rapids symbol and sculpture, La Grande Vitesse, by internationally renowned artist Alexander Calder. This red sculpture will blaze with multiple colored lights to reflect the diversity, beauty and strength of Grand Rapidians to promote quality afterschool programs so that children are ready for college, work and life. More than 4,000 youth and their parents – and all the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Network members from more than 40 organizations – will celebrate the amazing power of afterschool programs. The ELO Network is a community collaboration dedicated to ensuring all youth have access to afterschool programs. The Network has garnered national attention and is featured as a model in several Out-of-School time publications of the National League of Cities, Institute for Youth, Education and Families. The event will feature performances by afterschool students, testimonies by parents and youth, and invited speakers such as the Mayor and legislators. Community and business leaders, including jcpenny, are involved. Balloons, music, lights and action will all take place to shine a *Light On Afterschool*. A local television personality will emcee the event.

Saginaw, Michigan: Afterschool Ambassador Christine Benecke, Youth First, 989-755-0545, christine@saginawfoundation.org

The Youth First Afterschool Programs and Carrollton Middle School will host a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival on Wednesday, October 19th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Carrollton Middle School. All students and families in Saginaw County are welcome to attend and learn more about the programs.

Minnesota

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota: Sue Trnka, Boys & Girls Club, 218-847-5700, sue@bgcofdl.org
Through a partnership with Detroit Mountain Recreation Area, Inc. (DMRA), the Detroit Lakes Boys & Girls Club will light up Detroit Mountain, which offers a vista-like view the lakes. Now privately owned and once a bustling downhill ski resort that closed in 2005, DMRA has begun a campaign to Bring Back the Mountain and designate it as a four-season recreation area for the general public. DMRA hopes to offer a host of outdoor opportunities, including alpine and cross-country skiing, snowboarding and tubing, snowshoeing, hiking, birding, mountain biking, horseback riding, camping, interpretive trails, disc golf and picnic areas, and will partner with the afterschool program to make the activities available to participants. To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, SMRA and the Boys & Girls Club will place a spotlight at the top of the mountain on October 20th. With a top elevation of 1,620 feet, the *Lights On* beacon will be seen for miles.

Duluth, Minnesota: Lori Maly, YMCA Homecroft School's Out, 218-722-4745x122, lmaly@duluthymca.org

The YMCA is in the process of collaborating with the City of Duluth to “Light Up” the newly renovated Enger Tower on October 20th. Members of the community will be invited to attend the *Lights On Afterschool* event to bring light to the need to financially support afterschool programs in the area. Earlier in the week, the Tower will be rededicated at a ceremony that will

involve a visit from King Harald of Norway. King Harald's father, King Olav, dedicated Enger Tower in 1939. More than a structure, Enger Tower ties together Duluth's past and present. This event represents an opportunity to tie into Duluth's future youth.

Faribault, Minnesota: Afterschool Ambassador Lisa Wetzel, Kid's World School Age Child Care, 507-333-6724, lisa_wetzel@faribault.k12.mn.us

The Faribault afterschool community will celebrate *Lights on Afterschool* with a rally and march on October 27th. Youth in kindergarten through 12th grade, parents and staff from a variety of afterschool programs, including local 21st Century Community Learning Centers, youth development, SHAC & Kid's World Programs, will gather at Central Park for pizza. Then the marchers will turn on their flashlights and walk from the park to the library to raise awareness about the need to keep the lights on for afterschool, and support afterschool programming for all students. The march will conclude with closing words from local leaders and refreshments in the Great Hall at the library.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Devin Warren, Southside Village Boys & Girls Club, 612-822-3191, dwarren@boysandgirls.org

Southside Village Boys & Girls Club will host several events including a Games Room Tournament, basketball and football skills competition, and a NetSmartz competition (tournament of computer skill, i.e. words/minute, fastest researcher, freerice.com, etc.) to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th. The program will also host an open house for community members at which programs will highlight their activities and offer opportunities to meet the staff, recognize current members' academic accomplishments, and recruit new members to the Southside Village family.

Mississippi

Biloxi, Mississippi: Michelle Wilson, Girls & Boys Clubs of the Gulf Coast, 228-896-3770, mwilson@bgcgulfcoast.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast plan to light up one of the local landmarks, the Biloxi Town Green – a large open green space downtown on Highway 90 across from the Gulf of Mexico. The oak trees on the property are 250 to 300 years old, and survived Hurricane Katrina. This location is the site of the Hurricane Katrina Memorial and is a popular place for events geared toward families. To light up this area, luminaries will be placed all along the sides, with Club members and families assisting with the lighting ceremony. Several other organizations that offer or support afterschool programming will set up tables to share information about their programs and the benefits of afterschool. Community members will attend and enjoy live music and entertainment by local high school bands with a pep rally theme. The Mayor of Biloxi, A.J. Holloway, and several school superintendents will attend and share their dedication to afterschool programming. Participants will receive handouts and materials with statistics related to afterschool programming and Mississippi's efforts to provide afterschool programs to all students who need them.

Columbus, Mississippi: Kayline Hamilton, Columbus Air Force Base Youth Center, 662-434-2504, kayline.hamilton@columbus.af.mil

The Columbus Air Force Base Youth Center invites students, parents and teachers as well as local community leaders to its fourth annual *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 20th at 4:00 PM. The open house will welcome teachers and community leaders to the center and showcase student activities. Students will participate in poetry and essay contests, display artwork and lead tours of the center. The Director of the United Way of Lowndes County is scheduled to speak.

Jackson, Mississippi: Dominique Dale, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central MS, Sykes Unit, 601-372-4111, sykesunit@bgccm.net

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central MS, Sykes Unit will host a mini carnival with guest speakers from the community to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will begin at 4:00 PM on October 20th with speakers from the mayor's office, city council, and local schools. The carnival will be set up by the older children, with informational tables, activity booths, a space jump and goodies such as cotton candy and shaved ice.

Missouri

Camdenton, Missouri: Afterschool Ambassador Sherry Comer, Camdenton R-III Schools 573-346-9233, scomer@camdentonschools.org

On October 21st, Camdenton R-III is partnering with the Missouri Afterschool Network to host a summit, "Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today Through Afterschool & STEM" to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The summit will showcase science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities that take place daily in the Camdenton R-III Afterschool programs. State Representative Diane Franklin will open the summit, discussing the importance of afterschool programs and the benefits that they provide for students, families, the community and the nation. FIRST robotics LASER team 3284 will be featured, as well as the Lake Area Master Naturalist Club and Mad Science. Open houses and other activities are planned throughout the week at Dogwood Elementary, Hawthorn Elementary, Oakridge Intermediate, Osage Beach Elementary, Hurricane Deck Elementary, Lake Career & Technical Center and the Camdenton R-III Middle School.

Kansas City, Missouri: Shaniece Garlington, Holliday Montessori LINC Caring Comm, 816-418-1986, sgarlington@kclinic.org

To highlight that "Education is the KEY," Mr. Brock from KCPT and mascot "P.T. the Owl" will talk about early education and the importance of reading for *Lights On Afterschool*. Local community organizations such as Mother and Child from Healthy Start, Lakeside Nature Center, Black Nurses Association, the local fire department and representatives from the Susan G. Komen Association will set up booths to provide information for families. Students will sing, dance and read poems related to education. The fun will begin at 6:15 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Kansas City, Missouri: Kelley Harden, Wheatley LINC Caring Communities, 816-418-4857, kharden@kclinic.org

On October 20th, parents will be guided down the "Blue Brick Road" for *Lights On Afterschool* to show how the program supports children after school. Activities will demonstrate creativity, personality, motor skills and ability. Refreshments will be served

Saint Louis, Missouri: Rob Ogden, Arts-In-Mind (AIM) at Woerner, 314-495-8728, rwogden@straydogtheatre.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Woerner-AIM will host an open house with theatre-related activities and games designed to reinforce community, imagination, sportsmanship, and teamwork on October 20th. Parents, teachers and other community stakeholders will participate in advance of parent-teacher conferences scheduled the following day.

Springfield, Missouri: Angie Merritt, Study SPARC, 417-837-5713, amerritt@springfieldmo.gov

For *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th, Study SPARC will have a Sock Hop for families of the program. Community partners will set up booths to offer resources to families and the center will provide refreshments and family friendly prizes to all participants.

Montana

Great Falls, Montana: Quinn Boehme, Boys & Girls Clubs of Cascade County, 406-761-1330, quinn.boehme@bgc-cc.org

The Boys & Girls Club will be holding an open house that will include dinner, speakers, prize drawings, and having its Historical 10th Street Bridge illuminated. The 10th Street Bridge is a concrete arch bridge spanning the Missouri River. The bridge was designed by engineer Ralph Adams of Spokane, Washington, and Great Falls architect George Shanley, and was completed in 1920. Preservationists have successfully diverted demolition funds to bridge preservation, and the bridge is being repaired to function as a pedestrian bridge between Great Falls and the Black Eagle community.

Havre, Montana: Afterschool Ambassador Tim Brurud, Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line, 406-265-6206, timb@bgchi-line.com

Parents, youth and community leaders from across the Hi-Line will be visiting the Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-line on October 27th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. In addition to a free dinner and lots of fun activities throughout the Club, the playground will be lit up with several campfires. A good campfire can't go to waste, so Club youth and adult participants will be able to toast some marshmallows and make s'mores. The Havre Fire Department will be on hand to speak with the kids about fire safety and tell a few good ghost stories as everyone sits around the fire. The activities will take place from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Helena, Montana: Cori O'Connell, Helena School District, 406-324-1556, corioconnell@gmail.com

October is "Fall Back to Math" month and Helena School District will have an open house on October 19th to teach afterschool parents math games for *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will also showcase all the great work afterschool programs do for families and community members. It will begin at 4:30 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Libby, Montana: Afterschool Ambassador Kaide Dodson, Libby High School, 406-334-0254, kaide_lee@yahoo.com

Libby will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house and a disc golf tournament on October 29 from 6:00 to 11:00 PM. Libby Dam will also be lit up in honor of *Lights On* and students will participate in a haunted tour of the dam since Libby will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* so close to Halloween. There will be three components to this event: night disc golf, haunted dam tours, and activities at the visitor's center. Also included in this event will be transportation to and from the dam, dinner, snacks, and prizes for all participants. At 6:30 PM, there will be a haunted dinner at the Libby Dam. The all night disc golfers will kick off the haunted dam tour on their way to the glow disc golf tournament below the dam. For all non-disc golfers there will be multiple events throughout the evening such as haunted dam tours, haunted hallows geo-caching with great prizes, popcorn and screening of "Goonies," pumpkin carving contest, cake walk, Halloween arts and crafts, bobbing for apples, and lots of treats, music, and surprises.

Missoula, Montana: Nicole Mitchell, Flagship Program, 406-544-1804, nmitchell@wmmhc.org
Afterschool students from seven Flagship Program sites in Missoula will participate in *Lights On Afterschool* on October 24th. Students will meet at the Higgins Street Bridge, a highly visible and well-traveled landmark, cross the Clark Fork River and head downtown carrying signs supporting *Lights On Afterschool* and their afterschool program from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Students who participate in the *Lights On Afterschool* march will get free admission to the Dragon's Hollow Park and Carousel for Missoula. The mayor will also issue a Proclamation. More than 40 elementary to high school youth will participate.

Nebraska

Kearney, Nebraska: Jessica Schlegelmilch, Kearney Community Learning Center, 308-627-9632, Jessica.schlegelmilch@kearnypublic.org

Kearney Community Learning Center's middle school students will host a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival for elementary students on October 20th. The youth in the middle school program are creating carnival games and activities that the elementary youth can enjoy during the event. A local cookie shop will donate cookies and frosting for a cookie decorating activity. Throughout the event, different clubs at the learning center will perform – for example, the students from the Zoomba Club will perform their zoomba routine to raise awareness about the afterschool program. The event will be open to public from 4:00 to 6:00 PM with food, music and prizes.

Lincoln, Nebraska: Afterschool Ambassador Dayna Krannawitter, Lincoln Community Learning Center, 402-436-1120, x5, dkranna@lps.org
Lincoln Community Learning Center (CLC) and its Youth Afterschool Ambassadors (YAA) will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at a series of events throughout October. On October 11th at 6:00 PM, the lead YAAs addressed the school board about the importance of afterschool programs in Lincoln and thanked them for their support for Community Learning Centers. On October 14th, three lead YAAs addressed the CLC Leadership Council – a committee of community and business leaders who advise and guide the Lincoln CLC initiative, at a meeting at 8:00 AM. On October 20, the program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* rally from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Huntington Elementary School. The rally will be led by the YAAs and speakers will include State Senator Danielle Conrad, the district superintendent and city council members. The group will gather again on October 24th for a *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation signing at

10:00 AM with Governor Dave Heinemann. He will present the *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation to Lincoln YAAs and other afterschool student leaders from across the state. One of the Lincoln's lead YAAs will speak during the proclamation ceremony. To conclude the month, lead YAAs will address the Lincoln City Council at a meeting on October 24th at 5:30 PM. They will address the importance of afterschool programs and encourage the city council to continue supporting these programs.

Omaha, Nebraska: Shelli Henry, Westside Boys & Girls Club, 402-932-6477, shenry@bgcomaha.org

Westside Boys & Girls Club will host an afternoon of fun for members and their families to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Following dinner there will be a showcase featuring the club's programs and activities. The areas will include education, arts, technology, games, sports, fitness and fun. The event will be open to the entire community.

Nevada

Carson City, Nevada: Michael-Ann Lazzarino, Boys & Girls Club of Western Nevada, 775-882-8820, micaelannl@bgcwn.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Western Nevada will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with special events around the club including carnival games, face painting and special treats for students on October 20th.

Fallon, Nevada: Carol Johnson, AIM Afterschool Program, 775-428-2223, jaohnsonca@churchill.k12.nv.us

AIM Afterschool program will hold its *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 19th. The program will join the elementary school for a Vocabulary Variety and Book Fair Night. Each classroom will have activities for families that support reading and vocabulary, for example: Boggle, Scrabble and sight word go fish. The Halloween-themed event be held from 5:30 to 7:00 PM and will include costumes and trick or treats for the kids.

Las Vegas, Nevada: Afterschool Ambassador Judy Schroeder, City of Las Vegas Safekey Program, jhschroeder@gmail.com

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* 2011, the City of Las Vegas Safekey Program will showcase students' talents with talent shows, art displays, and open houses at their 68 Clark County School District schools on October 20th. Each event will begin between 4:00 and 5:00 PM and 3,000 people are expected to participate.

Reno, Nevada: Barbara Hawkins, Sun Valley TEAM UP 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 775-674-4420, bhawkins@washoe.k12.nv.us

Sun Valley TEAM UP 21st Century Community Learning Centers will host an open house for its 2011 *Lights On Afterschool* Event on October 20th at 5:00 PM. In a partnership with the Northern Nevada Food Bank, Sun Valley TEAM UP 21st Century Learning Centers will provide dinner for anyone under 18. Participants will enjoy a variety of activities including math games, reading, writing, and arts & crafts. The event will be held at Sun Valley Elementary School and is open to parents and siblings of the program's participants.

Yerington, Nevada: Dona Tracy, Boys & Girls Clubs of Mason Valley, 775-463-2334, Christina@bgcmasonvalley.org

On October 20th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mason Valley will host a Family Night Bingo Party. Along with this activity, there will be lightbulb coloring and a game called “Guess what is in the jar?” Prizes will be Halloween costumes and movie passes. Refreshments – homemade bread or muffins with milk and hot chocolate – will be served. The bingo party will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

New Hampshire

Bristol, New Hampshire: Afterschool Ambassador Elizabeth Colby, Newfound Area School District’s Project PROMISE, 603-744-6006x129, bcolby@sau4.org

The Newfound Area School District’s Project PROMISE 21st Century Community Learning Center in collaboration with the Tapply-Thompson Community Center and the Danbury Community Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th with a wide variety of events at Kelley Park in Bristol. Students from all six afterschool program sites will be transported to the local town park, and all families and local residents are welcome to participate in this community event. The Bristol Lion’s Club will provide a free meal for all participants, and the Bristol fire and police departments will support *Lights On Afterschool* with a campfire and s’mores, and lead a “Glow in the Dark Family Parade” around town. Each afterschool site will present and showcase student work from its programs. Area DJ Craig Untiet will provide music throughout the night. The event will end with the lighting of luminary lights displayed in the shape of a lightbulb around the local baseball field.

Franklin, New Hampshire: Cary Gladstone Community Liaison, Casey Family Services, 603-934-3315, cgladstone@caseyfamilyservices.org

Casey Family Services will join the Franklin Asset Building Coalition in the fifth annual *Lights On Afterschool*, featuring an “It’s Your Money Show” on October 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Franklin Middle School. The “health and wealth” expo will combine the health and safety aspects of afterschool programming with information on financial well-being. Exhibitors will include the community educator from the local hospital, and representatives from police and fire departments. Topics covered will include family planning, first-time home ownership, credit repair, and parental involvement in the schools.

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

The Pemi Youth Center will hold its annual open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. There will be a short presentation about the center’s programming, and youth will discuss their experiences at the center. The event is open to community and local government officials, donors, families and others.

New Jersey

Asbury Park, New Jersey: Mari McMahon, Boys & Girls Club, 732-775-7862, mari@bgcmonmouth.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Monmouth County will illuminate the night for the community by producing its first *Lights On Afterschool* even on October 20th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at the Asbury Park Unit. Guests will experience afterschool activities, and hear from special guests including: local law enforcement, area artists and merchants and local State Senator Jennifer Beck. A family style dinner will be served and each child will receive a “Heart Light” to remember the evening and to symbolize the warmth the program offers them.

Camden, New Jersey: Paula Staton, The Boys & Girls Club of Camden County, 856-966-9700 x233, pstaton@bandgccc.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Camden County will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the East Camden Clubhouse. Community leaders, partners, parents and volunteers will participate in activities such as Club Members Read-A-Long, Youth Art Show, Connect Four Tournament, SMART Girls Dance Performance, and the Kids vs. Adults Basketball Game. There will also be special recognition for the 2011 Sponsor A Child participants. Club tours and light refreshments will be provided.

Elizabeth, New Jersey: Doris Moskowitz, Elizabeth Public Schools 21st Century Community Learning Center, 908-436-6900, moskowitzdo@elizabeth.k12.nj.us

The Elizabeth Public Schools 21st Century Community Learning Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by performing skits and displaying art work. All family members are invited to celebrate with program participants on October 20th at 4:30 PM.

Englewood, New Jersey: Magalye Matos, Parents Reaching Out, 201-951-1984, puro11@yahoo.com

On October 20th, Parents Reaching Out will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by inviting the entire Englewood Community, parents, and city and state officials to an open house where achievements of community youth will be recognized.

Fort Dix, New Jersey: Linda Johnson, JBMDL Dix School-Age Program, 609-562-3873, linda.johnson.17@us.af.mil

JBMDL Dix School-Age Program will have a “back-to-school” night to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. A family potluck dinner along with informational sessions will raise awareness and allow staff, children and parents to interact in an informal setting while learning about different afterschool programs for students. The event will take place on October 20th.

Newark, New Jersey: Iya Green, FOCUS Hispanic Center, 973-405-0460, iyagreen@focus411.org

At Luis Munoz Marin Elementary School, youth from the FOCUS Academy of Learners program will design a poster board or poem about why they love afterschool. The students will then present their artwork at the site’s *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 20th. Flyers were sent out to invite families, and local policy makers may attend.

Phillipsburg, New Jersey: Joanne Flynn, Phillipsburg REACH Program, 908-213-2594, Flynn.joanne@pburgsd.net

Phillipsburg REACH Program will hold a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) themed event on October 20th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be several student-run STEM activities for students and their guests. The event will also feature food and a raffle.

West Orange, New Jersey: Lee McDermott Schaefer, New Jersey School-Age Care Coalition, 908-789-0259, lee@njsacc.org

In honor of the Year of Science in Afterschool, NJSACC will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event at the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in West Orange on October 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Young people from three afterschool programs from around the state – selected by lottery – will attend a free field trip at the site, which will include workshops led by Park educators and a viewing of the “Great Train Robbery,” one of the first motion pictures. The water tower at the site will be lit up for *Lights On Afterschool*. One hundred people are expected to attend. Thomas Edison National Historical Park is the home of Thomas Edison’s laboratories and the place where many of his inventions were developed, including the motion picture.

New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Amelia Gandara, Youth Development, Inc, 505-212-7427, agandara@ydinm.org

Youth Development will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Community Fun Event on October 21st at the Lowell Elementary site. As Before and Afterschool Programs’ sponsors, Youth Development has been integral to helping the school become a full service community school center. The event will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and will include food, entertainment and a service fair. All community members are invited.

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

Farmington Public Library will host its annual *Lights On Afterschool* Event on October 20th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. There will be juggling, reading, movies, hands-on activities and an online tutor presentation. Teachers and city council members will participate in this three-hour event to learn about the importance of afterschool programs.

Holloman AFB, New Mexico: Stephanie Mahoney, Holloman AFB School Age Program, 575-572-1136, stephanie.mahoney@holloman.af.mil

To celebrate the culture and diversity of Southern New Mexico, and in conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month, Holloman AFB School Age Program will use luminaries to light up White Sands National Monument. The luminary bags will be in red, white, blue and will be placed in the shape of a United States flag. Once candles placed inside are lit, it should be a spectacular showcase of American pride and pride in the afterschool program youth involved with its creation! Afterschool youth will make up the luminaries and place them on the side of a white sand dune. The program will be scheduled to start right after dusk, with a few short remarks about afterschool programming and *Lights On Afterschool*, then the lighting. Light refreshments and information tables will be on site. The event will be held on October 20th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Santa Fe, New Mexico: Bernice Martinez, San Ildefonso After School Program, 505-455-2635, bmartinez@sanipueblo.org

On October 20th, the students of the San Ildefonso Afterschool Program will march from the Governor's office to the Learning Center with lighted Farolitos (paper lanterns) for *Lights On Afterschool*. The march will begin at 3:00 PM, and it will be followed by activities and refreshments.

Shiprock, New Mexico: Jarvis Mullahon, Boys & Girls Club of Tse Bit Ai Unit, 505-368-1125, mullahonj@yahoo.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Tse Bit Ai Unit will host a Halloween-themed *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 28th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. The club will also use *Lights On Afterschool* to reach out to the community to recruit new club members and build stronger connections with community partners and stakeholders. Council Delegates and leaders will speak on behalf of the club and all afterschool programs about the importance of building character, enhancing leadership qualities and making today's youth strong and resilient.

New York

Albany, New York: Elyse Nepa, Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany, 518-462-5528, elyse.nepa@gmail.com

On October 20th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany plans to do a power-hour of homework time. They will also work on lightbulb art projects for *Lights On Afterschool* and will then play a club-wide game of kickball. The children will create postcards to thank the members of the community who support *Lights On Afterschool* and all afterschool programs. All children will wear white or yellow to support the *Lights On Afterschool* campaign.

Buffalo, New York: Alissa Venturini, Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center, 716-893-7222x401, aventurine@urbanctr.org

The Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with its second annual "Connected Afterschool" Film Festival at the Market Arcade Theatre on October 20th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Six agencies have joined together to create this Red Carpet event which will showcase a film developed by the youth from each of the centers' afterschool programs. The night will also include "photo-ops" on the Red Carpet with program participants acting as photographers, as well as testimonials from participants about the importance of afterschool programs. The night will feature proclamations by city, county, and state governments.

Jamaica, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Deep Ghosh, The Child Center of New York, Inc, 347-510-4832, deepghosh@childcenterny.org

The Child Center of NY and the Queens Borough President's Office will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by presenting the Youth Empowerment Conference: Empire State of Mind on October 21st from 12:00 to 6:00 PM at York College. The conference will celebrate young people and their contribution to a safer, healthier and more educated society by offering sexual health workshops, free and confidential sexually transmitted infection testing, and yoga and meditation sessions. There will also be a college and resource fair along with a fashion show. Free food and giveaways will be available throughout the event.

New York, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Esther Grant-Walker, Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center, 212-427-2520, egrant-walker@isaacscenter.org

On October 20th, the Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center Afterschool Programs will celebrate the *12th Annual Lights On Afterschool* at all its program locations. Open Houses will be held at the Isaacs Center Beacon Program at PS198/77 Lab School and the Isaacs Center Afterschool Program at PS112 in East Harlem. The Isaacs Center Afterschool Learning Program will hold a neighborhood march from the Community Center commencing at 93rd Street and First Avenue. All events will begin at 4:00 PM. Families are invited to join in spreading the word about afterschool, participating in the letter-writing campaign, signing online petitions, and marching in the community. The center's goal is to collect 1,500 signatures in support of continued and increased funding for afterschool programs. Afterschool youth will also present their artwork and perform songs and dances and make speeches about the importance of afterschool programs in the community.

New York, New York: Justina C. Sharrock, Harlem RBI, 646-709-8621, jsharrock@harlemrbi.org

The Harlem RBI REAL Kids afterschool program will hold two super-sized versions of its "Runs Rally" on October 21st at 5:15 PM to celebrate *Lights On*. Each week Harlem RBI hosts an event to honor participants who have exemplified Harlem RBI values that week. Afterschool youth and coaches will reflect on how important afterschool is to their lives and what important lessons they take away from it in preparation for the event – and decorate a lightbulb stating those reasons. During the event, Harlem RBI will showcase the lightbulbs its participants and coaches have filled in with their take on why afterschool is important, honor an "After School Hero" who has dedicated great service to the afterschool community, and end the ceremony with a "Runs Rally" awards show. The week's winners will be considered "After School Heroes in Training." Family, friends and community members will attend.

White Plains, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Byron Smalls, White Plains Youth Bureau, 914-422-1378, bsmall@whiteplainsny.gov

The White Plains Youth Bureau will kick off its *Lights On Afterschool* celebration with a press conference on the steps of White Plains City Hall on October 19th. The press conference will include remarks from White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, United States Representative Nita Lowey, Superintendent Dr. Christopher Clouet and many other supporters of *Lights On Afterschool*. Jen Rivera from Governor Cuomo's office will attend. The names of the 2012 White Plains *Lights On Afterschool* Essay and Poster Contest winners will be announced and recognized. Each of the White Plains public elementary and middle schools as well as Thomas H. Slater and Dekalb community-based afterschool programs will participate in a nationwide art show focused on artwork celebrating afterschool programming as well during October. Youth will work on essays describing the importance of quality afterschool programs to them, their families and their community. Children, their families and invited guests will end the month celebrating with a pot luck family night on October 21st from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at each of the White Plains Youth Bureau's afterschool programs and community-based program sites. Youth will showcase their artwork, talents and projects and participate in activities geared toward educating parents and families about the importance of afterschool programs, as well as other Youth Bureau and City of White Plains services.

North Carolina

Durham, North Carolina: Debra McFadden, 21st Century Community Learning Centers-TAPSS, 919-956-5599, dmcfadden@healthystartacademy.com

On October 20th, students from Health Start Academy will go outside with flashlights for *Lights On Afterschool* and have a nutrition and movement program along with science activities for parents and students, after their usual 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool session. Guests will enjoy the enriching activities that are the staple of the afterschool program.

Durham, North Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Michelle Gonzales-Green, See Saw Studio, 919-381-6314, director@seesawstudio.com

On October 20th, SeeSaw Studio youth will distribute *Lights On* twinklers and flyers to more than 15 businesses in the downtown Durham area. On the evening of October 21st, to coincide with Durham's Third Friday Culture Crawl event, See Saw Studio youth will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event that will feature lighted clothing, dancing, and a lighted art exhibit in the Studio's gallery from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. See Saw Studio will allow attendees to make a short video of themselves explaining how afterschool programs positively affected their lives and why the community should continue to support programs for youth after the school day ends.

Greensboro, North Carolina: Andrea Wright, Hayes-Taylor YMCA, 336-272-2132, andrea.wright@ymcagreensboro.org

The Hayes-Taylor YMCA will host a *Lights On Afterschool* pep rally on October 20th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the gymnasium. During the first 30 minutes, the YMCA afterschool program participants will display various afterschool talents. Then, the rally will move outside to the front lawn for a motivational speech and the lighting of the Lincoln Financial Building, our tallest skyscraper located in downtown Greensboro. 150 guests are expected.

Greensboro, North Carolina: Ebonie Smith, TSA Boys & Girls Clubs of Greensboro, 336-274-1509, ebonie.smith@uss.salvationarmy.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the TSA Boys & Girls Clubs of Greensboro will host a community open house where elected officials and community members will tour the facility and see how the program engages youth ages 6 to 18 in character building and academic enhancement through fun recreational activities. The program will be held on October 20th and guests will participate in the games and activities that the youth enjoy each day. The event is open to the entire community.

Raleigh, North Carolina: Nicholas Allen, Raleigh Boys Club, 919-834-6281, nallen@wakebgc.org

On October 20th for *Lights On Afterschool*, Raleigh Boys Club will host local community, educators, parents and staff for the opening of the Ryan Page Technology Learning Lab. This lab will be a state-of-the-art learning lab filled with the latest LeapFrog education technology. Club members from kindergarten to fifth grade will be able to participate in very focused, skill building exercises that mix fun, technology and learning. This lab will be able to measure progress, ensuring the effectiveness of the program is maximized at all times. The event will be open to the entire community.

Statesville, North Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Dr. Bricca P. Sweet, Statesville Housing Authority Family Development Division, 828-964-8406, Bricca.Sweet@gmail.com
Statesville will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a community-wide fair that is coordinated by the local partner and lead agency, Appropriate Placement Options, on October 20 from 4:30-7:30 PM at Harris Park (1400 Lerain Court, Statesville). Six area 21st Century Community Learning Center sites, youth from the local Boys & Girls Club, and surrounding schools will participate along with a wide array of local family serving agencies. At the fair: local agencies will serve food for families and afterschool students; children and parents will have the chance to win door prizes from area businesses; there will be information booths with games or activities for kids; afterschool programs will showcase their students' talents in a talent show and recognize volunteers; community leaders and dignitaries will discuss the importance of afterschool programs; and there will be a "moonglow" lighting of a hot air balloon, since the community fair is the night before Statesville's Annual Balloon Fest. More than 400 afterschool youth and families are expected to attend the three-hour celebration. Local media and community leaders including the mayor, county commissioners, school board members, the school superintendent, police chief and fire chief, will attend.

North Dakota

Cooperstown, North Dakota: Laurie McKenzie, Cooperstown 21st Century Community Learning Center, 701-676-2511, Laurie.McKenzie@sendit.nodak.edu

The Cooperstown 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a fall/Halloween carnival on October 28th. Activities will include book bingo, pumpkin carving, and much more. Dinner will be served.

Jamestown, North Dakota: Amber Voigt, Jamestown Afterschool Program, 701-840-1087, kicken_high@hotmail.com

Lights On Afterschool will also serve as Parents' Night at the Jamestown Afterschool Program. There will be activities for the entire family on October 20th to show that the educational lights are always on in Jamestown. The event will begin at 5:30 PM and light snacks will be served.

Fargo, North Dakota: Pam Erickson, YMCA, 701-364-4166, Erickson@ymcacasscaly.org
The Fargo YMCA will commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* with a photo gallery of the program displayed first at the program sites, and then at Fargo's jcpenny. Community members are encouraged to stop by the gallery at the local jcpenny store on October 20th to learn more about the afterschool programs offered by the Fargo YMCA.

Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota: Kimberly Sheridan, Minot Airforce Base Youth Program, 701-723-2838, kimberly.sheridan@minot.af.mil

Minot Air Force Base will introduce 4-H skill-a-thon projects and opportunities while highlighting the afterschool program for *Lights On Afterschool*. The 5th Med Grp HAWC - Health and Wellness Center will display and discuss health, nutrition and smoking cessation as well as hazardous use of legal and illegal substances.

Ohio

Alliance, Ohio: Julie Poyser, Synergy Alliance Navigators, 330-829-1234x1850, poyserju@alliancecityschools.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Synergy Alliance Navigators will host “Light the Night!” Community agencies will hand out informational fliers, local restaurants will set up tasting booths for a “Taste of Alliance,” and crafts stations will allow participants to decorate *Lights On Afterschool* lightbulbs. There will also be community group performances, as well as Navigators student performances. The night will be emceed by a local news anchor, the Afterschool Hero Award will be presented, and the mayor will deliver a proclamation. At 8:00 PM all guests will receive a *Lights On Afterschool* flashlight, form a “Support Afterschool” line on the field, and shine their flashlights in support of *Lights On Afterschool*. The local newspaper and radio stations will cover the event.

Bellefontaine, Ohio: Bail Friend, Hilliker YMCA, 937-592-9622, gfriender@hillikerymca.org McKinley Street, the Shortest Street in the World, will be closed for the Hilliker YMCA’s *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 20th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. McKinley Street is located in downtown Bellefontaine, and all of the town’s store owners have been asked to light up their storefronts in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. D.J. Backdraft Productions will light up McKinley street and provide music for the event. The local jcpenny store manager will talk about afterschool and the jcpenny “Pennies from Heaven” campaign. Mayor Adam Brannon, city councilmembers and other policy makers may attend.

Chagrin Falls, Ohio: Deanna Tenney, Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, 440-247-6030, cfpdeanna@chagrinfallspark.org

Chagrin Falls Park Community Center (CFPCC) will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th. Events will take place from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center located at 7060 Woodland Avenue in Bainbridge. This event is open to all. It will include a tour of the facility, and students will perform musical numbers and talk about their experiences in afterschool. Assistant Superintendent Nancy Santilli will speak.

Cincinnati, Ohio: Eboni Bonner, YMCA CincyAfterSchool, 513-363-5900, ebonner@myy.org CincyAfterSchool will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th with an event at their center, followed by an event at the local zoo.

Cleveland, Ohio: Martina Nwoga, Brightside Academy, 216-299-0262, mnwoga@brightrightsideacademy.org

On October 20th, Brightside Academy will host a *Lights On Afterschool* “Happy Harvest Festival” and have a Trunk or Treat event from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Children from local youth service organizations will participate.

Columbus, Ohio: Chase Hurlow, Milo Grogan Boys & Girls Club, 614-294-4366, churlow@bgccolumbus.org

A community night and cookout will be held at Milo Grogan Boys & Girls Club to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th. The event will bring awareness to program offerings and accomplishments. Families and friends of current Club members will participate in Club-wide activities such as arts and crafts, knock-out basketball and a ping-pong tournament.

Newark, Ohio: Erin Dupler, The YES Clubhouse, 740-522-0937, erin_yesclub@yahoo.com

The YES Clubhouse is celebrating with multiple lightings and the unveiling of a new addition to its facility, which will be used as a high school wing. Some 350 people are expected to attend the dedication of the new space. Staff will speak about afterschool programs and what the *Lights On Afterschool* celebration stands for. Refreshments and live music will be offered. A number of significant landmarks will be lit up in conjunction with the event: the local courthouse Chase Bank Tower and the Longaberger Basket building. At the event, there will be a huge spotlight that shines in the sky through the night. The event will culminate with the release of Japanese lanterns.

Oklahoma

Del City, Oklahoma: Ruth Kizer, Del City Elementary, 405-671-8640, rkizer@mid-del.net

The entire community is coming together to celebrate and light up Del City for *Lights On Afterschool*. Since there are no famous monuments in the area, Del City Elementary is asking everyone in the neighborhood to turn on porch lights and any other outdoor lighting they might have. Local businesses will light up marquees and all outdoor lighting. At the school site, local businesses, parents and partners are coming together to shine a light on their afterschool program with a carnival-like celebration for the entire community, with all services donated. A hot air balloon will light up the night, along with spotlights. Other donated offerings include: a petting zoo that includes a kangaroo, free hot dogs, drinks, chips, ice cream, popcorn, inflatable toys, fire truck, educational hands-on activities for the students, chess playing, karaoke, archery, tae kwon do, and a BMX demonstration. Many local businesses will set up booths and give out free information and prizes.

Norman, Oklahoma: Diane Murphree, United Way, 405-320-2025, dmurphree@uniteway-norman.org

Citizens of Norman will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a big event for parents and the community at Sooner Mall from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM on October 20th. The following out-of-school-time quality programs will participate with activities: Community After School Program; Loveworks, a middle school program; Sooner Success; Success by Six; Norman Public Library; Rainbow Fleet; YMCA; Center for Children & Families Neighborhood Centers; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma; Norman Parks & Recreation; and Classical Ballet Academy.

Pryor, Oklahoma: Cara Moulton, Boys & Girls Clubs of Green Country, 918-824-1908, cmoulton@greencountrybgc.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Green Country, an Indian Country Club located in Cherokee Nation, will light up its flagship Club the RG Unit on October 20th at 4:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On*. Boys & Girls Clubs of Green Country helps a mostly-in-need community, heavily minority Native American, with free or almost no-cost afterschool fun and education programs, as well as healthy nutritious meals for its members. Food will be provided for all those who come to the event. 200 guests are expected.

Tahlequah Oklahoma: Laura Rogers, Boys & Girls Club of Tahlequah, 918-458-4110, rogersl@tahlequah.k12.ok.us

On October 19th, the Boys & Girls Club of Tahlequah will showcase its afterschool programs to parents and the community by holding a Career Day for *Lights On Afterschool*. The local police chief and forest rangers will drop by to talk to the students. The forest rangers will also bring forest animals – a la Jack Hanna – to share with the students. The Club will hold group events and provide a cookout dinner for all guests from 3:15 to 5:30 PM.

Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma: Joy Shelly, Tinker Youth Center, 405-734-1234,
joy.shelly@tinker.af.mil

Tinker Youth Center will hold an ice cream social on October 19 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Staff will present special projects that will include a community service project and a Three Words Campaign about the Youth Center.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: Simonne Miller, Keys Club After School, 918-833-8938,
millersi@tulsaschools.org

Keys Club After School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by inviting parents and the community to see what the students have been working on in the afterschool program on October 20th. The school's clubs will have a showcase to demonstrate how beneficial the program can be for families.

Oregon

Portland, Oregon: Sarah Fast, Regence Boys & Girls Club, 503-853-8678,
sarah.fast@bgcportland.org

Regence Boys & Girls Club will stay open from 2:00 to 8:30 PM on October 20th for all members and their families in addition to community members in the neighborhood to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. During this time, a Harvest Carnival with a number of games and challenges will be held for students and their families. There will be a healthy snacks workshop where parents and kids can learn to make healthy snacks together and decorate their own recipe books.

Portland, Oregon: Adam Foote, Meyer Boys & Girls Club, 503-238-6868,
adam.foote@bgcportalnd.org

The Meyer Boys & Girls Club will host a penny carnival for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th for members and their families. In addition, there will be tours of the Club and free membership opportunities.

The Dalles, Oregon: Holly Morris, OSU Extension Service, Wasco County 4-H, 541-296-2135,
holly.morris@orstate.edu

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, OSU Extension Service, Wasco County 4-H will hold an evening event at Dalles Middle School that will include, hands-on science experiments and robotic activities where participants can explore the engineering and programming of Lego NXT Mindstorm kits.

Woodburn, Oregon: Stu Spence, Woodburn OR PAL, 503-982-2448,
stu.spence@ci.woodburn.or.us

The Woodburn OR PAL will kick off *Lights On Afterschool* with a proclamation by the mayor on October 20th, followed by lightbulb projects in the elementary school to promote afterschool program awareness. The decorated lightbulbs will be hung at the school and public library.

Pennsylvania

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania: Alicia Searock, Broughal Community School, 610-866-5041, x40 aes310@lehigh.edu

The Broughal Community School, in conjunction with ArtsQuest, plans to rally its students, families and community members in support of after school programming at Broughal Middle School. The group will proceed, on foot, from Broughal Middle School to the ArtsQuest. Once at the SteelStacks Campus, the group will light up five blast furnaces from the former Bethlehem Steel Corporation in blue and yellow for *Lights On Afterschool*. SteelStacks is an arts and culture campus located at the site of the former Bethlehem Steel plant. The site represents the redevelopment of the largest industrial brownfield in the country. Musical performances and artwork by Broughal students will be presented, as well as the premiere of the Broughal Community School video in the new SteelStacks Theater. The event will come to an end as the group lights the Bridge Sculpture, which spans 70 feet in length and is 30 feet tall, with a natural gas flame.

Easton, Pennsylvania: Kendra Getz, Family YMCA School Age Childcare, 610-258-6158, x26, kendra@familyymca.org

On October 20th, the YMCA School Age Childcare program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration with a talent showcase, a mad scientist demonstration, and a family-style dinner. The event will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Easton YMCA.

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania: Emily Knowles-Kellett, Collaborating For Youth, 717-338-0300, x26

October 20th marks Adams County's eighth annual *Lights On Afterschool* rally. It will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in the Gettysburg Area Middle School cafeteria. It will raise awareness among community leaders and families about the number of youth left unsupervised after school and the cost-effectiveness of quality afterschool programs. This year, the Adams County *Lights On* event will also highlight the migrant education program's selection as one of five MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovator Awards. These \$10,000 awards are given to five programs from around the country from the MetLife Foundation and the Afterschool Alliance. *Lights On* in Adams County will also feature a fair/carnival with booths, and each of the 30 area afterschool providers will showcase their different activities.

Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania: Afterschool Ambassador Jeanne Miller, SHINE Program, 610-799-1972, jmiller@lccc.edu

Hundreds of afterschool youth in Lehigh Carbon Community College SHINE 21st Century After-School program, located in Carbon and Schuylkill counties, will gather to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The event will have surprise visitor from UPS who will deliver a package containing a SHINE drum made in a village in Africa to the president of the local community college. This will prompt a chorus of "That's Logistics," as the curtain rises on children from six SHINE centers, donning their SHINE STEM (science,

technology, engineering and math) t-shirts. Afterschool youth will perform a musical on logistics, which is one of the many STEM focused high-priority careers the youth have studied. A local judge will talk about how afterschool programs keep children safe and out of trouble. One of the event's highlights will be youth from one afterschool site demonstrating different types of alternative energy through wind bags, sailboats in a mini swimming pool and student-made hover crafts. Students will perform an anatomy and physiology musical dance and sing a Caribbean culture song they learned during their summer enrichment camp. Local policy makers and a parent will discuss the merits of afterschool and how these programs help children succeed in school and expose them to the careers of the future. SHINE will close its *2011 Lights On* event by rolling out its new DVD, "The Future Is Now," which focuses on the effectiveness of teaching STEM in afterschool programs.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Jessica Borger, City of Philadelphia/PHMCS, 215-825-8202, jdemko@phmc.org

On October 20th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM, the City of Philadelphia will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration across from City Hall at the Municipal Services Building – Thomas Paine Plaza. The rally will feature youth performances and Mayor Nutter will proclaim October 20th *Lights On Afterschool Day*. City council members and a local sports celebrity are expected to attend, and a personality from a local television station personality will emcee the event. National leaders from the Afterschool Alliance and jcpenny will share the new 2011 State-by-State Afterschool Progress Reports and Consumer Guides. A rally of youth performances and inspirational speakers will send the message that afterschool is key to youth success, and that Philadelphia must keep the lights on and the doors open after school. In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Philadelphia's famous LOVE Park fountain will be colored dark blue and Boathouse Row, a historic national landmark, will be trimmed in blue. In the days leading up to the event, the message "*National Lights On for Afterschool Programs – 10/20* www.afterschoolalliance.org" will be displayed across the Philadelphia skyline on a prominent landmark, the PECO Crown Lights.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Aimee LeFevers, United Way of Allegheny County, 412- 456-6876; alefevers@uwac.org

On October 25th at 7:00 PM, approximately 150 afterschool providers, youth, families, county and city leaders, state legislators, local endowment leaders, and school districts officials will parade to the Fred Rogers Memorial Statue for a ceremonial lighting in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. This will be the culminating event of the APOST (Allegheny Partners for Out-of-School Time) *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at the Carnegie Science Center, where more than 650 out-of-school time providers will be invited to show off their programs, engage folks in hands-on activities, and unite in building a public will to support the out-of-school-time profession. The APOST Quality Campaign has the capacity to host such an event because it is a partnership of funders, intermediaries and providers dedicated to building a quality out-of-school time system. The goal of APOST is to contribute to the healthy, successful development of young people as they progress through their school years, graduate from high school and become adults.

West Chester, Pennsylvania: Nicole Snader, YMCA of the Brandywine Valley-YPC, 610-696-9622, nsnader@ymcabwv.org

To highlight the importance of quality afterschool programs, hundreds of area families will participate in the *Lights On Afterschool* rally October 20th at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square. The event, sponsored by YMCA of the Brandywine Valley, will begin at 5:00 PM. YMCA families will enjoy free admission to Longwood Gardens before assembling for the program at 7:20 PM in the main fountain area, which will be followed by an illuminated, *Lights On* group photograph of participants.

Rhode Island

Providence, Rhode Island: Joseph Morra, Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance, 401-444-0615, joseph.morra@afterschoolri.org

The Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance will host its ninth annual *Lights On Afterschool* Breakfast of Champions, themed “The Other Side of Learning,” on October 21st at the Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. Four hundred people are expected to attend the breakfast, which will feature Wes Moore, youth advocate and author of *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*. The breakfast will honor exemplary afterschool educators and programs. Youth from afterschool programs from across the state will also perform.

Warwick, Rhode Island: Erica Saccoccio, Afterschool Moves, 401-921-5630, saamc02889@yahoo.com

On October 20th, After School Moves will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting an evening full of music, dance, art and poetry. There will be contests in graffiti, songwriting, and dance open to children age 5 to 14. The youth will help plan and implement the program’s activities throughout the afternoon, including free dance classes and autograph signing.

Woonsocket, Rhode Island: Charlotte Boudreau, Connecting for Children and Families, 401-766-3384, cboudreau@ccfcenter.org

This *Lights On Afterschool* event will be on November 10th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The event will be open to students, parents and teachers. Various community programs will set up booths and hand out informational brochures and giveaways to raise awareness for afterschool programs as well as community services in the area.

South Carolina

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

Afterschool students in Richland County will celebrate the outdoors and equestrians for *Lights On Afterschool* at a *Blazing New Trails* event on October 20th from 2:30 to 5:15 PM.

Afterschool youth from the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Homework Centers Program, sponsored by SCE&G/SCANA, will be bussed from their school sites to the Bright Morning Star Ranch in Blythewood. There they will participate in: horseback riding; equestrian math lessons; hayrides; horseshoe games; equestrian care, safety and stable tours; “Grand Ole Opry” barn/line dancing; an outdoor barbeque and more. There will also be a formal awards program for the 2011 Great Friend to Afterschool Award Recipients, 2011 Poster Contest Winners and 2011 Essay Contest Winners. Blythewood Mayor Keith Bailey will attend and Dr. Percy Mack, Superintendent of Schools, will provide the closing remarks.

Greenville, South Carolina: Erica McCleskey, BOOST, 864-354-4706, emccleskey@cisgreenville.org

BOOST (Building Opportunities in Out of School Time) has partnered with the Junior League of Greenville, to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* in conjunction with Home Run for Healthy Kids®, in a county wide celebration at the Greenville Drive baseball stadium on October 21st. Gates open at 4:30 PM for all out-of-school time programs serving school age youth. At the stadium, students will run the bases, watch a cooking demonstration by Earth Fare, participate in an internet safety presentation by Detective Rick Floyd, and view a performance by the ReadNex, a hip hop poetry squad. 1,000 guests are expected.

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina: Laura Vogel, Boys & Girls Club of Hilton Head Island, 843-689-5565, lvogel@bgclwocountry.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Hilton Head Island will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th with fun-filled activities. The event will include an open house in the early afternoon with various recreational and educational activities that include face painting, three-on-three basketball and energy and construction workshops sponsored by Palmetto Electric and Home Depot. After the open house, the children will be taken to Sea Pines Resort to assist in the lighting of the iconic Harbour Town Lighthouse with members from the Long Cove Yacht Club. The festivities will begin at 4:00 PM and refreshments will be served.

Spartanburg, South Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Greg Tolbert, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate, 864-583-4867, x102, greg@bgcusc.org

The city of Spartanburg will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* in Morgan Square on October 21st. At the event, they will light up a statue of Revolutionary War General Daniel Morgan. Local law enforcement officials will thank school officials for afterschool and a local business plans to announce that it will light up the statue for a few nights in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. United States Representative Trey Gowdy will attend and organizers plan to thank him for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate's 21st Century Community Learning Center funding. National Afterschool Alliance Chair Terry Peterson, Spartanburg Department of Public Safety Director Tony Fisher, School Superintendent Russell Booker and United Way President Chris Steed will also attend.

South Dakota

Belle Fourche, South Dakota: Marcy Urban, Camp Oasis, 605-832-2467 campoasis.bfacc@midconetowrk.com .

BFACC-Camp Oasis will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a pasta supper, children's concert, and dessert auction on October 20th at 5:00 PM at the Belle Fourche Area Community Center. The concert will be performed by Camp Oasis kids and local musicians, with an opening by the high school drum line. Dancing and music will follow.

Mitchell, South Dakota: Erin Bofenkamp, Afterschool Partnership & SoDakSACA, 605-367-9667, erin@sdvoicesforchildren.org

Afterschool Partnership & SoDakSACA hosted a grand *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 8th with Aberdeen Mayor Mike Leveson as the emcee. The highlight of the event was the

lighting ceremony of the Corn Palace at 5:30 PM. Rebekah White of Colome won the statewide contest among South Dakota afterschool participants for her interpretation of a healthy activity, which has been depicted on a corn mural in the Corn Palace.

Rapid City, South Dakota: Afterschool Ambassador Carla Allard, The Learning Zone, 605-394-5120, collard@clc.tie.net

The Learning Zone, Rapid City Academy Schools and Partnership Rapid City will host a Careers in Action Conference again this year for Rapid City Academy School students to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The conference will be held October 19th, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. More than 350 youth, principals and school leaders, representatives from the business world, will attend. The conference will held at Jefferson Academy.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Nancy Fallon, YWCA Avera, 605-362-9438, nfallon@ywca-sf.org
On October 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, YWCA Avera will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Open House for teachers, parents, grandparents, and friends. Guests will join the afterschool program for a fun-filled afternoon of Lightning Bug Art Projects, board games, outdoor gams, and making lightbulb necklaces. Light refreshments will be served.

Tennessee

Brownsville, Tennessee: Alisa Hopson, Boys & Girls Club of Jackson, 731-772-0552, ahopson@bgcjmc.org

Boys & Girls Club of Jackson will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM by displaying their lightbulb art and hosting a Fall Festival with games and prizes for students, parents, and invited teachers. At 5:30 PM the students and parents will take part in a discussion on internet safety in the technology lab. Refreshments will be served.

Chattanooga, Tennessee: Debbie Fleming, JA Henry YMCA Bradley County YES, 423-757-0665, Bradley.Polk.Yes.Debbie@gmail.com

The Bradley County *Lights On Afterschool* event will be held at the Cleveland YMCA on October 20th, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. It will feature a slide show of past activities and trips with background music that students did through their “Drums Alive” program. There will be a huge leaf less tree painted on a large canvas, and each person who signs the petition to continue afterschool funding will make an impression of their thumb on the canvas tree and sign their name beside it. After *Lights On Afterschool*, it will hang in the facility to remind the city of the importance of keeping the kids safe. There will be door prizes and refreshments for guests.

Chattanooga, Tennessee: Afterschool Ambassador James McKissic, Urban League of Greater Chattanooga, 423-756-1762, jmckissic@ulchatt.net

In celebration of *Lights on Afterschool*, the Urban League will be presenting a photography exhibit of afterschool students and activities at a series of events this week. The exhibit will be at The Mill, for the Urban League’s Annual Appreciation Reception on October 20th, and on the morning of October 21st, for the Urban League’s Annual Equal Opportunity Day breakfast. The following week the exhibit will be on display at City Hall. It is expected that more than 700 people will see the exhibit, which celebrates out-of-school time and the students, teachers, families, policy makers and organizations that make it possible.

Knoxville, Tennessee: Betty Rose, SHADES of Development, 865-689-2755, betty@shadesofdevelopment.org

SHADES of Development will hold an art show and offer gym games to celebrate its second annual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 20th. The event is open to students, their families and the community and will begin at 5:00 PM.

Martin, Tennessee: Kristy Robinson, Martin Housing Authority Light, 731-587-3186, kristy@martinhousing.org

Martin Housing Authority will light up an old middle school building, a local landmark, to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The school was once segregated, but served as the school when it was integrated. The City of Martin purchased the building, and the old school will host Martin Housing Authority's afterschool programs after it is repaired.

Memphis, Tennessee: Barbara Nesbitt, Vance Avenue Youth Development Center, 901-527-1145, vanceave1@att.net

Vance Avenue Youth Development Center will mark *Lights On Afterschool* by holding a carnival-style fundraiser on October 22nd from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The event will allow community members to learn more about the center and its impact on the community. There will be many activities for the community to enjoy including a cakewalk, moon-bounces, and games set up by vendors. Proceeds from the fund raiser will go to Vance Avenue Youth Development Center.

Nashville, Tennessee: James "Boots" Donnelly, Backfield in Motion, Inc., 615-227-9935, bootsd@backfieldinmotion.org

Backfield in Motion, Inc., in partnership with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools and the Isaac Litton High School Alumni Association, will host an open house at the Isaac Litton Alumni Center in East Nashville on October 20th. A reception will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 PM showcasing the new facility. Students will be engaged in a basketball scrimmage on-site in the gymnasium during the open house. Refreshments will be served.

Texas

Arlington, Texas: Ylonda Burris, Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington, 817-504-2787, yburris@bgcarlington.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th. Each youth and parent who attends will receive a passport that will be stamped once they have participated in a certain activity. The goal is to help spread the word about the Boys & Girls Clubs and to show the community what the Club has to offer. Local vendors who partner with the Club will come out and work with the families who attend.

Bryan, Texas, Tiffany Parker, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Brazos Valley, 979-822-7516, tpareker@bgcbv.org

The Boys & Girls Club of the Brazos Valley's Lincoln Recreation Center Unit will celebrate *Lights on Afterschool* on October 20th at 4:00 PM. The open house will include interactive games and activities for the entire family. Refreshments will be served.

Dallas, Texas: Afterschool Ambassador Tanya McDonald, Dallas Afterschool Network, 214-306-8400 x100, tmcdonald@dasn.org

The Dallas Afterschool Network (DASN) will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a 12-week awareness raising campaign that will kick off on October 20. At 10:00 AM, DASN will kick off the “Who Cares About Tomorrow” campaign on the front porch of its headquarters at 2902 Swiss Ave with a rally featuring local afterschool providers, DASN staff, and community leaders wearing t-shirts declaring “iDo” in answer to “Who Cares About Tomorrow.” In the following 12 weeks, DASN leaders will be asking the North Texas community this question to inform the metropolitan area about the importance of afterschool time, and to inspire individuals to volunteer and possibly change a child’s life. “Dallas AfterSchool Network believes in the value of quality afterschool programs to inspire learning and provide hope for tomorrow amongst the most vulnerable students. The three hours from 3:00 to 6:00 PM can be used to change a life,” said *Lights On* organizer and DASN Executive Director Tanya McDonald. For more information about the campaign, visit <http://whocaresabouttomorrow.org/>.

Dallas, Texas: Diana Clark, Youth Conflict Resolution Center, Inc, 214-220-9510, Diana@youngmediators.org

On October 20th YCRC will be teaching conflict resolution to afterschool students as part of *Lights On*. The “Be a Buddy, Not a Bully Pledge” will emphasize non-violent responses and address how to deal with bullying. The event will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Larry Johnson Rec Center in South Dallas. Along with the pledge, students will participate in special readings, play in bounce houses, and go on horse rides. Supporters at local businesses, churches and homes will decorate their front doors to show their support for afterschool programs in South Dallas.

Houston, Texas: Alynthia Curtis, Atherton Elementary School, 713-671-3659, acurtis3@houstonisd.org

On October 20th, Atherton Elementary School’s Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by showcasing its students’ talents in arts, karate, chess, robotics, science, writing, drama, band cheerleading and basketball. The event will be rolled into the regular afterschool program time.

Fort Worth, Texas: Johnnie Clark, Clayton YES, 817-874-3268, johnnie.francis@fwisd.org
Clayton YES will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by showcasing projects from the classes offered in the program, along with the second annual *Lights On* bingo game and ping-pong tournament on October 20th.

LaPorte, Texas: Steven Villano, Pasadena ISD, 713-740-5317, svillano@pasadenaisd.org
Students from each of the ten 21st Century Community Learning Centers program sites will meet at the Battleship Texas, anchored on the Buffalo Bayou and the busy Houston Ship Channel. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s 1,200-acre San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site consists of the Battleground, Monument and Battleship Texas. Students will perform activities learned at their sites. Invited public officials will speak about the importance of afterschool programs. Pasadena Independent School District will link the freedom the site represents to the freedom of opportunities students receive when they get a full, well-rounded education via afterschool programs. The highlight of the program will be when students line up

around the Battleship with candles lighting the way to the future. The event, sponsored by Pasadena Independent School District and Texas Parks and Wildlife, will last from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

San Antonio, Texas: Steven Tobias, San Antonio Youth, 210-223-3131, x8203, steven@sanantonioyouth.org

San Antonio Youth will host a *Lights On Afterschool* fashion show at Dan Cook and Salvation Army program sites on October 20th. The fashion show will feature afterschool youth who will wear recycled t-shirts that they designed based on the theme: What My Afterschool Program Means to Me. Judges will select the best t-shirt concept and design. As a finale, the San Antonio Youth vans will light up the centers and highlight the winning designs.

Utah

Bluff, Utah: Shawnmarie Powell, Bluff Success Academy, 435-678-1296, BLF-ASPS@sanjuanschool.org

On the evening of October 19th, Bluff Success Academy will hold a community dinner at which school-wide events will be highlighted. The theme of the night is *Lights On* to support the After School Program.

Clearfield, Utah: Kristina Webecke, Wasatch Elementary Before/After School, 801-402-2673, kwebecke@dsdmail.net

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Wasatch Elementary Before/After School will welcome parents and children to enjoy a fun-filled night of games, dinner, book exchanges and a Safety Fair on October 27th starting at 5:30 PM.

Moab, Utah: Stephanie Dahlstrom, BEACON Afterschool Program, 435-259-2767, dahlstroms@grandschools.org

Moab's mayor proclaimed October 11th *Lights On Afterschool* Day and city hall featured exhibits from area afterschool programs. At the BEACON site, students and their parents were taught line dance instruction set to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" from a professional dance instructor who also gave demonstrations in modern dance, jazz and hip-hop. The festivities began with dinner at 5:30 PM and ended at 7:30 PM.

Provo, Utah: Alexandria R. Monahan, Wasatch Elementary After School Program, 801-374-4910, alexm@provo.edu

Wasatch Elementary After School Program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 26th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. The theme this year is Halloween. The participants will carve pumpkins, engage in physical activities, and first- and second-graders will sing "13 days of Halloween" while older children create ACROSTIC Name Poems. Each year, afterschool students and their families participate in a "Funny Face" contest. The winner, the person whose funniest face is captured on film will receive his or her favorite candy bar and a certificate declaring his or hers the "Funniest Face."

Salt Lake County, Utah: Tammy Champo, Salt Lake County Youth Services, 385/468-4506, tchampo@slco.org

Salt Lake County Youth Services is hosting its third annual *Lights On Afterschool* celebration as part of a nationwide effort to encourage community support and involvement in afterschool programs. Youth Services will invite parents, teens, teachers, school administrators and community members and leaders to come to the *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations to find out how to get involved in afterschool programs through volunteer work, donations and partnerships. A *Lights On Afterschool* celebration will be held in Magna at Matheson Junior High on October 19th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM and will include students from Brockbank Junior High, which just expanded to a five-days-a-week program thanks to a Safe Passages grant. Salt Lake County Deputy Mayor Nichole Dunn will be the keynote speaker, followed by live performances from the youth. Kearns Junior High will host a separate *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 26th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Afterschool youth from Kennedy Junior High will also attend. Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon will be the keynote speaker and students will showcase talents and projects they have worked on throughout the past semester.

Spanish Fork, Utah: Angela Eckhardt, Afterschool 4-H Nebo School District, 801-798-4037, angela.eckhardt@nebo.edu
Lights On Afterschool in Spanish Fork will be held on October 24th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Landmark High School. Representatives from Funfinity will attend and supervise board games. There will also be a bounce house and refreshments will be served.

Tooele City, Utah: Darlene Dixon, Boys & Girls Club of GSL - Tooele Club, 435-843-5719, Darlene.dixon@bgcgsl.org
The mayor will sign a proclamation marking October 20th as *Lights On Afterschool* Day in Tooele City. The Boys & Girls Club of GSL - Tooele Club will offer free, positive family activities, like skating, swimming and bowling, to all families who participate. Tooele City residents will be encouraged to leave their porch lights on all night to show their support for *Lights On Afterschool*.

West Valley City, Utah: Afterschool Ambassador Margaret Peterson, Community Education Partnership, 801-949-9812, cep4kids@comcast.net
Some of Community Education Partnership's 19 afterschool sites will participate in a "honk and wave" on October 20th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Youth will stand outside near busy intersections with signs and posters saying, "Honk if you support afterschool programs." In past years, this event has been successful at stopping traffic with all the cars and drivers honking and waving.

Vermont

Alburgh, Vermont: Charity Darby, GRACE, 802-796-3573, chardarb@gisu.org
This year's *Lights On Afterschool* theme will be "Get A Pizza Of The Action," and students will host a pizza party on October 20th from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Each grade level will create and name its own pizza. There will also be games and a slideshow showcasing programs that are offered during afterschool.

Brandon, Vermont: Nancy Bird, RNESU-SOAR Afterschool Program, 802-247-6833, x284, nbird@rnesu.org

The RNESU-SOAR Afterschool Program will host an open house with light refreshments prepared by afterschool students on October 19th at the Whiting and Neshobe afterschool sites. Parents and community members will have the opportunity to see what the SOAR students do in the afterschool program as well as participate in some activities.

Fairlee, Vermont: Jody Mace, SME Visions After School Program, 802-333-9755, jmace@rivendellschool.org

SME Visions After School Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 19th. Parents and community members will attend an open house. Youth will showcase what they're learning in their creative dance and German culture classes.

Milton, Vermont: Brenda Tourangeau, Milton Family Community Center, 802-893-1457, btourangeau@miltonfamilycenter.org

The afterschool program will host an art show with appetizers and art projects for all its participants for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th. During the art show, organizers will show a school safety DVD. The art show will be from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. The students will also be making necklaces and Halloween decorations.

Springfield, Vermont: Tamara Stagner, All-4-One Springfield School District, 802-885-2531, tstagner@ssdvt.org

On October 20th, Park Street School will light up the oldest schoolhouse in Vermont in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. In addition from 5:00 to 7:00 PM the entire community will be invited to share in fun, food, games, face painting and a costume swap for children that may not have a Halloween costume. The event is free.

Virginia

Alexandria, Virginia: Jim Dempsey, Community Lodgings, 703-739-5856, jdempsey@communitylodgings.org

Community Lodgings will host its *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 20th at the Family Learning Center from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Each of Community Lodgings' partners will be recognized at the open house. Partners will also be given a table to distribute information about their work and mingle with supporters.

Chantilly, Virginia: Chris Woodby, Franklin Middle School After School Program, 703-904-5183, Christopher.woodby@fcps.edu

Franklin Middle School After School Program will host its fourth annual *Lights On Afterschool* family bingo night on October 20th. The winners will receive great prizes and food will be served.

Charlottesville, Virginia: Brookes Sims, YMCA/Park's Edge After School Program, 434-974-9622, bsims@piedmontymcs.org

This year, *Lights On Afterschool* will bring "America's Got Talent" to the YMCA/Park's Edge After School Program with a "YMCA's Got Talent" competition. Afterschool youth will perform a choreographed dance routine, Party People. Afterschool staff will perform "YMCA."

Danville, Virginia: Jeff Liverman, Danville Science Center, 434-791-5160, jliverman@smv.org
Discover Danville area afterschool options at *Lights On Afterschool* at the Danville Science Center on October 20th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The Science Center will join with other area community organizations to participate in the variety of activities available after school in Danville. It will be an open house featuring activities and displays from Danville's Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, YMCA, Danville Church Based Tutorial Program, Danville Education, Arts and Cultural Center and Danville/Pittsylvania Community Services.

Newport News, Virginia: Afterschool Ambassador Karen Washington, Youth Programs, 757-926-1400, kwashington@mngov.com
Youth Programs will host *Lights On Afterschool* open houses at each of its 18 afterschool locations in Newport News on October 20th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Afterschool locations include B.C. Charles, Deer Park, Epes, Hidenwood, Hilton, Jenkins, Kiln Creek, Palmer, McIntosh, Sanford, Saunders, Sedgefield and Yates Elementary schools, Denbigh Early Childhood Center, Denbigh Therapeutics Center, Passage Teen program and Brittingham-Midtown Community Center KIDS and TEENS programs. Organizers expect 1,000 youth, parents and community members to participate.

Richmond, Virginia: Ed Rossmore, Rural Family Dev/VA Council of Churches, 804-513-0186
Eastern Shore Community College will be the site of Rural Family Dev/VA Council of Churches *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 20th. The staff of Rural Family Development will be present to guide and direct parents and their children to visit the different programs sharing their mission. Children and youth will participate in structured activities provided by each invited organization/vendor. The event will begin at 3:00 PM to coincide with the end of the school day and continue until 6:30 PM in order to catch parents following work.

Virginia Beach, Virginia: Cathy Mead, Navy MWR Youth Programs NAS Oceana, 757-433-3976, cathy.mead@navy.mil
On October 20th the Navy MWR Youth Programs will host a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival and fall fest. *Lights On Afterschool* in Virginia Beach will also feature a parent information booth and tours given by afterschool youth.

Washington

Pasco, Washington: Andrea Locati, Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties, 509-543-9980, Andrea@kidexpert.org

On October 20th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties will have a special challenge for its members. Each group will be given the same challenge and then they will all come together in the gym to see all the successes and creativity – and give away prizes. At the end of the meeting they will create a *Lights On Afterschool* poster which everyone can write a message about why afterschool programming is important or what they love about the Club.

Tacoma, Washington: Afterschool Ambassador Noah Prince, Tacoma 360, 253-579-1165, nprice@tacoma360.org

Tacoma 360 will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th at First Creek Middle School. The event will showcase Tacoma's new coordinated afterschool program with ten different afterschool agencies being represented. Mayor Marilyn Strickland and the school superintendent will attend. About 200 parents, youth, teachers and community members are expected to participate. The event will begin at 4:00 PM. The first hour will be in the form of an open house, followed by a showcase of program activities and remarks by elected officials and program youth in the second hour, and then a dinner for youth and their families. The event will wrap up at 7:00 PM.

Toppenish, Washington: Melanie Willis, Northwest Community Action Center, 509-865-7630, melaniew@nactopp.org

The Northwest Community Action Center will partner with Yakima School District to host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 20th. Event organizers plan to light up a local building in honor of the program, which serves more than 5,000 21st Century Community Learning Centers afterschool youth.

Tulalip, Washington: Christina Gahringer, Tulalip Boys & Girls Club, 360-716-3400, cgahringer@bgcsc.org

Tulalip Boys & Girls Club will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event to promote safety when youth are walking to school and/or home or riding the bus. There will be a "Safetyville" where students can practice using the crosswalk, safe trick-or-treating, and more. The school district will also teach students about how to be safe and understand the rules of the bus. Students will be able to create art projects and play games to show others the importance of having an afterschool program.

West Virginia

Charlestown, West Virginia: Chuck Parker, Project ISAAC-CTMS, 304-725-7821, chparker@access.k12.wv.us

Project ISAAC-CTMS will host a technology *Lights On Afterschool* open house for students to showcase their tech knowledge and skills to parents on October 20th. Youth will also answer any questions about the program and explain how the program works.

Huntington, West Virginia: Gretta Hill, Playmates CDC of WM, 304-429-4851, grhill75@aol.com

Playmates CDC of WM will host a large *Lights On Afterschool* event and light up the Memorial Fountain at Marshall University on October 20th. Participants will also enjoy a magic show and performances by cheerleaders and football players. Refreshments will be available.

Kermit, West Virginia: Sister Patricia Murray, ABLE Families, 304-393-4987, pmurray@ablefamilies.org

On October 20th, The ABLE Families afterschool program will host a speaker to discuss the importance of afterschool programs with parents and key stakeholders for *Lights On Afterschool*. The children will share their views about afterschool and their experiences in the program. The event will begin at 4:00 PM.

Omar, West Virginia: Shawn Farmer, Step by Step/Omar Elementary School, 304-946-2660, sfarmer@stepbystepvw.org

Step by Step/ Omar Elementary School will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event for parents, partners, and key stakeholders in the community on October 20th. The program will open its doors and allow guests to see the type of projects the students take part in on a daily basis in their afterschool sessions.

Wisconsin

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin: Karissa Schneider, Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac, 920-924-0530, kschneider@kidsclubfdl.org

Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac will be hosting a *Lights On Afterschool* event from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Johnsonville Club on October 20th. It will be an open house and a variety of local agencies will offer activities and information about their afterschool programs. There will be caramel apples for sale and lots of door prizes for attendees. In addition, Almost Live Music and Entertainment will provide karaoke for any and all participants who would like to sing.

Madison, Wisconsin: Leslie Wesenberg, Allis Safe Haven, 608-204-1018, lawesenberg@madison.k12.wi.us

Allis Safe Haven will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting a fun-filled family carnival and game night on October 20th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Program participants and their families will eat, play games, and win prizes in a safe and secure atmosphere.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Racquel Williams, Augusta M. LaVarnway Boys & Girls Club, 414-372-6810, racquelw@boysgirlsclub.org

On October 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, Augusta M. LaVarnway Boys & Girls Club will use its *Lights On Afterschool* event to introduce parents, members, and partners to the five core program areas LaVarnway Boys & Girls Club offers. They are: sports, fitness and recreation; education and career development; the arts; health and lifeskills; and character and leadership. Through activities and a tour of the facility, guests will learn the importance of afterschool programs to the youth who attend them.

Racine, Wisconsin: Afterschool Ambassador Kathy Dunkerson, Racine Unified School District, 262-664-6990, Kathy.dunkerson@rusd.org

The Racine community is hosting open houses during the after school hours to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at 25 program sites on October 20th. Racine's Monument Square statue will also be lit up in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Local, state and federal policy makers, along with members of the business community, teachers and parents, may visit the programs and see what takes place during after school hours. Many afterschool sites will feature special music and dance presentations, cooking demonstrations and club activities. This is the first time each of Racine's afterschool programs are celebrating the benefits of keeping children engaged in learning afterschool on the same day.

Rhineland, Wisconsin: Sarah Francis, YMCA/School District of Rhineland, 715-362-9622, sfrancis@ymcanw.org

The YMCA of the Northwoods and the Rhinelander School District will hold its *Lights On Afterschool* event from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 20th at the YMCA. The superintendent and mayor are invited to speak. At the event, organizers will light up a traveling Hodag, the official symbol of Rhinelander. The Hodag is the mascot of Rhinelander High School, and lends its name to numerous Rhinelander area businesses and organizations.

Rice Lake, Wisconsin: Kelly Ryder, Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County, 715-736-7445 bgc-kelly@chibardun.net

The Boys & Girls Club is very excited to be opening a new “Clubhouse” for elementary age students in the community. The Clubhouse officially opened on September 14th. The “Light Up a Landmark” *Lights On Afterschool* celebration will be used as an opportunity to promote both the new Clubhouse and the quality afterschool programs that are offered there. The children will help drape the building with lights. A small ribbon cutting ceremony will then be held for the new building, and the mayor will issue a proclamation dedicating the day to afterschool programs. Finally, a state legislator will be on hand to “Light Up” the new Lincoln Clubhouse.

Wyoming

Cheyenne, Wyoming: Shanda Tryon, Boys & Girls Club of Cheyenne, 307-778-6674, stryon@bgcchey.org

On October 20th, the Boys & Girls Club of Cheyenne will be hosting an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will demonstrate what types of activities and enrichment programs the Club provides. The highlight of the evening will be a group pumpkin decorating activity with afterschool youth and parents.

Lander, Wyoming: Afterschool Ambassador Linda Barton, *Lights On* in Lander, 307-332-4240, lbarton@landerschools.org

On October 20th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, *Lights On* in Lander will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a dinner buffet, carnival and booths at North Elementary School. The mayor of Lander will read a Proclamation and the superintendent of the Fremont County School District will attend. More than 200 community members are expected.

Laramie, Wyoming: Afterschool Ambassador Linda Barton, Wyoming Afterschool Alliance, 307-335-9922, lbarton@wyafterschoolalliance.org

Wyoming will kick off *Lights On Afterschool* statewide at the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance 3rd Annual Statewide Conference on Afterschool Programs and 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grantee Meeting. The three-day conference will be held October 17th to October 19th in Laramie. On October 17th, a group of afterschool students will perform and read the governor’s *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation during the evening dinner session. The lights will be lit in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* at the University of Wyoming War Memorial Football Stadium at 7:30 PM for one hour.

Saratoga, Wyoming: Ed Kennaday, The Hub/Big Brothers Big Sisters, 307-326-5059, Ed@gwbbbs.org

The Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters chapter will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Chamber Social on October 20th. The event will honor Mike Hack Patterson, Connie

Patterson, Jeff Streeter, and Steven Heinitz, the people who made the summer kayak program fun, safe and informative.

International

Ramstein, Germany: Mona Hamilton, Ramstein Youth Programs, 011-49-637-147-3080; mona.hamilton@ramstein.af.mil

Ramstein Youth Programs will coordinate the “lighting” of the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center (KMCC) Mall for *Lights On Afterschool*. The KMCC Mall is the largest on-base shopping center in Europe and will bring military patrons from all over Germany. The lighting of the mall will incorporate a spotlight display with a message about afterschool programs, youth programs and the Force Support Squadron. Staff members from the youth programs will conduct a publicity and information fair in the food court of the mall to raise awareness about the availability and importance of these programs. There will be an open house for families and educators, inviting adults to experience the afterschool programs that support the positive development of their children through a variety of skill stations, project displays and information sheets. As a part of this presentation, the children will develop a video that includes commanders sharing their beliefs how afterschool programs support military families, promote resilience, and provide positive experiences for all youth. The students will present the video during the open house to families and educators. Base leadership and officials from the national headquarters of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America will join the event as well.

Hagatna, Guam: Nicki Torres, Andersen School Age Program, 671-727-3272, andersensap@yahoo.com

On October 20th, Anderson School Age Program will showcase the many clubs that are active at the afterschool program to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be performances by the Cultural Dance Club and songs sung by the Glee Club. Refreshments will be served by the kids in the Kitchen Club. Along with the performances, the program will also display the students’ art work.