



*Lights On Afterschool 2014 Local Events
A Representative Sample*

Alabama

Andalusia, Alabama: Afterschool Ambassador Bettye Anne Older, Straughn Elementary School, 334-427-1311, bettyeanne.older@cov.k12.al.us
Straughn Elementary School will host a multi-part event on October 23rd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The 15th annual “Lights on after Dark” will begin at 4:30 PM with pizza and a showcase of student activities. There will be an open house at 5:30 PM, followed by Family Night at the Book Fair. Local dignitaries will present Alabama Governor Robert Bentley’s Proclamation in support of afterschool programs. One of the highlights of the night will be the unveiling of the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) drone project, featuring a *Lights On Afterschool* video that will be uploaded to YouTube. As many as 750 parents and guardians may attend the event.

Birmingham, Alabama: Afterschool Ambassador Erika Eatmon, Birmingham Regional Empowerment and Development (BREAD) Center, 205-796-0550, breadee@bellsouth.net
The BREAD Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with parents, families and community leaders on October 23rd. This year’s *Lights On* event will be an open house that will feature a tour of the new BREAD facility and dinner will be served. Program leaders will read a *Lights On Afterschool* Proclamation from Alabama Governor Bentley as well as the City of Birmingham Proclamation.

Birmingham, Alabama: Micah Hudson, Northeast Family Branch YMCA, 205-833-7616, mdhudson24@yahoo.com
The Northeast Family Branch YMCA and the YMCA Youth Center will partner to host the “Take it to the Field” festival to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students from both afterschool programs will gather at Marconi Park for Zumba dancing, math and science games, healthy snacks, a moon bounce and free health screenings from the fire department and a local dental company. Some 300 students, parents and community members may attend the festival, which will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 23rd.

Huntsville, Alabama: Carole Forbes, South East YMCA, 256-883-9622, carole.forbes@ymcahuntsville.org
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the South East YMCA will hold a lightbulb coloring contest for the 114 students in its afterschool program. Students will design their lightbulbs during the week of October 20th, and on October 23rd a panel of staff judges will announce the first, second and third place winners. The announcement will be followed by a celebration and open house from 3:30 to 6:00 PM for students, parents and community members, with as many as 200 expected attendees. On October 24th, the YMCA will also hold a students-only afterschool fall festival with carnival games and refreshments to continue the *Lights On* celebration.

Opp, Alabama: Janet Norris, Fleeta Jr. High School, 334-764-3306, janet.norris@cov.k12.al.us
From 4:00 to 6:00 PM on September 30th, Fleeta Jr. High School students and staff walked against childhood cancer in the spirit of *Lights On Afterschool*. The Straughn High School and Opp High School bands performed to support the walkers. Lightbulbs were purchased for cancer victims and placed on a tree of honor. All proceeds went to the Rally Foundation.

Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska: Thomas Azzarella, Alaska Afterschool Network, 907-248-7371, tazzarella@alaskachildrenstrust.org

The Alaska Afterschool Network will host its first *Lights On Afterschool* event at the Anchorage Museum on October 23rd. More than 200 students from eight area afterschool programs will have a chance to explore the museum and its Imaginarium Science Center. The event will run from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, with a formal presentation at 1:30 PM, when 2014 Woodland Park Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Emily Brown will speak about why afterschool programs matter and someone will read proclamations from Mayor Dan Sullivan and Governor Sean Parnell. U.S. Senator Lisa Murkoswki and Representative Don Young will attend, and all local families and community members are welcome. The Alaska Afterschool Network will also use the event to promote their new advocacy campaign, “Afterschool Matters to Me.” The campaign was introduced last week in an op-ed piece in the *Alaska Dispatch News*.

Anchorage, Alaska: Teaa Phillips, Boys & Girls Club Alaska, 907-249-5402, tphillips@bgcalaska.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club Alaska will host a Halloween party at their clubhouse on October 23rd from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The party will feature a live DJ, a photo booth, various games and activities and a haunted house organized by teens in the program. The Volunteers of America will hold an information session for parents on a new afterschool life skills class available to middle school students. The event is open to the public. More than 200 people may attend.

Fairbanks, Alaska: The University of Alaska Museum of the North, 907-474-7505

The University of Alaska Museum of the North will host a free evening of family fun and exploration on October 23rd, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents and kids will stretch their muscles with yoga and dance, stretch their minds with experiments and creative challenges and enjoy healthy snacks. Exhibit highlights will include an ever-changing sound and light installation driven by the real-time positions of the sun and moon, seismic activity and the aurora in The Place Where You Go to Listen. This year’s event is in partnership with 4-H Alaska.

Skagway, Alaska: Katherine Nelson, Skagway Recreation Center, 907-983-2679, k.nelson@skagway.org

The Skagway Recreation Center will hold an open house on October 23rd to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students of all ages will have a chance to play capture the flag, rock climb, paint and draw, compete in dodgeball and eat popcorn. The event will allow parents to see all the great activities that the Recreation Center puts on during its afterschool programs. The open house will run from 3:30 to 5:00 PM and as many as 40 people may attend.

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Arizona

Scottsdale, Arizona: Jeannie Colton, Arizona Science Center, 602-716-2000 x253,
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Arizona Science Center will team up with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale to host a two-hour long Family Engineering Science Night and Stomp Rocket Build Challenge to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The program will consist of 12 hands-on engineering challenges to promote creative problem solving, teamwork, and communication. The last event of the night will be the Stomp Rocket Build Challenge, during which families will use the Engineer Design Process to build a paper rocket and get to launch it. Organizers aim to increase public understanding and appreciation of the role engineering plays in everyday life at this year's event.

Tempe, Arizona: Linda Duenas, Kyrene de Los Nino's Kids Club, 480-541-4729,
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Kyrene de Los Ninos Elementary School will host a fall festival and harvest dance on November 14th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM, in the spirit of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be filled with exciting carnival games and fun activities such as face painting, cake walks and a pumpkin hunt. Parents and community members are encouraged to participate to make the event even more fun for children.

Tempe, Arizona: Jeremy King, Kid Zone Enrichment Program, 480-350-5487,
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On October 23rd, the Kid Zone Enrichment Program will hold a "glow light event" at 4:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents and guardians will be invited to attend and join their children dancing and having fun doing various afterschool activities throughout the evening. Each child will have a glow stick to light up at exactly 4:00 PM, as the countdown starts at 3:59 PM.

Arkansas

Jacksonville, Arkansas: Glen Lane, Jacksonville Our Club, 501-982-0818,
glane@cityofjacksonville.net

In honor of *Light On Afterschool*, Jacksonville Our Club and The Museum of Discovery hosted an open house from 5:00 to 6:30 PM at the Martin Street Youth Center on October 20th. Parents and their children, community partners and local officials were invited to participate in various science experiments, as well as walk through a "human body," teaching children what organs and the inner-workings of the body do every day! Mayor Gary Fletcher attended the event, as did representatives from the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette and the North Pulaski Leader. There were information booths set up to distribute resources about a new program to prevent underage drinking and prescription drug abuse. The Pulaski County 4-H also had a booth about their programs.

Little Rock, Arkansas: Candace Johnson, Club Eco Kids, 501-246-3197,
phill@clubecokids.com

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, Club Eco Kids will host a festival on October 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, for students, families and community members. The festival will include free food, door prizes, interactive aerobic activities for all students, an area to play Xbox and Playstation games and a performance from the Club's cheerleading squad, The Cheer Factory. Students will also receive free backpacks. Little Rock Parks and Recreation supervisor Salandria Jackson, consultant Curtis Curray and Club Eco Kids CEO Pamela Hill will speak at the event. Local television and radio stations will cover the festival, and more than 50 people may attend.

Little Rock, Arkansas: Desirae Holmes, Our House Children's Center, 501-374-7383 x239,
desirae@ourhouseshelter.org

Our House Children's Center will hold a "Minute-to-Win-It" themed family fun night to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Throughout the night, families will play various games to win prizes. Our House will provide dinner for the more than 150 participants. The event will run from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on October 23rd.

Little Rock, Arkansas: Regina Taylor, Greater Second Care Center, 501-569-9988,
gsc@greatersecond.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Greater Second Care Center will hold a screening of "Boyz 2 Men," a documentary about one of the center's out-of-school programs. There will also be a slideshow featuring pictures of the year's activities so far, and two students will speak about why they enjoy their afterschool program. The event will be at the Greater Second Baptist Church on October 23rd, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, and 50 people may attend.

Springdale, Arkansas: Afterschool Ambassador Diana Gonzales Worthen, Ph.D.,
OneCommunity, 479-872-1977, dgworthen@onecommunityar.org

The community of Springdale will host a *Lights on Afterschool* celebration to bring awareness to the importance and availability of quality before school, afterschool and summer programs with an event at the Jones Center from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on October 23rd. Area programs will highlight afterschool offerings, including homework help, mentoring, field trips, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), art, literacy, community service, job preparation, snacks and physical activities. OneCommunity is hosting the event in partnership with the Jones Center, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, Arkansas Out of School Network, the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation and the Arkansas Grade Level Reading Campaign. In addition to information on available area programs, there will also be hands-on learning activities and demonstrations, entertainment and food. This is the first year Springdale is hosting a *Lights On Afterschool* event.

California

Anderson, California: Cassie Bowman, Project SHARE, 530-339-0107,
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Project SHARE will host an open house on October 24th at Anderson Heights School to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be a photo booth with props, a robotics demonstration from the Bomb Squad and Jamba Juice fruit smoothies available for purchase.

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Twenty percent of Jamba Juice's profits will be donated back to the program. The local K-9 unit will also show students what police dogs do and give tours of the police cars. Anderson Co-Mayor Dede Brown will speak to families about the importance of putting kids in afterschool programs that can care for them and keep them safe. The event will run from 3:00 to 5:30 PM.

Bakersfield, California: Afterschool Ambassador Garrett Shipes, Greenfield Union School District, 661-837-6180, shipesg@gfusd.net

The Greenfield Success After School Program, in partnership with The Foundation for Success, will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by inviting parents, families and community leaders to its 11th annual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 23rd. The Pirate-themed event will highlight the benefit of afterschool programs and the importance of maintaining funding to keep programs operating. There will be children's dance performances, games, activity booths, food, face painting and arts activities. Supervisor Leticia Perez from the Fifth Supervisorial District will open the event, and other elected officials and community partners will attend. The event will be at Raffaello Palla Elementary School from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

Camarillo, California: Brett Lane, Camarillo Naval Base Ventura County Children and Youth Programs, 805-383-6240, brettevanlane@yahoo.com

On October 23rd from 3:30 to 5:30 PM, Camarillo Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) Children and Youth Programs will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event. The event will begin with "Mad Science," where children will conduct science experiments designed to wow with awesome results. The evening will end with a neon dance. Kids, parents and staff will wear their brightest neon apparel and glow bracelets while they let loose and have fun with amazing laser and light effects.

Approximately 60 to 75 people will attend. The CYP Site Director and various leaders in the NBVC community will attend.

Fontana, California: Felix Bobo, Fontana Unified School District, 909-349-6948, fbobo@fontana.org

The Fontana Unified School District, in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club of Fontana, will hold its *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 23rd. All 37 of the district's afterschool sites will gather for the event, with an expected crowd of over 500 people, including representatives from local newspapers. The event will celebrate students' work in afterschool programs. Each school will be responsible for highlighting a different component, including STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), project-based learning, physical activity and visual and performing arts. Past and current students, parents and Fontana Middle School Principal Sergio Chavez will speak about the importance of afterschool programs, and students will give spoken word and dramatic performances. The event will run from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Fontana Middle School.

Homeland, California: Vanessa Rodriguez, Romoland School District Expanded Learning Program, 951-926-9244, vrodriguez@romoland.net

The Romoland School District's Expanded Learning Program will host an art auction at Ethan A. Chase Middle School to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Young artists from four elementary schools will display and sell the artwork they created in their afterschool programs. The event will also include awards, concessions and a craft alley. The auction, which is open to

the public, will run from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on October 23rd. All proceeds will help fund expanded learning programs at the four schools.

Los Angeles, California: LA's BEST Afterschool Enrichment Program, 213-745-1900
Approximately 140 K-5 students participated in a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival last month. Students were engaged in activities related to technology, science, literacy, sports, health, nutrition and the arts. Scholastic's Clifford the Big Red Dog gave each student a book; in addition both LA Library and California State Parks set up engaging activities for the children.

Oakland, California: Afterschool Ambassador Kasey Blackburn, Oakland Unified School District, 510-273-1550, Kasey.Blackburn@ousd.k12.ca.us
More than 30 afterschool program sites in Oakland are hosting *Lights On Afterschool* open houses this October. Oakland Unified School District has partnered with [Alameda County Public Health, Nutrition Services](#) and all of Oakland's *Lights On Afterschool* events will have an emphasis on health and wellness. Alameda County is providing sites with copies of their [Kids Get Cooking Cookbooks](#) in both English and Spanish and some family friendly physical activity guides. Many of the open houses will also feature student performances, team building exercises, poetry readings, talent showcases, cultural dances, sports competitions and more.

Pasadena, California: Maria Toliver, PasadenaLEARNS, 626-396-3614, toliver.maria@pusd.us
The Pasadena Unified School District will hold *Lights On Afterschool* showcases on October 23rd at seven schools in the district. Starting at 4:00 PM, students at each school will showcase the activities they've been doing at their afterschool programs this year. Pasadena LEARNs, the Pasadena YMCA, Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena, Partnership for Children, Youth and Families, Afterschool Adventures Program, College Access Plan, A Step Ahead Learning Center and the City of Pasadena's Human Services and Recreation Department partnered to make these events possible.

Sacramento, California: Cheri Cord, After School Assist, 916-215-2697, cheri@afterschoolassist.com
The California Afterschool Network will host its annual statewide *Lights On Afterschool* event at the State Capitol on October 23rd from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There will be 42 information and activity tables set up by individual afterschool programs and vendors who support afterschool. One table will have lightbulbs for participants to decorate, which will be delivered to state legislators following the event. Students from five school districts will perform dances, songs, skits and poetry, and have a chance to tour the Capitol Building. Sacramento City Council Member Steve Cohn will speak at the event, and Michael Funk from the California Department of Education Afterschool Division will present the 2014 Afterschool Visionary Leadership Award to an exceptional California afterschool program. More than 400 people are expected to attend.

Sacramento, California: Renee Briley, C. K. McClatchy High School, 916-708-7159, renee-briley@scusd.edu
C. K. McClatchy High School will host a talent showcase after school from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 23rd. The entire school will wear yellow on that day in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. While it is only C. K. McClatchy High School's first year celebrating *Lights On*

Afterschool, organizers are already planning for next year's event, working on creating a seventh period class (after school) that will focus on live sound recording and performing.

San Diego, California: Maria (Josie) Ayon, Harmonium Children's Program, 619-743-6358, pacificbeach@harmoniumsd.org

Harmonium Children's Program and Pacific Beach Elementary will team up to host an open house in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The program will focus on the importance of having positive supervision in a place where children can remain safe and still have fun. Children will be creative with art and active with sports at the event. There will also be art activities for students and parents to participate in together. The open house will run from 4:15 to 6:00 PM, on October 23rd.

San Francisco, California: Jaimie Baxter, Daniel Webster Elementary Afterschool Enrichment Program, 415-813-8020, jaimie@asepsf.org

The Afterschool Enrichment Program at Daniel Webster Elementary School will host a community event for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Students will rotate around afterschool activity stations, including crafts and a photo booth, during the event. Parents and teachers will learn more about the program and celebrate two and a half years of successful afterschool programming at Daniel Webster at this year's event. Some 200 people may attend the event.

San Francisco, California: Deepa Mehta, Glide Foundation, 415-674-6250, dmehta@glide.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Glide Family, Youth and Childcare Center will host a carnival on October 23rd, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM, at Tenderloin Park. The carnival will include arts and crafts, games in the gymnasium and playground, face painting and a raffle with prizes for families. Resources and information about the Glide Foundation, Tenderloin Park and the Tenderloin Safe Passage Program will be available at information tables.

San Francisco, California: Sina Szabados, Embarcadero YMCA, 209-256-1578, sszabados@ymcasf.org

The Embarcadero YMCA afterschool program at Tenderloin Community School will hold a family fun day for parents and students on October 24th. The event will consist of four stations. The first station will be a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) showcase featuring students' STEM projects and some STEM-inspired short activities. The second station will allow students and parents to decorate lightbulbs to be strung up in the multipurpose room. At the third station, participants will be able to decorate mini pumpkins to take home at the end of the day. Finally, there will be a station where students can make edible art projects using healthy food. The event will run from 4:00 to 5:45 PM, and will include about 60 students and their parents.

San Francisco, California: Susan Tramontana, Glen Park Big Blue Afterschool, 415-699-8253, glenparkafterschool@gmail.com

Glen Park Big Blue Afterschool will host an open house for students, family members, staff members and local merchants to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. This year's event will feature a gallery walk showcasing afterschool student artwork, a performance by a professional band, a potluck dinner and a speech from Glen Park's principal Jean Robertson. The open house

will run from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on October 23rd. More than 200 community members are expected to attend.

San Francisco, California: Jenny Weston, Mission Graduates Extended Day Program, 415-864-5205, jenny@missiongraduates.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Flynn Elementary School students from the Mission Graduates Extended Day Program will showcase what they have learned from their elective or enrichment afterschool classes by teaching an activity to another group of afterschool students. These activities will include playing a game using Spanish words, performing science experiments or leading soccer drills. The showcase will be from 4:30 to 5:30 PM on October 23rd, and more than 100 students, parents and staff members are expected to attend.

San Francisco, California: Erika Chambers, Collective Impact (Magic Zone), 415-567-0400, rika@SFmagiczone.org

San Francisco Magic Zone will hold an open house at their site to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* and to showcase students' STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) projects. In addition to several STEM activities, the student-run event will feature a Zumba performance and video presentations by several of the students. The open house will run from 5:00 to 6:30 PM on October 23rd, and as many as 100 people may attend.

San Francisco, California: Tom Anderson, Alamo Elementary/Richmond District Neighborhood Center, 415-751-6600, toma@rdnc.org

The Alamo Elementary School/Richmond District Neighborhood Center afterschool program will host an open house featuring student projects for *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will play instruments, perform songs they have learned in their music class and show off several other project-based learning activities. The open house will run from 5:15 to 6:15 PM on October 23rd.

San Francisco, California: Yves Xavier, Argonne Elementary/Richmond District Neighborhood Center, 415-867-7724, yves@rdnc.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Argonne Elementary/Richmond District Neighborhood Center afterschool program will hold a potluck dinner for all the students' families. Before the dinner, students will fill in lightbulb-shaped paper cutouts with their favorite parts of the afterschool program, and use them to decorate the walls of the gym. Parents and guardians will be able to fill out blank lightbulbs when they arrive. The event will also include a slideshow that will feature pictures of various afterschool activities from the year. The potluck will run from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on October 23rd.

San Francisco, California: Megan Lamb, Buchanan YMCA Afterschool Program at Dr. Cobb Elementary, 415-470-4743, mlamb@ymcasf.net

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Buchanan YMCA Afterschool Program will hold an open house for families and school staff members to highlight various afterschool activities at Dr. Cobb Elementary School. The event will consist of three stations: an art station where kids can color and design *Lights On Afterschool* lightbulbs, a physical recreation station featuring kickball and soccer games and a gardening station where students can decorate flowerpots and plant small

mobile herb gardens to take home. The open house will run from 4:30 to 5:30 PM on October 23rd, and as many as 100 people may attend.

San Francisco, California: Jesse Osorio, Bayview Hunters Point YMCA, 415-822-7728, josorio@ymcasf.org

The Bayview Hunters Point YMCA will host an open house to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Each of the YMCA's afterschool departments will offer a different presentation, demonstration or class: the media center will offer a teen showcase and music from the album they're producing; the culinary and hospitality program will cook a meal for participants; the sports department will teach a basketball clinic; the African-American Health and Wellness program will offer a free Zumba class; and the middle school program will provide some family art activities. Eason Ramson and Keena Turner, both former San Francisco 49ers players, will attend to sign autographs and pose for pictures with participants. The event will run from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on October 23rd and more than 100 people may attend.

Sanger, California: Jerry D. Valadez, SAM Academy, 559-288-4953, jvaladez@cvsamacademy.org

SAM Academy will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Night of Science (Noche de Ciencia) for parents, children and the community on October 23rd, from 2:00 to 8:30 PM. There will be engineering exhibits and projects by the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and Fresno State S.H.P.E. that will include robotics demonstrations, science and engineering workshops, health screenings, and fun for everyone! There will also be art classes and sign-ups for Art Studio apprenticeships. Food will be provided. Mayor Joshua Mitchell will attend.

Santa Monica, California: Brian Sousa, Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica, Saint Anne's Branch, 310-394-2582, bsousa@smbgc.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica will host a festival for students and families at Saint Anne's School in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be a large carnival complete with potato sack races, relay races, a water balloon toss, Frisbee and ring tosses and snow cones. Students and families will also decorate lightbulbs for the event banner and decorations. The Boys & Girls Club will host a fundraising food sale, and all proceeds will support the Club's Leaders in Training program. The event will run from 4:00 to 5:30 PM on October 23rd and as many as 100 people may attend.

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

The Santee School District's Out-of-School Time Programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house at each of its nine afterschool program sites on October 23rd. Sites will welcome Project SAFE and ASES children and their families as well as numerous community leaders and showcase the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities students participate in after school. Students will participate in the Mozilla Webmaker Challenge. Students at the PRIDE Academy site will also perform in a talent show to support their state-funded After School Education and Safety (ASES) program. Times for these events are approximately from school dismissal until 6:30 PM. The PRIDE Academy Talent Show will take place at 3:00 PM. The public is welcome at all nine events.

Ventura, California: Steven De Fratus, City of Ventura, 805-658-4748, sdefratus@cityofventura.net

The City of Ventura held a *Lights On Afterschool* open house at the Westpark Community Center to showcase the center's afterschool programs on October 16th. They kicked off the evening with children lighting glow sticks, followed by the unveiling of a new "Welcome Westpark" mosaic sign created by artist Helle Scharling-Todd. Guests then had a chance to tour the newly renovated community center.

Wheatland, California: Caitlyn Spina, Wheatland District Afterschool Program at Bear Middle School, 530-633-3135 x2233, cspina@wheatland.k12.ca.us

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the afterschool program at Bear Middle School hosted a hoedown barbeque on October 10th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Participants enjoyed a barbeque dinner, played carnival games, competed in a cake walk and worked on arts and crafts projects. About 80 students and staff members participated in the event.

Colorado

Commerce City, Colorado: Nicole Johnson, Alsup Elementary School, 303-868-9187, nejohnso@adams14.org

On October 23rd, Alsup Elementary School will host an open house from 4:30 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students, parents and local school board members will attend and participate in activities designed to ensure parents and community members interact with children, like the program's cooking club, Taekwondo, math club, pottery and Colorado Educational Theatre. The winner of a program-wide poster contest will be announced at the end of the event.

Fort Collins, Colorado: Afterschool Ambassador Maria Ortiz, Poudre School District, 970-566-2618, mpfalmer@psdschools.org

Poudre Community Academy will host Irish Elementary for an afternoon of Halloween-themed fun on October 31st to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The high school's afterschool program developed the agenda for this year's celebration and the students are also organizing and coordinating the event. The older students will teach the younger students a dance and have stations with face painting, a photo booth, crafts and an obstacle course. Students will also take pictures and document the event.

South Park, Colorado: Jacklyn Thompson, Boys & Girls Club of South Park, 719-836-9019, jthompson@bgcsp.org

The South Park Boys & Girls Club will hold an open house on October 23rd to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Community members will give presentations on various topics: a local librarian will teach kids about science, 4-H Club members will give an archery demonstration and a reporter from The Flume will tell a story. There will also be carnival games and a food-making station. Parents and other guests will have a chance to see what activities students participate in every day at the afterschool program. The event will run from 5:00 to 7:30 PM, and 40 people may attend.

Connecticut

Bridgeport, Connecticut: Dawn Evans, Columbus School, 203-275-1962, devans@bridgeportedu.net

On October 23rd, the Columbus School will host an open house to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. From 4:00 to 5:30 PM, parents and students will visit classrooms and witness the arts and crafts, science projects and games that go on every day during the Columbus School's afterschool program. In keeping with the *Lights On Afterschool* theme, students will decorate lightbulbs and use strings of holiday lights to ornament the ramps leading into the school. After the open house portion, parents will be invited to discuss the afterschool program with staff – what type of activities students participate in, how the program could be improved and how to raise more funds to support afterschool activities. As many as 50 students and parents may attend. In the weeks leading up to the event, students wrote letters to state representatives to express how important the afterschool program is to them.

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

The Montville Youth Service Bureau will host its 7th annual *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 23rd, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. The family fun event will feature a DJ, a photo booth and a food truck serving brick oven pizza. Students, families, Montville Youth Advisory Board members, town council members, state and local elected officials may attend and participate in the kids' favorite day of the year. As many as 100 people may attend.

Willimantic, Connecticut: Afterschool Ambassador Bill Stover, Windham Public School District, 860-465-2546, wstover@winham.k12.ct.us

Five Windham Public Schools will hold events on October 23rd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Sweeney School will host a talent show from 5:45 to 7:00 PM, where students will share their dramatic interpretations of their favorite stories. Natchaug School will host a fall festival from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, complete with family-friendly fall-related activities. North Windham School will host a classical music dance party from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, giving students and their families a chance to dance and exercise to classical music under black lights. Charles H. Barrows School will host an afterschool art and literature show from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, where students will present art and stories from their afterschool program to their families and friends. Finally, Windham Center School will host a fall festival from 5:15 to 7:00 PM, in which students will circulate through fall-related centers with their families.

Delaware

Dover, Delaware: Natalie Way, William Henry Middle School 21st Century Community Learning Center, 302-672-1620 x1020, natalie.way@capital.k12.de.us

The William Henry Middle School 21st Century Community Learning Center put together a number of activities to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* throughout September and October. First, the center held a district-wide contest to design a *Lights On Afterschool* poster. Students from each of the district's elementary, middle and high schools submitted designs for the competition, and the winning design was put on posters and T-shirts to promote *Lights On Afterschool*. On September 28th, students at the district's fall fest celebration decorated lightbulbs, which now adorn the windows of William Henry Middle School. On October 10th,

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students marched in the homecoming parade with foam lightbulbs and a banner promoting *Lights On Afterschool*. Finally, the center will host a skating party on October 23rd at the Dover Skating Center. A small ceremony will recognize the first and second place winners of the poster contest, and families will have the chance to skate, play with glow sticks and enjoy cake, pizza and hot dogs. The party will run from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, and is open to all district afterschool participants and their families.

Newark, Delaware: Brittany Jeter, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, 215-516-9802, bljeter@syr.edu

University of Delaware Cooperative Extension will team up with 4-H to host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 23rd from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. 4-H stands for Head, Heart, Hands, Health, and all activities will be mini-workshops focused on those four mandates. The Head station will encourage healthy living through literacy and technology. Participants will learn healthy living concepts by reviewing Health Force curriculum and use an electronic device to experience and learn from the Health Force Initiative. At the Heart station, children will focus on student leadership and citizenship. Participants will opt to sign the afterschool petition and/or create a video diary entry highlighting why *Lights On Afterschool* is important to them and reflect on what they have learned and hope to learn. Students will then complete an engaging citizenship information session and have the opportunity to donate canned food items to the food bank collection. At the Hands station, children will promote the event's theme of "Do It Yourself" and will watch a "Cool Blue Light Experiment" demonstration, encouraging leadership and promoting STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). Students will learn about chemiluminescence (the emission of light during a chemical reaction that does not produce significant quantities of heat), how fireflies glow and how to make a hemoglobin detector using beef blood. Lastly, at the Health station participants will learn how to take their blood pressure and other healthy practices associated with nutrition and exercise, including picking up tips for healthy recipes and nutrition facts. As many as 120 people will attend the event.

Newark, Delaware: David Halley, Western YMCA, 302-453-0123, DHalley@ymcade.org
For the Western YMCA's *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 17th, 11 area schools each decorated a car trunk then gathered at the YMCA for a fall festival and "trunk-or-treat." Students at each school worked together to decide a theme and use craft supplies to decorate the trunk of a staff member's car. The festival featured music, a costume parade, Halloween-themed crafts (like pumpkin decorating), apple cider, cookies and school supplies giveaways. There were also tables set up with information about the schools' afterschool programs so parents could learn more about the everyday activities at each site. The event ran from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, and close to 300 people attended.

Smyrna, Delaware: Andrea Jeffers, Greater Smyrna Clayton Boys & Girls Club, 302-659-5610, ajeffers@bgclubs.org

The Greater Smyrna Clayton Boys & Girls Club will host an open house on October 23rd in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents will have a chance to experience a day in the life at the club's afterschool program, and participate in the various activities available to children every day, including arts and crafts, music, dance, sports and homework help. There will also be a station to decorate lightbulbs. Staff and select students will be available to answer questions. The

event will run during regular afterschool hours, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM, and up to 30 parents are expected.

District of Columbia

Washington, District of Columbia: Alexis Steines, Afterschool Alliance, 202-347-2030, asteines@afterschoolalliance.org

After-School All-Stars will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 23rd at Stuart-Hobson Middle School from 3:15 to 5:00 PM. This year's event will feature an afterschool carnival, where the students will participate in the various enrichment activities the program offers. U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan may attend. A short program will kick off the event and will include Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant and Stuart-Hobson principal Dawn Clemens. The DC Children and Youth Investment Trust and the DC Alliance of Youth Advocates will also participate.

Florida

Brevard County, Florida: Cari Smith or Todd Forschino, Brevard County Public Schools, 321-633-1000 ext 357, Forschino.Todd@Brevardschools.org

Afterschool students from three Brevard County Public Schools will experience science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through hands-on learning activities at the NASA Kennedy Space Center, thanks to a grant from Bright House Networks. Students visited the Kennedy Space Center on October 17th and celebrated *Lights On Afterschool*. The experience is one that students from the afterschool programs cannot typically access.

Lauderhill, Florida: Meg Wallace, Children's Services Council of Broward County, 954-377-1136, mwallace@cscbroward.org

The Children's Services Council of Broward County will partner with the YMCA of Broward County and the Parks and Recreation Department of Broward County to put on a community-wide festival on October 23rd at Roosevelt Gardens Park. Local children will perform dance routines, dramatic arts and recitations, and there will be carnival games for all participants to enjoy. The event will highlight YFit, the YMCA's signature youth wellness program, which emphasizes healthy eating and physical activity in afterschool programs. Vendors will provide fun activities for the children, including art projects and games with prizes. There will also be local policymakers in attendance. The event will run from 2:00 to 6:00 PM.

Jacksonville, Florida: Afterschool Ambassador Laurie Bourdon, Duval County Public Schools, 904-739-4868, bourdonl@duvalschools.org

Duval County Public Schools will team up with The Jacksonville Children's Commission (JCC) and Museum of Science and History (MOSH) to host a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) Promotional Display Board Competition to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. This year's event, "Helping Plant a Seed to Inspire Student Achievement," will be held on October 23rd from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Each participating student will receive a participation certificate, and the winners of each age category will receive a brand new bicycle as a grand prize, K'nex or Lego Engineering Kit, second place, or annual family membership pass to MOSH, third place. Approximately 125 people will attend the competition.

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Oakland Park, Florida: Active Hours Afterschool Ambassador Robert Hill, YMCA of Broward County, 954-907-7054, rhill@ymcabroward.org

The Children's Advocacy Center of the YMCA of Broward County will celebrate *Lights on Afterschool* at multiple program sites. The flagship event will be an open house on October 23rd at Oakland Park Elementary, 4:30 to 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity for families and any who are interested to learn more about afterschool programs in Broward County. The main focus at this event will be YFit: the YMCA's signature youth wellness program, which utilizes a research-based approach to fun, fast-paced physical activity. YFit leaders will lead families in games to keep them moving, having fun, and that they can take away with them to play anytime. Parents in attendance will also have a chance to go through activity centers that site leaders will be manning, including a photo booth and stations on arts and crafts, science, literacy, social skills and nutrition. The night will culminate with a dance performance by the children in the program.

Orlando, Florida: Jacquelyn Hard, YMCA of Central Florida at Southwood Elementary, 407-858-2230 x3922280, southwood@cfymca.org

The YMCA of Central Florida at Southwood Elementary will hold an open house for family and community members on October 22nd in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will feature arts and crafts, healthy snacks, an "Around the World" trivia game, character development activities and a small talent show. The event will run from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, and more than 40 people may attend.

Orlando, Florida: Tamaris Diaz, Bonnevill Elementary OCPS, 407-249-6290, tamaris.diaz@ocps.net

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Bonnevill Elementary OCPS will hold an intimate event for students, family and staff in the Bonnevill cafeteria. The theme of the event will be "Lights On – A No Bullying Zone" and will feature skits from the bully's point of view, as well as the victim's point of view. There will also be songs, speeches and awards given out to students after they discuss what they have learned from the program. Deputy Sherriff Lillian Warner will attend and discuss bullying further with students. Afterwards, the children will head outside for some afterschool fun in the sun! The event will be from 3:00 to 4:30 PM on October 22nd and as many as 100 people may attend.

Orlando, Florida: Jennifer Hooks, Timber Lake Elementary Extended Day, 407-249-6174, Jennifer.hooks@ocps.net

Timber Lakes Elementary will host a glow-in-the-dark family game night on October 21st in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students, families and school board members will wear white and neon clothes and bring glow sticks. The first 200 students to arrive will receive a free *Lights On Afterschool* t-shirt and other prizes. The event will run from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the school cafeteria and several hundred people may attend, including local media.

Georgia

Atlanta, Georgia: Heather Williams, WINGS for Kids, 404-669-6372, heather@wingsforkids.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, WINGS for Kids will host open houses at each of their four afterschool sites in the Atlanta area. Parents, teachers, staff, school board members and

community leaders will have the opportunity to witness a day in the life of WINGS kids and get an idea of what goes on every day at the afterschool program in their school. The event will run from 2:30 to 4:00 PM on October 23rd.

Atlanta, Georgia: Erikkion Evans, Future Seekers, Inc., (404) 699-6998 x330,
erikkion.evans@futureseekers.org

On October 23rd, Future Seekers, Inc. will host a fall festival and open house in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Half of the event will take place indoors, while the other half will take place outdoors. Outside at the festival there will be a “games to you” truck that will drive up with teen-friendly video games, laser tag and oversized hamster balls for the kids to race in. During the indoor open house portion of the evening, there will be a mock afterschool program in which parents will go around with their children in a round-robin style to a variety of different booths, rotating every 15 minutes so that parents can get an idea of what their children do each day. About 150 people are expected to attend the event that will run between 5:00 and 7:00 PM.

Augusta, Georgia: Gary Dennis, The Jessye Norman School of The Arts, 706-814-0665,
exedir@jessyenormanschool.org

The Jessye Norman School of The Arts will host an open house in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 23rd, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. There will be a photography contest, improvisation workshop to loosen up, games (both video and physical), and other art-related activities. There will also be a green screen in which children will be able to take photographs of themselves and then put in any kind of background they want! Some 125 people are expected to attend the open house.

Augusta, Georgia: Terri Wright, Boys & Girls Club of Augusta, 706-312-2200,
twright@bgcaugsta.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Augusta will hold a fall carnival at the E.W. Hagler club site on October 23rd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The community event will feature all sorts of classic carnival activities, including sack and three-legged races, a ring toss, face painting, a pumpkin carving contest and a staff vs. student kickball game. Inside the Club, community service vendors will be on hand to distribute information about their activities and offerings. Several area barbers will also offer free haircuts. At least 200 people will attend the event, which will run from 4:00 to 6:30 PM.

Hinesville, Georgia: Afterschool Ambassador Chris Stacy, Georgia Coastal Youth, Inc., 912-884-2986, cstac38@yahoo.com

Georgia Coastal Youth, Inc. will host an afterschool showcase at the Shuman Recreation Center to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will give families a chance to see what programs are available to their students. There will be a talent show, an art display and a reading showcase, as well as the presentation of the first annual *Lights On* award, which will be given to an outstanding afterschool program in Liberty County. The event will begin at 6:00 PM on October 23rd.

Lawrenceville, Georgia: Active Hours Afterschool Ambassador Tina Fleming, Gwinnett County Parks & Recreation, 770-822-8875, tina.fleming@gwinnettcountry.com

Gwinnett County Parks & Recreation will team up with Live Healthy Gwinnett on October 23rd to host “A Walk Among the Stars,” a *Lights On Afterschool* event at Alexander Park from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The family-fun event will be Hollywood-themed with hands-on activities, active games, live music, food trucks and more. Children and parents will be encouraged to come dressed as a star and walk the red carpet as they enter the world of “Afterschool Hollywood,” complete with paparazzi! Kids will visit areas from *Frozen*, *Lego Land* and *The Wizard of Oz* movies, encouraging them to get active and be creative. There will be visits with Dorothy and Toto at the farm, where children will exercise their minds with a game of checkers. Olaf from *Frozen* will make an appearance where kids will have STEM-based (science, technology, engineering, and math) fun making snow, and then travel to *Lego Land* and get physical with Ninja Legos. At the end of the evening, everyone will get active by joining the Zumba party and taking a walk around Alexander Park among the stars!

Hawaii

Honolulu, Hawaii: Afterschool Ambassador Paula Adams, Kahoomiki, 800-581-7491, padams@kahoomiki.org

To celebrate afterschool programs, Hawaii afterschool children will gather at the State Capitol on October 29th at 2:30 PM for a *Lights On Afterschool* rally. Children and youth will demonstrate their appreciation for afterschool programs by sign-waving in front of the Capitol on Beretania Avenue, showcasing their talents and decorating the building with their paper lightbulbs. The rally will be followed by remarks from state and local officials. During the rally at the State Capitol, other programs in Honolulu will participate in a “fun walk” around the school grounds, healthy snacks and decorate their sites celebrating *Lights On Afterschool*.

Honolulu, Hawaii: Christine Monroe, Catlin School Age Care, 808-421-1547, christine.monroe@gmail.com

On October 24th, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, the Catlin School Age Center on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will host an open house and carnival with local celebrity DJ Augie T in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Augie T’s daughter will also perform throughout the night. Inside the center, sewing demonstrations and activities will be set up in classrooms, including board and table games, active video games like *Just Dance*, and art projects. Outside, there will be a fruit snack stand, two bouncy houses and relays. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Commanding Officer will speak at the event.

Waikoloa, Hawaii: Carolyn Brighter, Kama'aina Kids Waikoloa, 808-896-9850, cbreez808@aol.com

The Waikoloa School will host its annual *Lights On Afterschool* Fun Walk on October 23rd from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Healthy snacks will be provided for the walkers. The Waikoloa School’s homework lab will attend to show support. Walkers will wear lime green *Lights On Afterschool* t-shirts and lime green rubber *Lights On Afterschool* bracelets to brighten up the school day!

Idaho

Coeur d’Alene, Idaho: Bette Ammon, Couer d’Alene Library, 208-769-2315, bammon@cdalibrary.org

The Coeur d’Alene Public Library will hold a fall carnival for younger afterschool students and their families on October 23rd, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will feature a number of classic carnival games and a chance for kids to win prizes. The weekly meeting of the library’s LEGO Club will also be from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, where students will use the library’s large collection of LEGOs to build various structures. The library will partner with Maker Spaces, a creative engineering organization, to host the teen science event at the same time as the carnival. Teens will work with science kits to build contraptions with moving parts, such as trebuchets (machines used in medieval siege warfare for hurling large stones), and perform other team-based science activities. As many as 100 children and family members may attend.

Nampa, Idaho: Linda Dixon, PLACE Program, 208-461-5960, linda.dixon@vallivue.org

On October 16th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, PLACE Program hosted a parent night honoring *Lights On Afterschool* in the program’s on-site cafeteria and gymnasium. Physical education teachers set up stations where students walked parents through the booths, teaching them about what they learned in class and about all the components of fitness (cardiorespiratory endurance, flexibility, muscular strength and muscular endurance). There were also displays of students’ work in science, art, character education, reading, recycling and technology. “Readers Theater” put on a presentation for the parents at the end of the night.

Nampa, Idaho: Sheena Strickler, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 208-498-0571 x6563, sstrickler@nsd131.org

On October 23rd from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, 21st Century Community Learning Centers and Nampa School District will host an Italian family style sit down dinner for parents, staff and students to get to know each other as they celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. At the end of the evening, there will be a raffle drawing to support family interactions. The prizes in the raffle will include Bogus Basin lift tickets, WAhooz family passes, four tickets to a Idaho Steelhead game and Fast Lane Indoor Kart Racing. There will be 65 people including students and parents in attendance to enjoy the meal and prizes!

Illinois

Chicago, Illinois: Afterschool Ambassador Roslind Blasingame-Buford, BUILD, Inc., 773-227-2880, rblasingame@buildchicago.org

This year BUILD will host *Lights On Afterschool* events on October 23rd in the program’s four target communities—Humboldt Park, Logan Square, East Garfield Park and Austin. Three of the four afterschool program sites will celebrate from 4:00 to 6:00 PM with an evening of games, food, student performances and a march. Students will march within a one block radius to raise awareness about the importance of afterschool programs. At the Austin Community, one of BUILD’s newest sites, the event will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and will feature poetry and spoken word performances by Iasel Gonzalez, *For the Love of Mom*, and John Zeigler, director of the Edan Office of Urban and Community Partnerships. The two will then sit on a panel discussion and discuss the recent rash of violence and how afterschool programs serve as an

alternative and help prevent youth from becoming victims or perpetrators of violence. Organizers expect more than 250 people to attend across all four of the community site events.

Chicago, Illinois: Monique Turner, Gary Comer Youth Center, 773-358-4083, mturner@gcyhome.org

Gary Comer Youth Center will hold a pep-rally to get into the spirit of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 23rd from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in their on-site gymnasium. There will be student performances from the cheerleading squad and step team, and students will perform an afterschool song/rap. Youth will also speak about what afterschool means to them during the program. Organizers expect an audience of 120 to 170 people to attend.

Chicago, Illinois: Jessica Oros, Metropolitan Family Service, 773-884-2247, orosj@metrofamily.org

Metropolitan Family Service will host a fall showcase on October 23rd, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM at Hubbard High School in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Hubbard High School, Hernandez Middle School and Tonti Elementary School are working together to put on the showcase. They will exhibit youth artwork, dance, jewelry and photography. There will also be an arts and crafts table for families. Approximately 100 people are expected to attend.

Naperville, Illinois: Shannon Payton, YMCA Safe n Sound, 630-585-2207, spayton@ymcachicago.org

YMCA Safe n Sound operates 25 afterschool sites throughout Naperville, and each will hold their own *Lights On Afterschool* event during the week of October 20th. Several schools will hold a “career day,” inviting parents and community members to discuss their jobs with students and giving students a chance to think about what they want to be when they grow up. Others will host game nights, with “Jeopardy” and “Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader” competitions, as well as chess, checkers and sports tournaments. A few schools will put on talent shows or display student artwork. In total, more than 1,000 students, parents and school staff will attend the 25 events.

Niles, Illinois: Mark Williams, Niles Teen Center, 847-375-8949, mlw@vniles.com

On October 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Lieutenant Governor Shelia Simon will help celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at The Niles Teen Center, along with TLC: Total Learning Community, the Niles Optimist Club and Golf Mill Shopping Center. Events will include an information fair with booths from community youth organizations, program demonstrations, an open house and tour of the Teen Center, arts and crafts projects, food, prizes and a rally at 5:45 PM.

Normal, Illinois: Jennifer Hall, Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington Normal, 309-829-3034, jhall@bgcb-n.org

The Children’s Discovery Museum will host a “Lights On With Electricity Family Science Night” for the youth and families of the Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal on October 23rd from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Families will be given an opportunity to explore three floors of hands-on, play-based exhibits, and participate in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activity stations in the Innovation Station: Lab and Maker Space related to electricity. The Children’s Discovery Museum in Normal has been awarded a \$1,500 “mini-grant” to help create its new *Lights on Afterschool* partnership. Normal Mayor Chris Koos will attend.

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

On October 23rd and 24th, The Bridge Teen Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by doing what it does best—providing a safe, fun and exciting place for teens not just to BE, but to BECOME. On October 23rd, the Bridge Teen Center will host a special afterschool program with *One Light* and a self-defense workshop. The self-defense workshop is designed to help teens develop awareness of their surroundings and give them tools as they prepare to transition to college campuses. The *One Light* project is a worldwide initiative that fights against human trafficking to inform students about this growing epidemic and enlarge their world view. On October 24th, students will again have the opportunity to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by “lighting up” the safe and fun environment that was created exclusively for them. Students will engage in a “lights on” air hockey tournament while a DJ creates a laser light show set to music. Students will also participate in a black light graffiti wall where they can post messages about what The Bridge Teen Center’s free afterschool programs mean to them.

Indiana

Carmel, Indiana: Afterschool Ambassador Ben Johnson, Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation, 317-573-5240, bjohnson@carmelclayparks.com

Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation’s Extended School Enrichment program will host 11 *Lights On Afterschool* events on October 23rd from 3:30 to 7:30 PM. Events will include student art galleries, dance parties, science experiments, pumpkin decorating and costume contests – just to name a few of the event highlights! Organizers expect more than 1,200 youth, parents, teachers and community leaders to attend. This year’s *Lights On Afterschool* celebration will be a showcase of all the fun, engaging, hands-on learning activities that students participate in during the after school hours in Carmel.

Madison, Indiana: Brandi Poling, Lide White Boys & Girls Club, 812-265-5811, rbjlwbgc@hotmail.com

Lide White Boys & Girls Club will host an open house on October 23rd from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*. All schools in the area will be invited to the event that will have a carnival-like set up. There will be relay and potato sack races, a free throw contest and arts and crafts for children and youth. Information packets and brochures will be available for parents throughout the vicinity to remind them of the importance of afterschool programs. Prizes will also be awarded to the winners of the carnival games. About 120 people are expected to attend, including principals of the local schools.

Iowa

Sioux City, Iowa: Tyler Nelson, Beyond the Bell, 712-277-3600, tnelson@beyondthebell.us.com

On October 24th from 4:00 to 6:30 PM, Beyond the Bell will host a carnival at Scarecrow Farm’s pumpkin patch in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Children will be able to partake in hay rides, pumpkin picking, pedal cart and bike races, play on a jumping pillow and pet various animals in the petting zoo. This event is open to the public to raise more awareness for *Lights On*

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Afterschool, and a minimum turnout of 500 people is expected. There will also be a live broadcast from radio station KSUX 105.7.

Story City, Iowa: Michelle Hertzke, The Youth and Shelter Services Kids Club, 515-232-4332 x4478, mhertzke@yss.anes.ia.us

On October 17th, the Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) Kids Club hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* event from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at Roland Story Elementary School. The children created displays for the event based on things they learned in school. For example, the students had an invention unit in which they learned about the telephone, and they crafted their own for display. There were also chemistry and art displays. The kids sang a version of “We Are Family” by Sister Sledge, but changed the lyrics to sing about their “Kids Club family.” Students also taught the families and community members a cheer that includes references to the community’s Norwegian heritage. They cheered about “kumle” and “lefse,” which are common Norwegian foods. The kids helped with planning the event by making “event committees,” such as a food committee, decorations committee and activities committee.

Waterloo, Iowa: Ashley Crawford, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Cedar Valley, 319-234-2839, ashley@cedarvalleyclubs.org

On October 15th, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Cedar Valley partnered with the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) to host a large-scale mentor carnival. Before the carnival started, the day went on as usual so that children were able to get homework help if necessary and participate in character building activities. Once the carnival officially started, each child was partnered with a college athlete from various UNI sports teams and rotated throughout the building doing various carnival games such as spot shot, free throws, wheelbarrow races, face painting, pumpkin decorating, obstacle courses and card games. Some 300 people attended the *Lights On Afterschool* event that ran from 4:00 to 6:30 PM.

Kansas

Independence, Kansas: Terry Sears, Kids CREW, 620-330-0282, tsears@indyschools.com
Kids CREW will hold their 8th annual carnival celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. They will have a bouncy house, cake walk, ring toss, fishing game, 7/11 game, duck pond, bulldog bean bag toss, skee ball machine, spin the wheel, football toss, treasure chest, face painting, gator golf and a pin wheel game. To end the evening, Kids CREW will announce the winners of a creative writing and art contest that students worked on all week.

Merriam, Kansas: Active Hours Afterschool Ambassador Kim Chappelow-Lee, Johnson County Park & Recreation District, 913-826-3015, kim.chappelow-lee@jocogov.org
Johnson County Park & Recreation District’s Out of School Time (OST) Programs celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* at The Theatre In The Park from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM earlier this month. Children participated in an obstacle course, jumbo soccer, basketball, face painting, a STEM-based (science, technology, engineering and math) activity, and enjoyed a healthy snack! Out of School Time programs in the Shawnee Mission School District celebrated *Lights On* on October 10th, while De Soto and Gardner-Edgerton locations celebrated on October 17th.

Topeka, Kansas: Michelle Wilson, Kansas Enrichment Network, 785-864-0548, michellewilson@ku.edu

The Kansas Enrichment Network will partner with the Kansas Children's Discovery Center for a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 23rd from 3:45 to 5:15 PM. The event will start with local afterschool programs displaying their program offerings for guests to peruse. Community members will then attend a reception and have a chance to learn about the importance of afterschool programs. Finally, students and guests will be invited to participate in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, which will include a plasma ball, an energy stick and a graphite lightbulb.

Topeka, Kansas: Melissa Mosher, Christ the King Early Education Center, 785-272-2999, ctkeec.melissa@gmail.com

On October 23rd, Christ the King Early Education Center will team up with Children's Discovery Center to host a *Lights On Afterschool* event from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Approximately 100 people are expected to attend the activity-filled evening and make a STEM-based (science, technology, engineering and math) activity board.

Wichita, Kansas: Tamara Huff, USD 259 ARTS Program, 316-866-8029, thuff@usd259.net
Between October 23rd and November 4th, six schools in the Wichita Public Schools District will host *Lights On Afterschool* events. From 3:30 to 5:00 PM on October 23rd at Mead Middle School, parents will have a chance to participate in the regular afterschool activities with their children. Cessna Elementary School will also hold an open house for parents from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. Gardiner Elementary School will host a concert in their gym at 5:15 PM, followed by a tour of the art room and dinner in the cafeteria. Finally, Stanley Elementary School will hold a concert featuring songs written by its students at 5:30 PM. On October 28th, Gordon Parks Academy will host an event featuring performances by the elementary and middle school children, an art activity for students and parents and healthy snacks. On November 4th, Caldwell Elementary School will host a production of "Day of the Dead." A member of the Wichita City Council will read a Proclamation signed by Mayor Carl Brewer at each site. Between 50 and 100 people are expected to attend each event.

Wichita, Kansas: McConnell Air Force Base Youth Programs and Exploration Place, 316-660-0600

McConnell Air Force Base Youth Programs celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* with a Rockets to the Rescue and a talent showcase on October 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Exploration Place, the Sedgwick County Science and Discovery Center. The center showcased the wonderful work of afterschool students from McConnell Air Force Base Youth Programs and 4-H. In addition to an indoor showcase of booths and demonstrations, 4-H participants and museum visitors witnessed outdoor rocket launches and tried hands-on rocketry activities throughout the afternoon. The Boeing Dome Theater and Planetarium featured Violent Universe and Perfect Little Planet films as well.

Kentucky

Ashland, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Terry Spurlock, Boyd County Public Schools, 606-739-5515 x258, terry.spurlock@boyd.kyschools.us

Students at Catlettsburg and Boyd County Middle school celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* on October 15th. Students showcased their STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities that they has been working on in the afterschool program. There were also art demonstrations, robotics team demonstrations, student-led science experiments and photography exhibits. Community, parents, students and staff attended the event.

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

Corbin Independent Schools will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st with an open house, themed “The Case of the Missing Pumpkin.” Visitors will participate in activities at stations replicating a daily sampling of what students experience in an afterschool program. Stations include pumpkin painting, science projects, cooking, reading and a math game. Throughout the event, participants will collect clues to solve the mystery of the missing pumpkin. There will be a light dinner and refreshments for all participants. The event will run from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Corbin Primary School.

Fort Campbell, Kentucky: Sommer Cloinger, Taylor Youth Center, 270-798-3643, sommer.j.cloinger.naf@mail.mil

The Taylor Youth Center held two *Lights On Afterschool* parent carnival luncheons on October 9th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM, and on October 16th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. The carnivals featured minute-to-win-it style games for the kids, and a raffle. There was also a team-based mental and physical competition with several challenges, including rock climbing and jigsaw puzzles. Each team member completed one challenge, with the option to substitute in a teammate. The winning team had their picture mounted on the “wall of swag” and received raffle tickets. While the games were going on, parents had a chance to learn about afterschool club activities, which include robotics, film, sports clinics, press/journalism activities and community service. Some 30-50 people attended each carnival.

Louisville, Kentucky: Brandy Jones, Nativity Academy, 502-855-3318, bjones@nativityacademy.org

The Nativity Academy Extended Day Program (EDP) will give tours to parents and community leaders while in session to give them a better sense of what their children do each day on October 23, from 3:00 to 5:30 PM.

Lexington, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Leslie Spears, Starting Gate, 859-252-8648, lspears@raceforeducation.org

On October 23rd, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Starting Gate will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event at Leestown Middle School. There will be games and student writings, with food provided by Graviss McDonald’s Restaurants. Mayor Jim Gray will attend and read a Proclamation from Governor Steve Beshear.

Louisiana

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Afterschool Ambassador Gaylynn Mack, Big Buddy Program, 225-388-9737, gmack@bigbuddyprogram.org

The Louisiana Center for Afterschool Learning (LACAL) and the Baton Rouge Mayor's office will partner to host a city-wide carnival on October 23rd in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Throughout the month of October, the Better Than Ezra Foundation sponsored performances by Young Audiences of Louisiana's professional teaching artists in several Baton Rouge area schools. Frank Levy will perform at Highland Elementary on October 9th, at 4:00 PM, and Komenka will perform at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School on October 17th, at 4:00 PM. Finally, Topsy Chapman will put on a show at North Blvd. Town Square on October 23rd, at 4:15 PM, at a public event complete with games and family friendly activities that showcase some of the city's afterschool enrichment groups. More than 500 people are expected to attend the celebration. VIET and LACAL will also partner to sponsor a statewide essay and art competition to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*.

New Orleans, Louisiana: Afterschool Ambassador Richard Bates, Young Audiences of Louisiana, 504-523-3525, richard@ya4la.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Young Audiences of Louisiana, in partnership with NORDC and the City of New Orleans, will host a mega event across from City Hall in Duncan Plaza from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 23rd. The event will feature spacewalks, a rock climbing wall and other family-friendly activities. The Better Than Ezra Foundation will also sponsor performances by Young Audiences of Louisiana's professional teaching artists at New Orleans area schools during the week leading up to the event: Soul Heirs will perform at Young Audiences Charter School at 3:45 PM on October 21st; Kumbuka will perform at Lincoln Elementary School at 3:45 PM on October 22nd; and the Carl LeBlanc Band will perform at City Hall during the mega event on October 23rd.

Raceland, Louisiana: Ashley Comeaux-Foret, Central Lafourche High School After School Tutoring Program, 985-532-3319, acomeaux@lafourche.k12.la.us

Between 3:00 and 4:00 PM on October 23rd, Central Lafourche High School After School will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house for the public to view their afterschool activities. Parents will be invited to check out various tutoring sessions and enrichment activities with their child.

Shreveport, Louisiana: Toccara Williams, Volunteers of America Lighthouse School Based Program, 318-221-8404x317, toccara.williams@voanorthla.org

The Volunteers of America Lighthouse program in Shreveport will host *Lights On Afterschool* share fairs at two of their district schools, Forest Hill Elementary School and Lake Shore Middle School, on October 23rd. At each event, teachers will set up displays illustrating the projects their afterschool students have been working on so far this year. Parents will be able to peruse the displays and learn about the activities in which their kids participate. The event at Forest Hill will run from 5:45 to 6:45 PM, and will include two student performances: a song by the second graders about parts of the computer and a song by the rest of the elementary students about the water cycle. Student artwork will be displayed alongside science projects, health-related activities and poems depicting why they appreciate the Lighthouse program. At least 100 students and parents may attend. The Lake Shore event will run from 5:00 to 6:00 PM and will

include similar displays and projects. Rebecca Taylor from the school board will be available to speak to parents about resources the board can provide to assist their children, and Teriyonda Murray from the Northwest Food Bank will have the chance to speak to parents who may need food assistance. Approximately 50 parents and students will attend the Lake Shore event.

Maine

Augusta, Maine: Amarinda Keys, Children’s Discovery Museum, 207-622-2209, amarinda@childrensdiscoverymuseum.org

On October 23rd, the Children’s Discovery Museum will host a science-themed open house from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Children will concoct a batch of slime, mix a lava lamp, construct miniature catapults and use them to destroy “towns” built out of paper, assemble a balloon-powered car and design and launch their own rocket. Throughout the event, there will be a coloring activity where participants can decorate lightbulb pictures, which will later be sent to state legislators. At 4:30 PM, “Mrs. Augusta” Lauren Wallace will introduce student speakers from local Boys & Girls Club chapters, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Kennebec Valley YMCA, and the Sensory Gym to talk about their experience in afterschool programs. The evening will end with mad science, a fire and ice interactive presentation. This event will also serve as the kick-off for the new Children’s Discovery Museum’s Hands-On Science afterschool program, a weekly program for elementary-school aged children in the community.

Bangor, Maine: Niles Parker, Maine Discovery Museum, 207-262-7200, nparker@mainediscoverymuseum.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Maine Discovery Museum will hold an open house for local afterschool students on October 23rd. Children will have a chance to explore the museum and participate in a variety of science experiments, including a nanoscience demonstration, a “creature feature” program with live animals and, weather permitting, an outdoor electricity demonstration. Bangor Mayor Ben Sprague will give a speech about the importance of afterschool to the more than 200 attendees, and there will be information tables set up for parents about local afterschool programs. The event will run from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

Portland, Maine: Marci Dionne, LearningWorks, 207-775-0105, mdionne@learningworks.me

On October 23rd, LearningWorks will team up with 4-H to host a parent and child science experiment night in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. 4-H has been doing a six week-long aerospace program with the children at LearningWorks leading up to the event, and all evening, children and their parents will do aerospace experiments related to what they have learned over the past weeks. Approximately 85 people are expected to attend the event.

Portland, Maine: Lucia Stancioff, Children’s Museum & Theatre of Maine, 207-828-1234 x225, lucia@kitetails.org

The Maine Afterschool Network will hold a free playtime at the Children’s Museum & Theatre of Maine that will be filled with STEM-based (science, technology, engineering and math) activities on October 23rd from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. An expected crowd of 100 to 200 people will be able to participate in special events, such as a Mars mission, science in the kitchen, circuit lab and gravity painting.

Maryland

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

The Maryland Out of School Time Network (MOST) held two October events to recognize *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 9th, MOST held a gala at the Maryland State Education Association Headquarters in Annapolis to celebrate the release of two important documents related to afterschool: “Maryland Afterschool and Summer Opportunities Fund (MASOF): Comprehensive Plan and Recommendations” and “Expanding Opportunities, Improving Lives – Afterschool’s Return on Investment for Maryland.” The reception with light hors d’oeuvres began at 4:30 PM, followed by a brief presentation at 5:30 PM. Three state delegates were represented and five members from the Governor’s Office for Children attended. The second event, a research forum on the impact of afterschool programs, was held on October 11th, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Maryland Institute College of Art. MOST, in partnership with the Family League of Baltimore City and Higher Achievement, invited distinguished education experts to give interactive presentations and participate in panels. Speakers included Baltimore City Public Schools CEO Dr. Gregory Thornton, National Summer Learning Association CEO Sarah Pitcock and Higher Achievement CEO Lynsey Wood Jeffries.

Baltimore, Maryland: Sue Seidman, Play Keepers, 410-653-9014, Sueseidman@comcast.net

The Play Keepers afterschool students planned this year’s *Lights On Afterschool* celebration themselves, opting for a day of special activities at Park Elementary School. Students will adorn their classrooms with lightbulbs they decorated, build structures using marshmallows and toothpicks, create paper weights out of mancala and newspaper and use tissue paper to design their names in bubble letters. Between parents and students, 100 people may attend. Parents will also sign a petition to keep afterschool programs alive, which will be sent to Annapolis within a week of the event. The celebration will be from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 23rd.

Baltimore, Maryland: Algernon Campbell, BUGS Afterschool Program, 410-952-7657, acampbell@livingclassrooms.org

The BUGS Afterschool Program will host an open house and parent night to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. The informal event will be an opportunity for parents and school administrators to meet the afterschool staff and learn about some of the activities BUGS has planned for the rest of the year. The event will be held from 5:00 to 6:00 PM on October 23rd at the Commodore John Rogers Elementary/Middle School. More than 100 parents may attend.

Bethesda, Maryland: Active Hours Afterschool Ambassador Elizabeth McGlynn, Girls on The Run-Montgomery County, 301-881-3801, elizabeth@girlsontherunofmoco.org

Girls on the Run of Montgomery County is hosting its fall 5K and *Lights On Afterschool* event at the Westfield Montgomery Mall on November 16 at 8:00 am. More than 5,000 runners are expected at this year’s celebration. The 2,300 girls in the program have been training for 10 weeks either before or after school in order to take part in this un-timed, non-competitive, celebratory “fun-run.” The 5K builds confidence through accomplishment and represents the culmination of all of the hard work the coaches and girls have put into training. Participants will be joined by family and friends to support their achievement and to make physical activity a family affair. More than 100 schools throughout Montgomery County will be represented along

the route. Pre-5K festivities begin at 7:00 AM and will include Happy Hair stations, a DJ and live music, dancing and the national anthem.

Bethesda, Maryland: Cintia Cabib, KID Museum, 301-897-5437, cintia@kid-museum.org
On September 14th, KID Museum hosted the 2nd annual Maker Faire in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. More than 90 inventors and robotics makers offered presentations and science activities for kids and adults. Activities included building flying robots, learning how to code video games and experimenting with 3D printing. Throughout the day, students from the Young Makers program presented their robotics projects on stage and explained why they enjoy the program. The event also featured musical performances and a number of speakers, including U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen, Darrell Hurt from the National Institutes of Health and John Grunsfield from NASA. Some 14,000 people attended the event, which ran from 12:00 to 5:00 PM.

Denton, Maryland: Kat Stork, Lifelong Learning Centers/Caroline County Recreation & Parks, 410-479-8120, kstork@caroinemd.org
Colonel Richardson Middle School will host a showcase of student experiences in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd at Colonel Richardson High School beginning at 5:30 PM. The event will be called “Unmasking Your Potential in Afterschool” and will invite students and their families to enjoy an evening of student presentations, interactive displays, a community supper and recognition ceremony of Lifelong Learning Center staff and program partners.

Leonardtown, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Mark Smith, St. Mary’s County Public Schools, 301-475-0242 x28125, mgsmith@smcps.org
St. Mary’s County Public Schools will hold its *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at Lexington Park Elementary School. Dinner will be served, followed by student performances and a ceremony recognizing afterschool partners. A major partner in the 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool program, Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. will present a check for \$6,000 to the Dream Team 21st Century Program that will fund the Tiara Troopers and Royal Troopers running clubs. The Rotary Club of Lexington Park will present a \$20,000 check for the So Many Journeys Waiting for U college readiness program. Partners in the current Dream Team Program and in the new B.E.S.T. After School Program at Park Hall Elementary will also be recognized. St. Mary’s County’s new superintendent, Scott Smith, will talk about the importance of afterschool programs. 200 people are expected to attend the event.

Rockville, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Lynn Sobolov, Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families, 301-354-4913, lynn.sobolov@collaborationcouncil.org
The Montgomery County Collaboration Council’s Excel Beyond the Bell Collaborative held a special symposium around the topic of supporting social and emotional learning in afterschool programs in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event included dynamic breakout sessions and the unveiling of the new comprehensive Excel Beyond the Bell website. The symposium was from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM on October 15th.

Massachusetts

Brockton, Massachusetts: Patricia McGrath, Get on B.A.S.E./Building After School Excellence, 339-793-1449, getonbase508@aol.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Get on B.A.S.E./Building After School Excellence will host an open house on October 21st, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM, at Brockton Main Library. A light supper, beverages and dessert will be provided. “After School Excellence Awards” will be given to three afterschool teachers or directors based on nominations from the community. Mayor Bill Carpenter will speak, as well as Superintendent Kathleen Smith of Brockton Public Schools.

Woburn, Massachusetts: Alison McDaniel, Boys & Girls Club of Woburn, 781-935-3777, a.mcdaniel@bgcwoburn.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Woburn will host “Feature a teacher” day at Shamrock Elementary School to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will invite their favorite teachers to get a tour of their afterschool program and learn what the children do every day. The cooking program will prepare a snack for teachers and students to enjoy as they go about their regular activities: a “build it” engineering design program, a physical fitness activity and kindergarten club for the younger students. About 20 people are expected to attend the event, which will run from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on October 23rd.

Michigan

Detroit, Michigan: Glynis Rumfelt, Capstone Academy Charter School, 248-582-8100, glynis-rumfelt@edtec.net

In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Capstone Academy Charter School will make lightbulbs with positive messages about afterschool programs written on them, as well as send letters to city officials, city council and state representatives to explain how afterschool programs impact their lives and keep them out of trouble. The adolescent residential treatment program, which will be making the lightbulbs and writing the letters, treat youth with mental and co-existing disorders who have been adjudicated or have committed criminal acts. Approximately 65 students will mail letters on October 23rd.

Detroit, Michigan: Veronica Adams, Kendall After School Tutoring, 313-964-0700, ahfinancialsolution@yahoo.com

Each day during the week of October 10th, Kendall After School Tutoring hosted a tutoring event at Brenda Scott Middle School from 3:30 to 6:30 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students also created garden boxes and cleaned up the community grounds of one of their branch tutoring buildings. Members of the city council, police officers, and retired and current teachers attended the events. Area college students helped out. Kendall’s tutoring service specializes in working with children who lack a basic foundation in reading and writing. It enhances the students’ abilities, helps them feel good about learning and helps them catch up with other students in their age group.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Irma Lopez, LOOP After School Program, 616-819-2165, lopezi@grps.org

Each of the 30 afterschool sites in the Grand Rapids Public Schools system will host individual events on October 23rd in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Some of the events will include open

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houses, parades, robotics demonstrations, collaborative science projects, poetry readings and festivals. Parents, community members, local business owners, legislators and media representatives are welcome to attend. Altogether, the events will reach more than 2,300 people.

Romulus, Michigan: Scott Teasdale, EMU Bright Futures, 734-487-0372, steasdal@emich.edu
Eastern Michigan University Bright Futures will hold its Youth Programming Showcase on October 30th, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM, for students from Romulus Middle School and High School. The high school dance team will perform “Thriller” in zombie makeup to open the event, then there will be afterschool programming trivia and a presentation of videos the high school and middle school students created about the importance of afterschool. Next, everyone will receive cider and donuts and break off into club stations. The middle school students will get to quilt, practice yoga and build creations through the FrankenBuild program. The high school students will work on music production and read poetry. There will be a raffle for all guests and the winner will receive a free t-shirt.

Warren, Michigan: Sandra Friedli, C2 Pipeline and Michigan Collegiate, 586-777-5792, sandrafriedli@wayne.edu
C2 Pipeline and Michigan Collegiate will team up to host an open house on October 23rd from 4:00 to 5:30 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will participate in a build-it, design-it center, take a career interest survey to determine what career will fit them best, build skeletons with pasta and decorate lightbulbs with information about afterschool programs. Students will also act in an empowerment improvisation where they will be given a scenario about aggressive students and bullying and then act out how they should handle the situation in order to encourage character building. An expected crowd of 30 to 50 people will be in attendance.

Minnesota

Duluth, Minnesota: Afterschool Ambassador Chris Francis, Duluth YMCA, 218-722-4745, cfrancis@duluthymca.org
K.E.Y. Zone, Myers-Wilkins Community School Collaborative, Valley Youth Center and True North AmeriCorps will team up to host a carnival at Enger Tower in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will showcase what they have learned in their afterschool programs and will lead fun activities for everyone to participate in during the event. A representative from Duluth Mayor Don Ness’s office will speak at the event, and youth from the programs will share their thoughts about afterschool programs as well. Finally, all participants will join together to “light up” Enger Tower. More than 350 students, as well as families and community members, may attend the event, which will run from 3:00 to 4:30 PM on October 23rd.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Steven Walvig, The Bakken Museum, 612-926-3878, walvig@thebakken.org
Students from the Sabathani Community Center and their caregivers will gather at the Bakken Museum to participate in a science theater show about electricity and the historical figures who made our current electrical system possible in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants will have a chance to tour the museum and partake in a do-it-yourself science workshop, where students will build their own light-up “magic wands” to take home. The mayors of Minneapolis

and St. Paul will also “light up” the two bridges in each city in honor of *Lights On*. The event will be on October 23rd from 4:30 to 8:00 PM.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Hayley Tompkins, Minneapolis Beacons, 612-310-8275, Haley.Tompkins@ymcatwincities.org

On October 23rd from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, Minneapolis Beacons will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at the Nellie Stone Johnson Beacon Center. After the introductory program and presentations, Beacons’ participants will showcase the skills they have learned through performances and presentations. Other Beacons groups will display projects that they have been working on during the afterschool program. More than 200 young people and adults will attend the event.

Northfield, Minnesota: Rachel Woldrum, Northfield Union of Youth, 507-663-0715, woldumr@gmail.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Northfield Union of Youth (NUY) will host an open house game night for students and parents on October 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Participants will have the chance to play a number of board games and learn more about NUY’s afterschool program at the Key Youth Center. As many as 30 students, parents, board members, Northfield Rotary Club members and city council members may attend the open house this year.

Saint Paul, Minnesota: Marika Staloch, Saint Paul Public Library, 651-266-7068, marika.staloch@ci.stpaul.mn.us

On October 23rd from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, Saint Paul Public Library will host a “maker and tinker” event (drop-in activity for teens) at The Createch Studio at the Arlington Hills Community Center in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Teens ages 13 to 19 will make bags, gloves, or patches that light up with LEDs by sewing with conductive thread. Teens will be able to take home any activity they complete. Students from the University of St. Thomas School of Engineering and the Playful Learning Lab will guide the activities. The Mayor of Saint Paul, Chris Coleman, is expected attend the event around 4:30 PM. Some 100 students will attend.

Mississippi

Corinth, Mississippi: Christy Grice, Corinth Boys & Girls Club, 662-286-2808, christygrice1@yahoo.com

On October 23rd, Corinth Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an *Alice in Wonderland*-themed book club extravaganza beginning at 6:00 PM. Volunteers will pick out their favorite childhood book and read it to children ages 6 to 13. The children will then have an activity that they can do after hearing the story. To end the evening, all volunteers will be honored for all their help in making the *Lights On* event possible. Snacks will be provided.

Greenville, Mississippi: Jalisa Kennedy, Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, Inc., 662-332-8945, boysgirlsjr@aol.com

During the week of October 20th through the 22nd, the Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, Inc. will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house. On the 20th, a public relations spokesperson from Greenville Public Schools will talk to the children about the importance of afterschool programs and how to help advertise for them. After the speech, the children will walk

through the neighborhood carrying signs with positive information about afterschool activities. On the 21st, students will work on arts and crafts, specifically posters representing the benefits of afterschool programs. Then the next day, there will be a poster contest to see which child had the best poster.

Gulfport, Mississippi: Brianna Novak, NCBC Gulfport Youth Activities Center, 228-871-2251, Brianna.novak@navy.mil

On October 23rd, NCBC Gulfport Youth Activities Center will host an open house from 5:30 to 8:30 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents will be able to see what their children do on a daily basis at the program as their children give them a tour. 20 students plus their parents will attend the event.

Jackson, Mississippi: Afterschool Ambassador Amber May, Operation Shoestring, 601-353-6336, amay@operationshoestring.org

Operation Shoestring will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house focusing on literacy. This year's open house will allow teachers, parents, board members, volunteers, community partners, and city officials an opportunity to "experience" afterschool programs on October 23rd, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at each Project Rise Site—Galloway Elementary School, Operation Shoestring's office and Rowan Middle School. Attendees will eat a healthy snack, complete "homework" assignments and participate in literacy focused enrichment activities as a part of Operation Shoestring's Just Read! initiative with ChildFund International. Participants will also have an opportunity to record a Vine, a short, seven second video, detailing their experience, its impact and their thoughts about afterschool programming.

Missouri

Springfield, Missouri: Adam Kriegshauser, SPARC, 417-837-5714, akriegshauser@springfieldmo.gov

SPARK will hold a "Spooktacular" event at Dickerson Park Zoo on October 23rd from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. There will be giant Jenga and checkers games, pickle pong, a bounce house and various contests to keep the children entertained throughout the evening of the *Lights On Afterschool* event. Children will also be able to learn about all the animals in the zoo!

Information tables will be set up throughout the zoo with information on all the afterschool programs in the area. They will also display student-made yard signs that will list facts about how afterschool programs benefit communities and the children who attend them.

Montana

Bozeman, Montana: Megan Brenna, Greater Gallatin United Way, 406-587-2194, Megan@GreaterGallatinUnitedWay.org

Greater Gallatin United Way will partner with the Gallatin County 4-H Club to host an open house at Meadowlark Elementary School on October 29th in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. During normal afterschool hours, from 3:30 to 5:45 PM, students will decorate cupcakes and work with 4-H Club staff to design and build their own flashlights. From 5:15 to 6:30 PM, parents will have a chance to come inside and learn about the afterschool program at Meadowlark. Up to 100 parents and students may attend the event.

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Dutton, Montana: Sidnee Hodgson, Dutton/Brady School, 406-899-7932, sidneelou@hotmail.com

The Dutton/Brady School will host a Halloween-themed dinner on October 23rd in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will decorate the cafeteria to prepare for the dinner, and afterwards there will be various team-building games for guests to participate in. Students, parents and community members will be able to win prizes, including homemade apple pies. Kids will also have a chance to show off the volcanoes they built that week in their afterschool program, and even make one erupt! Dutton Mayor Susan Fleshman will attend, along with an expected crowd of 75 people. The event will run from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Hot Springs, Montana: Rae Herman, X-Treme Team, 406-849-5752, rae_herman1964@yahoo.com

The X-Treme Team afterschool program held a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 15th, highlighting the Hot Springs Elementary School's garden project. Students and parents participated in a life-size game board, rolling dice and moving from station to station while learning about the water cycle. Maureen Malinak, director of the local 4-H Club, gave a short presentation about the garden program and why they chose to spotlight it for the event. Staff also held disaster preparedness drills, teaching students about what to do in case of fires, earthquakes and other events. Students, parents, the school superintendent, most of the school staff, local business owners and representatives from two local newspapers attended the event for a total crowd of 50 people. The event, which ran from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, was catered by local high school students in a catering program and featured vegetables from the garden.

Lewiston, Montana: Katie Holbeck, Boys & Girls Club of Lewiston, 406-535-2257, kholbeck@bgclublewistown.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Lewiston will host a dinner and game night on October 30th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. At the event, students and parents will travel between stations – arts and crafts, social recreation, fitness, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and others – and complete a series of challenges. They will get a point for each station they visit, and once they've completed all the challenges, they can win a prize! Students will also have a chance to showcase their STEM work from the past few months, teaching their parents and other community members what they've learned. The event will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, and more than 100 people are expected to attend.

Nebraska

Lincoln, Nebraska: Afterschool Ambassador Dayna Krannawitter, Lincoln Housing Authority, 402-436-1120 ext. 5, dkranna@lps.org

Lincoln's 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool program sites will celebrate "15 Years of Excellence in Afterschool" with a *Lights On Afterschool* rally and showcase on October 23rd from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Lefler Middle School (1100 S. 48th Street). The event will kick off with the program's Lead Youth Ambassadors hosting a rally and introduction of VIP judges from the surrounding community for the event showcase. It will also feature awards for afterschool innovation and a *Lights On Afterschool* Proclamation from the mayor will be read. Afterschool sites from across Lincoln will showcase their excellence at interactive booths

with displays that will then be judged. Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 7:00 PM and awards will be announced at 7:15 PM.

Omaha, Nebraska: Afterschool Ambassador Gwyn Williams, Collective For Youth, 402-932-2025 x1002, gwilliams@Collectiveforyouth.org

On October 25th, Collective For Youth will host a city-wide *Lights On Afterschool* celebration with lunch, hands on demonstrations of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, a talent show, three-on-three basketball tournament and a parent resource fair. To kick off the event, Mayor Jean Stothert will read a Proclamation and the University of Nebraska Omaha Chancellor will present the Afterschool Champion Award. This year's event will conclude with a raffle. More than 1,500 people are expected to attend the celebration this year. Area elected officials, school board officials, partnering non-profits and key community members are expected to attend the event, which will run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the University of Nebraska Omaha's Sapp Fieldhouse.

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

Westside Boys & Girls Club will host an open house to showcase their afterschool activities in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Teachers, parents, families and friends will have the opportunity to witness a day in the life of the Club's afterschool program. Students and guests will participate in a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, computer projects, cooking, physical activity and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs. Students will design lightbulbs for a poster contest for their art projects to highlight the *Lights On* theme. The open house will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 23rd, and close to 300 people may attend.

Nevada

Reno, Nevada: Tina Colliver, Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, 775-360-2451, tcolliver@bgctm.org

On October 23rd from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be lightbulb coloring contests, games, art projects, face painting, giveaways, free dinner and performances from local drum groups and kid acting companies. Community partners will help run booths and information tables and over 500 people are expected to attend.

Reno, Nevada: Lindy McDonald, The Children's Cabinet, 775-856-0139, lmcdonald@childrenscabinet.org

On October 23rd from 4:15 to 5:15 PM, The Children's Cabinet will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house at Fremont Elementary School. Children will participate in a group activity called Spider Web in which they will share what they like about their afterschool program along with the one friend or staff member that has had a positive impact on them and why. As they tell their stories, they will toss around a ball of yarn, creating the illusion of a spider web. Children will also decorate lightbulbs in their own unique way to be strung up around the afterschool facility. About 35 children will participate in the event.

New Hampshire

Manchester, New Hampshire: Samantha Richard, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 603-624-6300 x199, srichard@mansd.org

On October 23rd, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program in Manchester will host an open house at Beech Street Elementary from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be photo booths, face painting, basketball games, various arts and crafts and leaf rubbing activities for parents and children to do together. More than 100 people are expected to attend, including Mayor Ted Gatsas.

Nashua, New Hampshire: Joseph Maryanski, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua, 603-883-0523, burnette@scynetwork.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua will host a fall harvest-themed event in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. However, instead of the usual harvest of fruits and vegetables, they will harvest knowledge. There will be several demonstrations of educational programs offered at their facility, along with many other fun activities. Children will participate in a mini pumpkin chucker building competition, Mad Science activity, pie eating contest and a hay maze. The event will take place on October 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. There will also be an additional hour for a Cultural Arts demonstration in the auditorium. Nearly 500 people are expected to attend.

Seabrook, New Hampshire: Afterschool Ambassador Forrest Carter Jr., Seabrook Adventure Zone, 603-474-3332 x3, forrest@seacoastyouthservices.org

Seabrook Adventure Zone will join the Seabrook Community Center, Seacoast Youth Services and Seabrook Middle School on October 23rd to host a *Lights On Afterschool* Halloween-themed event at Seabrook Middle School from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. At the event, stations will be set up with project-based hands on activities for participants to experience. These activities will include projects from the Museum of Science Curriculum and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fun! Student projects will be showcased as well.

New Jersey

Edison, New Jersey: Wayne Blum, Edison YMCA, 732-494-3232, wayne.blum@ymcaofmews.org

Edison YMCA will host an open house on October 23rd from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents will be invited to see what their children do each day in the afterschool program, and will be able to participate in arts and crafts time with their child. Approximately 150 people are expected to attend the event.

Edison, New Jersey: Joanne Matagrano, Ken Shirk Child Care Center, 732-287-1131, joanne.matagrano@ymcaofmews.org

Ken Shirk Child Care Center will host an open house on October 23rd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*. About 35 students and their parents will play catch, make trail mix together and talk about healthy eating habits to incorporate at home.

Haddonfield, New Jersey: Afterschool Ambassador Denise Sellers, Haddonfield Child Care, 856-429-1603, dsellers@haddonfield.k12.nj.us

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In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Haddonfield Child Care students will participate in an event centered around the famous Hadrosaurus Foulkii Dinosaur Sculpture in the Haddonfield Business District. Leading up to *Lights On*, students watched a video about “Haddy” from the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University in Philadelphia, then researched fun and interesting facts about Haddy and prepared a fact sheet. On October 23rd, from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, students will distribute the fact sheet to shoppers, families, business owners and anyone who walks by the statue. The fact sheet will also include information about the importance of afterschool and some of the activities Haddonfield Child Care students are partaking in this year, including STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), foreign languages and service learning. Students will also use sidewalk chalk to draw their own renditions of Haddy, while handing out the fact sheets. Also on October 23rd, children at the Elizabeth Haddon Afterschool Program will display their newly learned STEM skills with demonstrations of digital games and other digital media. On October 29th, students at the Tatem Afterschool Program will host Haddonfield Mayor Jeffrey Kasko for a youth town meeting. The children will prepare questions on issues of relevance to young people in the community to present to the mayor, as well as questions solicited from children at the other two Haddonfield afterschool programs. The event will be covered by a live Twitter feed.

Jersey City, New Jersey: Elnardo Webster, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 973-390-3430, ewebster@saintpeters.edu

On October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:30 PM, St. Peter’s University and 21st Century Community Learning Centers will team up to host a *Lights On Afterschool* inspired legislative day at the University. Students will invite elected officials to celebrate *Lights On* with them. There will also be various student activities such as a step program and drama skit. State Senator Sandra Cunningham will speak at the event. There will be anywhere from 700 to 1,000 people in attendance.

Newark, New Jersey: LiSandra Davila, ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey, 973-484-7554, ldavila.aspiranj@gmail.com

On October 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey will host an open house at Louis Munoz Marin Middle School in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The evening will begin with a meet-and-greet between students, parents and staff. Students and parents will then be able to cook one of five easy, nutritious recipes together that students had previously voted on in school. Once they have cooked the recipe, the family will receive a copy of a cookbook with other healthy recipes such as smoothies, burrito bites and mini pizzas to encourage cooking nutritious meals as a family. To end the evening, students and parents will then vote in a lightbulb making contest in which students will illustrate what afterschool means to them in either the form of a poem, drawing or painting. Some 200 people are expected to attend.

Paterson, New Jersey: Sakena Thompson, New Roberto Clemente/School No. 5, 973-321-0556, sthompson@paterson.k12.nj.us

New Roberto Clemente School and School No. 5 will team up on October 23rd to host a multi-cultural inspired open house in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. At both locations, the open houses will run from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, and will have anywhere from 120 to 200 students at the open house. There will be vendors that will provide African drumming and Latin dance information and practice sessions.

Trenton, New Jersey: Nickey Enders, Boys & Girls Club Mercer, 609-421-2016, nenders@bgcmercerc.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Mercer will host a glow-in-the-dark soccer game and cheer competition at the Grant School. Students and parents will light themselves up with glow sticks to compete in a soccer game, the cheerleading team will put on a performance, and the students will perform a glow-in-the-dark flash mob. At least 100 people may attend the event, which will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 24th.

Trenton, New Jersey: Louise Shabazz, Children's Home Society, 609-620-1018 x200, LShabazz@chsofnj.org

The Children's Home Society will host two separate open house *Lights On Afterschool* events on October 23rd from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Afterschool programs at Grace A. Dunn Middle School and Joyce Kilmer Middle School will invite parents to learn about what their children do every day at the afterschool program. The site coordinator and program coordinator for each location will speak to the parents about day-to-day activities, and introduce students who will show what they have been working on so far in the program. Sample work from the students will be displayed, and students will end the night with a cheer that they created for *Lights On Afterschool*.

New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Michael Lujan, New Mexico Rio Grande Education Collaborative, 505-873-6035, mlujan@rgec.org

On October 23rd, the New Mexico Rio Grande Education Collaborative and the state's 21st Century Community Learning Centers programs will host a "Luminarias for Literacy on the Rio Grande" event to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. From 5:00 to 7:30 PM more than 400 children, parents and community members will stroll along the banks of the Rio Grande River at Gateway Park on the bridge at the corner of Bridge and Isleta and see the river lit up in honor of afterschool programs. Storyteller Steve Pla will tell the story of La Llorona (a ghost who kidnaps wandering children who resemble her own lost children or who disobey their parents) and other ghost stories. Participants will enjoy biscochitos, hot chocolate and information about afterschool programs in New Mexico. Afterschool Ambassador Flo Trujillo will read the *Lights On Afterschool* state Proclamation.

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Mike Ashcraft, Children's Choice, 505-296-2880, ashcraft@childrens-choice.org

The Children's Choice afterschool program will hold 11 different *Lights On Afterschool* events at its various sites throughout Albuquerque, including two hands-on family science nights at North Star Elementary School and Georgia O'Keefe Elementary School. At these events, students and parents will participate in science experiments related to light. They will have a chance to develop wind turbines and electric circuits to turn on lightbulbs, and learn about bioluminescence (the production and emission of light by a living organism) and chemiluminescence (the emission of light during a chemical reaction that does not produce significant quantities of heat). The events will be at North Star Elementary School on October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, and at Georgia O'Keefe Elementary School on October 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Each school expects approximately 100 participants.

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New York

Bronx, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Alberto Cruz, YMCA of Greater New York, 212-912-2640, acruz@ymcany.org

The YMCA of Greater New York – West Side branch will have students from P.S. 165 and P.S. 166 march through the neighborhood in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will wear yellow shirts and display some of the activities they have been working on, including STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and arts and crafts projects. Children from P.S. 165 will also decorate lightbulbs for the march.

Buffalo, New York: Nekia Kemp, Concerned Ecumenical Ministry (CEM), 716-882-2442 x27, nkemp@cembuffalo.org

The Concerned Ecumenical Ministry (CEM) will host an afterschool city-wide celebration in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. This year's event will take place on October 23rd from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, and will start the evening off with photos on the red carpet, refreshments, activities and music by DJ Sherman. Speakers will include Dr. Donald Ogilvie, superintendent of Buffalo Public Schools, and Deputy Mayor Ellen Grant, who will introduce the city's proclamation praising afterschool programs. Students will then read Proclamations from the mayor and Governor Andrew Cuomo. State Assemblywoman Crystal Peoples-Stokes and State Senator Timothy Kennedy will attend the celebration. There will also be youth performances, student "fun time" and refreshments to keep the night of excitement going! Organizers expect 300 to 500 people will attend the celebration.

Forest Hills, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Patrick Pinchinat, Queens Community House, 718-830-5233, Ppinchinat@gchnyc.org

The Queens Community House Beacon Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with children, families, community members and elected officials on October 23rd from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. The event will be an advocacy carnival with activity demonstrations, games, face painting and advocacy testimonial booths. Refreshments will be provided. Weather permitting, there will also be a march through the local shopping area of the community. The evening will conclude with a rally and ceremony at the program center.

New York, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Jaynemie Enyonam Angbah, Children's Aid Society, 212-381-1187, jaynemie@childrensaidsociety.org

The Children's Aid Society will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at ten of its schools and community centers throughout New York City on October 23rd. Events will include marches and parades, lightbulb decorating and open houses. Most of the events will take place during afterschool hours, between 3:00 and 6:00 PM.

New York, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Jaynemie Enyonam Angbah, The Children's Aid Society, 212-381-1187, jaynemie@childrensaidsociety.org

The Children's Aid Society's Goodhue Center partnered with The Staten Island Children's Museum to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and highlight STEM (science technology, engineering, and math) in afterschool programs. Kindergarten through fifth grade students spent the afternoon exploring upcycling using cardboard boxes and other materials to create three dimensional structures. The children's projects were then displayed at The Staten Island

Children's Museum. The fun event took place on October 10th at the Goodhue Center from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

Rochester, New York: Koralee Bernardo, Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester, 585-328-3077 x102, kbernardo@bgcrochester.org

On October 23rd, The Boys & Girls Club of Rochester will hold a candlelight vigil (using glow sticks) in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool* from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The event will take place outside with a slide show displayed on white sheets that will be dropped from the roof depicting what youth do while at the Club. Buffalo Wild Wings and Dunkin Donuts will provide the refreshments. There will also be Club tours following the slideshow. The Monroe County District Attorney, the Monroe County Sheriff and Reverend Hargrave will speak at the event along with elected officials. Almost 200 people are expected to attend the vigil.

Schenectady, New York: Chris Neitzey, AfterSchool Works! New York, 518-694-0660 x335, chris@afterschoolworksny.org

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, AfterSchool Works! New York will partner with the Museum of Innovation and Science (miSci) and the Association of Science – Technology Centers (ASTC) to promote the importance of afterschool programming. Their event, *Lights On Afterschool* at miSci, will be from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on October 22nd and will contain hands-on science experiments, planetarium shows and more!

South Glens Falls, New York: Andria Prouty, The Fisherman's Net Youth Program at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 518-793-9380, thefishermansnet@aol.com

On October 23rd, The Fisherman's Net Youth Program at St. Andrew Lutheran Church will host an "Unplug, Go Play!" event in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. All electronics will be turned off for the entire afternoon, and children will spend the afternoon outside. There will be a student vs. teacher kickball game, relay races and a special outdoor picnic snack to remind the students of the importance of incorporating active play and time in nature into their daily schedule. St. Andrew will also host a family movie night (Disney's *Saving Mr. Banks*) for children and the community, complete with a potluck supper on October 25th, beginning at 4:00 PM.

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

The White Plains Youth Bureau will host potluck dinners at each of its afterschool programs on October 22nd during normal afterschool hours. At each of the *Lights On Afterschool* dinners, staff will discuss the importance of afterschool programs and host special games for participants. Guests will receive information cards, gifts and *Lights On* materials.

North Carolina

Charlotte, North Carolina: Mike Trueheart, Belmont Avenue Boys & Girls Club of Greater Charlotte, 704-295-1175, mike.trueheart@uss.salvationarmy.org

The Belmont Avenue Boys & Girls Club of Greater Charlotte will hold an open house on October 23rd, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will maintain their everyday schedule for the first half of the event to allow parents and community members to witness the afterschool program in action. During the second half of the event,

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students and parents will participate in various afterschool activities together, including relay races, potato sack races, pie eating contests, egg tosses and a kids vs. parents indoor basketball game.

Durham, North Carolina: Jin Ellington, Citizen Schools North Carolina, 919-636-2927, jinellington@citizenschools.org

Citizen Schools North Carolina will host an open house site visit at Neal Middle School to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 23rd. Potential funders, district and school board members and community members will hear from a panel of students, family members and teachers about how the Citizen Schools afterschool program has impacted them, with time for a Q&A session at the end of the panel. Afterwards, guests will witness everyday afterschool activities, including student “apprenticeships,” where local professionals teach ten-week classes on a number of topics relevant to students’ academics. Engineers will instruct students on how to build robots, scientists will teach a course about air and water quality and law students will help kids conduct a mock trial. The event will run from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

Greensboro, North Carolina: Beth Menefee, Hunter Elementary ACES Program, 336-316-5861, menefee@gcsnc.com

On October 25th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Hunter Elementary will host an ACES (Afterschool Care Enrichment Services) family night in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* in the school cafeteria. Parents will engage in traditional afterschool activities that their children do after school every day, such as reading, Versatiles, games, brain games, Skillastics, art projects and science experiments. About 85 people are expected to attend.

North Dakota

Fargo, North Dakota: Tracy Thorson, YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties, 218-512-2030, tracy.thorson@ymcacassclay.org

The YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties hosted its 15th annual *Lights On Afterschool* 1K Youth Run on October 16th. Students from the YMCA’s 30 afterschool programs used their day off from school to run around Island Park and enjoy a picnic with their parents.

West Fargo, North Dakota: Shannon Blomker, CHARISM/Eastwood Elementary STEM Club, 701-356-0261, sblomker@charism.org

On October 23rd from 2:30 to 5:30 PM, Eastwood Elementary School and the CHARISM program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event. It will be similar to the normal daily routine at the afterschool program so that parents are able to see what their children do each day. The event will begin with a “get to know you” activity and an introductory lesson to the engineering design process. Some 30 students plus parents are expected to attend.

Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio: Hana Mohammad, Horizon Education Centers, 216-314-1453, hmohammad@horizonohio.org

On October 30th, Horizon Education Centers will host a family night at Charles Mooney School in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students and parents will participate in a variety of

Halloween-themed arts and crafts, such as making jack-o'-lanterns out of recycled materials, using colored duct tape to design faces on green apples and making spider-shaped hats out of construction paper. The event will run from 3:30 to 4:30 PM and about 70 students and parents may attend.

Cleveland, Ohio: Brittany Schultz, Horizon Education Centers, 216-310-5294, bschultz@horizonohio.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Horizon Education Centers at Scranton School will host a fall festival and family night on October 24th, from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Students, parents and staff will participate in a variety of activities, including pumpkin-decorating, fall-themed arts and crafts and a science experiment to make a gooey substance known as “slime.” The afterschool cooking club will prepare snacks for the 50 expected attendees.

Cleveland, Ohio: Laura McShane, Cleveland Public Libraries, 216-623-6920, lmcshane@cpl.org

The Brooklyn Branch of the Cleveland Public Library system will hold a science program called “Explore the Sweet Side of Chemistry” to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and the American Chemical Society’s National Chemistry Week. A NASA representative and a chemistry student from a local university will work with afterschool students on hands-on science experiments, exploring the way different everyday chemical reactions work. The program will be on October 23rd, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM, and as many as 25 students may attend.

Cleveland, Ohio: Lucy Conant, Salvation Army Ohio City, 216-631-1515, lucy.conant@use.salvationarmy.org

Salvation Army Ohio City will host its fifth annual *Lights On Afterschool* open house for parents, teachers and community members on October 23rd from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Attendees will gather in the chapel to watch student performances, including science experiments and poetry readings. One of the older students will speak about why the afterschool program is important to her and her classmates. The staff will also read a Proclamation from Governor John Kasich commending afterschool programs. Then, guests will be invited up to the classrooms to play games with the students, enjoy light refreshments and learn a bit more about Salvation Army afterschool activities. Approximately 30 people may attend.

Columbus, Ohio: Brandi Scales, Voices For Ohio’s Children, 614-940-4248, brandi@raiseyourvoiceforkids.org

On October 23rd from noon to 4:30 PM, Voices For Ohio’s Children will host a *Lights On Afterschool* advocacy and rally at the Ohio Statehouse. Afterschool providers, kids, families, and child and youth advocates will meet with legislators to promote afterschool programs. Children, youth and parents are very effective advocates and it will be a great educational experience for students! There will also be student performances.

Rocky River, Ohio: Afterschool Ambassador Megan Henkel, Young Rembrandts Northeast Ohio and Columbus, 216-702-0452, megan.henkel@youngrembrandts.com
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Young Rembrandts will host a free drawing event for kids grades K-6 at the Rocky River Civic Center on October 23rd, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Students

will create a Superhero Lightbulb Drawing in honor of the *Lights On* theme, and the first 20 students registered will receive a free goodie bag.

Oklahoma

Norman, Oklahoma: Harold Lee Jr., Irving Recreation Center, 405-292-9774, harold.lee@normanok.gov

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Irving Recreation Center will host a week's worth of events highlighting its afterschool programs. During "Try-it-Week," from October 20th through 24th, youth from throughout Norman will be able to participate in Irving's afterschool classes for free. Kids will have a chance to try ballet, jazz dancing, flamenco dancing and creative basketball dribbling. Irving will host a second free event called "Stay & Play" for registered afterschool students from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on October 22nd, featuring games, arts and crafts, pizza and more. As many as 100 youth and community members are expected to participate throughout the week.

Salina, Oklahoma: Honesti Williams, Salina After School Program, 918-434-5300, hwilliams@salina.k12.ok.us

Salina After School Program will host a community spaghetti feed in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, in their on-site cafeteria. Students and their parents will be able to enjoy a massive plate of spaghetti with a breadstick while being entertained by a student talent show. Tickets will be available in advance to avoid wait times in line for the meal. Students will highlight activities they do in afterschool during the talent show. They will perform talents such as archery, art presentations, basket weaving and a photography display. To finish the evening, the teachers will then host a fun event that you'll have to attend to see! More than 150 people are expected to attend the event, including the superintendent of schools.

Stratford, Oklahoma: Afterschool Ambassador Laticia Vacca, Stratford SAFE Bulldog Academy, 580-759-2382x52, lvacca@stratford.k12.ok.us

Stratford SAFE Bulldog Academy held its *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 14th. The open house showcased the Academy's afterschool activities, including music, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and career awareness. Children in the Raise Your Voice choir group gave a performance, and students decorated lightbulbs and used flyers to adorn the school in preparation for the event.

Oregon

Salem, Oregon: Linda Perry, Salem Child Development Center, 503-990-6460, lindascdc@hotmail.com

On October 23rd from 3:00 to 5:30 PM, Salem Child Development Center will host 16 fall harvest festivals throughout Oregon to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be activities at various locations such as pumpkin bowling, harvest bingo, face painting, origami, lightbulb decorations and prizes throughout the evening. There will also be a fish pond and special snack – you will have to attend to find out what it is! The evening will focus on child safety and social skills. Parents, students, siblings and grandparents will attend the event.

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Springfield, Oregon: Ryan Taxara, Willamalane Park and Recreation District, 541-736-4544, ryant@willamalane.org

The Willamalane Park and Recreation District will make *Lights On Afterschool* a theme in their afterschool classrooms every day of the week leading up to October 23rd. The students will work on art and science projects reflecting the *Lights On* message, including decorating lightbulbs with the reasons why they like their afterschool program, and building their own nightlights. Parents already received promotional materials about *Lights On Afterschool*, including statistics about the Willamalane afterschool program, its impact and its importance. Some 450 first through fifth grade students from 11 program sites will share their work with their families when they head home each night.

Pennsylvania

Allentown, Pennsylvania: Katie Makoski, Communities In Schools of the Lehigh Valley, 484-834-8830, makoskic@cislv.org

Allentown School District will host various *Lights On Afterschool* events throughout the month of October. Trexler Middle School and Raub Middle School will team up with the DaVinci Science Center to host a family science night. Students and parents will participate in a family engagement activity focusing on electricity – a play on the *Lights On* theme. Trexler Middle School will host their science night on October 27th, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM, and Raub Middle School will host theirs on October 28th, from 4:50 to 5:30 PM. South Mountain Middle School will host a family bingo night on October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania: Katie Makoski, Communities In Schools of the Lehigh Valley, 484-834-8830, makoskic@cislv.org

Bethlehem Area School District will host various *Lights On Afterschool* events throughout the month of October. Lincoln Elementary School will host an open house for students, families and community members on October 23rd, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Calypso Elementary School will host a student showcase that will feature participants in the school's afterschool programs on October 23rd from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Approximately 150 students and parents may attend.

Easton, Pennsylvania: Katie Makoski, Communities In Schools of the Lehigh Valley, 484-834-8830, makoskic@cislv.org

Easton Area School District will host various *Lights On Afterschool* events throughout the month of October. Easton Area Middle School 5/6 and Easton Area Middle School 7/8 will team up with the DaVinci Science Center to host a family science night. Students and parents will participate in a family engagement activity focusing on electricity – a play on the *Lights On* theme. Easton Area Middle School 5/6 will participate on October 21st, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM and Easton Area Middle School 7/8 will follow a day later, from 4:50 to 5:30 PM. Up to 200 students and parents may attend.

Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania: Afterschool Ambassador Jeanna Miller, Lehigh Carbon Community College SHINE Program, 610-799-1972, jmiller@lcc.edu

Afterschool youth in the Lehigh Carbon Community College SHINE 21st Century Community Learning Center Afterschool program gathered together for the yearly *Lights On Afterschool*

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celebration on October 16th. Children from two elementary centers and the middle school career academy opened the event with “Do Something,” by Mathew West. The rest of the event showcased the many STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities youth are involved in during afterschool, including: engineering a slingshot race car, experimenting with rocketry and building a DUI Task Force Vehicle. The SHINE Career Academy middle school students performed a flash mob dance, a video produced by UGI Gas Company highlighted the SHINE STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Program and elementary students gave a presentation on 3-D printing technology. Dr. Barbara Conway, former superintendent of the Jim Thorpe Area School District, served as the Master of Ceremony, and Caroline Allen from PSAYDN presented state Senators John Yudichak and David Argall with the 2014 After-School Champion Award. The event ran from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at Jim Thorpe High School.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Darasia Selby-Adebisi, Project HOME/Honickman Learning Center, 215-235-2900, darasiaselby@projecthome.org

The Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs (HLCCTL) will host a “Star Party” for afterschool youth on October 23rd from 4:30 to 7:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. At the interactive event, students and guests will participate in hands-on astronomy-related activities, as well as meet astronomers and look at the stars with telescopes. The 38,000 square-foot, four-floor mega-center is technologically loaded with the most progressive hardware and software systems for education and learning, making it the largest and most advanced facility of its kind serving low-income populations in Philadelphia. The HLCCTL runs programs which focus on the integration of technology with art, education and enterprise.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Anjali Gallup-Diaz, Parent Infant Center, 215-222-5480, agallupdiaz@parentinfantcenter.org

Parent Infant Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* ceremony on October 24th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. They will introduce nature into the daily afterschool experience with a community tree decoration. The tree will be strung up with all kind of lights (in the *Lights On Afterschool* theme). They will also signal to University City Arts League (an afterschool program across the street) with blinking lights. About 80 people are expected at the event.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Mila Yochum, United Way of Allegheny County, 412-456-6876, Mila.Yochum@uwac.org and Afterschool Ambassador Wendy Etheridge-Smith, Higher Achievement Pittsburgh, 412-605-8448, wetheridgesmith@higherachievement.org

The Allegheny Partners for Out-of-School Time (APOST) will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 21st from 8:30 to 11:30 AM at the IBEW Circuit Center called the “State of Afterschool Reports.” At the “State of Afterschool Reports,” the group will share data from the Afterschool Alliance’s America After 3PM report, a funding map study addressing the resources supporting afterschool in Allegheny County and information about local programs available. The symposium will target policymakers and school officials to explore ways to support educational goals and maximize funding opportunities for afterschool.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Mila Yochum, United Way of Allegheny County, 412-456-6876, Mila.Yochum@uwac.org and Afterschool Ambassador Wendy Etheridge-Smith, Higher Achievement Pittsburgh, 412-605-8448, wetheridgesmith@higherachievement.org

On October 23rd, the Allegheny Partners for Out-of-School Time (APOST) will host a celebration to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* from 3:30 to 7:00 PM at the Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History. The event will feature student performances, hands-on learning opportunities for youth provided by various afterschool programs and fun for all. More than 500 youth and adult participants are expected to attend.

Quakertown, Pennsylvania: Afterschool Ambassador Heather Moyer, LifeSpan Before and After School Programs, 267-347-0985, hmoyer@lq.org

On October 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30 AM, LifeSpan Before and After School Programs will kick off the day with breakfast for families and community leaders to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Later that day, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, the program will celebrate again with refreshments and a showcase of afterschool activities, including creative art projects, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, sports and healthy eating education. State Sen. Bob Mensch and State Rep. State Paul Clymer will attend and read *Lights On Afterschool* Proclamations.

Rhode Island

Cumberland, Rhode Island: Liz Lemire, The Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Learning, 401-475-0929 x4, lizlemire.ocyl@gmail.com

From 5:30 to 7:30 PM on October 23rd, The Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Learning (OCYL) will host a glow night for the entire community to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. This event will engage Cumberland youth in hands-on fun, such as making STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) projects and activities that glow in a special "Black Light Room," mask making, trick or treating, story times, raffles and prizes. Donations and contributions will be accepted for the Cumberland Youth Commission's Home Heating Assistance Program throughout the event.

North Kingstown, Rhode Island: Jane Stone, Sunshine Child Development Center, 401-294-3510, jstone@sunshinecdc.com

The Sunshine Child Development Center will host an open house for parents to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. During normal pick-up time, parents will be able to play games, work on fall-themed arts and crafts projects and share a snack with their children. Staff will also give parents a chance to fill out a questionnaire about the afterschool program so it can be improved in the future. More than 60 parents and students may attend the open house, which will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 23rd.

Providence, Rhode Island: Joseph Morra, The United Way of Rhode Island, 401-444-0615, joseph.morra@uwri.org

On October 24th, The United Way of Rhode Island will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Breakfast of Champions from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. During the breakfast, four speakers with local and national perspectives about afterschool programs will speak, as well as U.S. Rep. David Cicillini. The theme of the event will be "redefining education, redefining success" and 300 people will attend.

Providence, Rhode Island: Cherima Folston, Providence YMCA Youth Services, 401-323-9591, CFolston@gpymca.org

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

The Providence YMCA Youth Services will host their annual *Lights On Afterschool* open house at Robert L. Bailey IV Elementary School from 5:30 to 7:00 PM on October 23rd. Attendees will partake in a number of activities, including literacy and math games, pumpkin decorating and Zumba. There will also be a bake sale and plenty of snacks for families to share. As many as 250 students, family members and community partners may attend.

South Carolina

Charleston, South Carolina: Robin Carter, Kaleidoscope, 843-762-8129, recarter22@gmail.com

The Kaleidoscope afterschool program at Murray Lasaine Elementary School will hold a showcase of student work to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students as young as three and as old as ten will have a chance to present their afterschool work to their parents and the school community. Some of the older fifth grade students will put together a research project on the benefit and impact of afterschool initiatives, and all the children will perform songs about the Kaleidoscope program. There will also be games and activities happening throughout the showcase, including a game of bingo with books as prizes. Kaleidoscope director Robin Carter will give some introductory remarks before the event, which will run from 4:30 to 5:30 PM on October 23rd.

Columbia, South Carolina: Active Hours Afterschool Ambassador Wendy Broderick, YMCA of Columbia, 803-748-9622x113, wendybroderick@columbiaymca.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, YMCA of Columbia's afterschool programs at the Jeep Rogers, Lexington and NorthWest Family YMCAs will invite community leaders to tour their afterschool programs. During the tours, staff will highlight the YMCA's healthy eating and physical activity standards and discuss the work going on to implement those standards nationwide. Guests will also have a chance to serve as judges in a lightbulb coloring contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top three lightbulbs at each branch. The event will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 23rd.

Greenville, South Carolina: Tommie Reece, Roper Mountain Science Center, 864-355-8937, treece@greenville.k12.sc.us

Several Greenville area afterschool programs will gather at the Roper Mountain Science Center on October 23rd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by experiencing two exciting and engaging science programs. The first, "Astronaut: An Experience like Nothing on Earth!" will take place in the Hooper Planetarium. This program will explore what it takes to become an astronaut and what happens when man journeys into space. The second, "Energy Transformations – I've Got the Power!" will demonstrate the Law of Conservation of Energy, giving students a greater understanding of energy and its relation to the world. Student volunteers will assist in demonstrations exploring the sources of heat, solar, chemical and electrical energy. Three hundred second through fifth grade students will attend along with their afterschool chaperones. The programs will run from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Winnsboro, South Carolina: Vannessa Hollins, Chameleon Inspirations Learning Center, 803-815-0833, vhollins33@hotmail.com

Chameleon Inspirations Learning Center will host an open house in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 23rd from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Students will create Lego displays, write messages about what afterschool means to them, and give tours to stakeholders. As many as 125 people are expected to attend.

South Dakota

Belle Fourche, South Dakota: Cynthia Hillman, TRAK, 605-645-6700, cyndeecd@gmail.com
The TRAK Program at South Park Elementary will hold its third annual *Lights On Afterschool* chili cook-off on October 23rd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Students and families will have their chili judged by a panel of tasters, with prizes going to the first, second and third place winners. Guests will be able to enjoy both the competition chili and extra provided by the school. The event will also feature “Minute-to-Win-It” games and “Destination Imagination” challenges, where teams of students will have to solve problems and build creations with minimal supplies. More than 75 parents and students may attend.

Pierre, South Dakota: Kristie Maher, South Dakota Discovery Center, 605-224-8295, kristiemaher@sd-discovery.com

On October 29th, the South Dakota Discovery Center will host a Halloween science bash from 1:00 to 7:00 PM to celebrate of *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be a haunted house designed by local afterschool programs, a decorated pumpkin display and contest, pumpkin catapulting, kid-created scary film festival and lots of exploding, glowing and oozing science experiments! Children will also be able to design their own black light mask to wear throughout the evening. A crowd of 400 people is likely to attend.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Afterschool Ambassador Heather DeWit, Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota, 605-371-8770, heather.dewit@lsssd.org

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota will hold student-led events at each of its five locations on October 23rd in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Activities at each site will include cooking, arts projects, service learning, character-building projects and physical activities. Students will use these activities to exhibit how important afterschool programs are to them.

Waubay, South Dakota: Dawn Johnson, Enemy Swim Day School, 605-947-4605, djohnson@esds.us

On October 16th, Enemy Swim Day School hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* event from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The event began with a community supper that was provided by the Enemy Swim Day School Culture Club. There were various health and wellness booths set up around the vicinity, as well as two beading workshops and one quilting workshop. A community basketball game against the Sisseton-Wahpeton Police took place in the gym later on in the evening. The event was open to the community.

Tennessee

Kingsport, Tennessee: Nastassia Taylor, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport Eastman Unit, 423-230-4160, ydp14@kbgc.org

On October 23rd from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport Eastman will host a science fair in their on-site gymnasium. With an expected crowd of 50 to 100 people and local media, club members will have individual science experiment stations set up for viewers to observe. This is the second year in a row that the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport Eastman has participated in *Lights On Afterschool*!

Nashville, Tennessee: Mary Graham, United Ways of Tennessee, 615-791-1464, mary.graham@uwtn.org

United Ways of Tennessee and the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth will hold a press event on October 23rd at the State Capitol to celebrate Governor Bill Haslam's *Lights On* proclamation and the official launch of the Tennessee Afterschool Network. Speakers will include Mike Herrmann, Executive Director of State Operations at the Tennessee Education Department, and Denise Carothers, Area Vice President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee. Staff will also hand out brochures with information about the new Tennessee Afterschool Network. The event will run from 1:30 to 2:00 PM.

Nashville, Tennessee: Morlunda Lattimore, YMCA of Middle Tennessee, 615-259-3418, MLattimore@ymcamidtn.org

The Nashville After Zone Alliance held its annual Youth Leadership Retreat on October 7th in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. More than 70 middle school students from across Nashville participated in the retreat, which ran from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at Camp Widjiwagan. The retreat featured indoor and outdoor components. During the indoor workshops, students participated in printmaking and other arts activities, and performed math and science experiments with representatives from the Adventure Science Center. The outdoor portion focused on taking healthy risks. Students had a chance to try archery, participate in team-building exercises and use the zipline and the "giant swing."

Texas

Austin, Texas: Ruth Chamberlain, YMCA of Austin, 507-433-1804, ruthcham@ymca-austin.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, YMCA of Austin afterschool program sponsored a rally from 4:00 to 5:30 PM on September 25th. The rally opened with the Austin High School Drumline and kept the entertainment going with Skippy's mascot, a hot air balloon display and a nature program from the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center. To keep with the theme of *Lights On Afterschool*, the entire rally was adorned with lightbulb decorations.

Austin, Texas: Joel Delatorre, Rocket PEACE Club, 409-771-4550, joel.delatorre@austinisd.org
Rocket PEACE Club will host an open house on October 23rd from 3:00 to 5:30 PM, in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be many activities to get the children and their parents active, such as a Zumba class, four student-led dances and a mock soccer game. Inside the building, parents will visit various information booths and go on student-led tours conducted

by the student leadership group. About 120 children and their parents are expected to attend the event.

Dallas, Texas: Karin Foronda, Perot Museum of Nature and Science, 214-756-5835, karin.foronda@perotmuseum.org

The Perot Museum of Nature and Science will hold a three-day event in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 7th, 8th and 29th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at local Boys & Girls Clubs. The Perot Museum will host an open house with engaging, hands-on programs featuring nine interactive stations representing different galleries in the Perot Museum. Participants will gain a deeper appreciation for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) as they engage in STEM-related activities focusing on weather, astronomy, cell biology, effects of exercise on heart rate, animal adaptations, and habitats. Children will even test their engineering skills and assemble a Rube Goldberg Machine designed to make a pig fly!

El Paso, Texas: Ana Coleman, Armed Services YMCA, 915-562-8461, aymca6@elp.rr.com

On October 21st, Armed Services YMCA will host an open house and trike-a-thon from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The trike-a-thon will be used to raise money for St. Jude's Children Hospital. The YMCA will also bring in financial advisors to give the children an early start in financial education by giving them tips on how to save for the future. The local fire department will also make an appearance to talk about safety. About 100 people are expected to attend the event.

Fort Worth, Texas: Afterschool Ambassador Miguel Garcia, Fort Worth After School, 817-871-3192, Miguel.garcia24@fwisd.org

Fort Worth After School will host open houses at all 84 of its afterschool sites on October 23rd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Each open house will feature student performances and displays of student work from the afterschool programs. Many locally elected officials, including City Council and School Board of Trustees members, will attend the events.

Houston, Texas: Chansinique Creeks, Kujawa Elementary School, 281-878-1530, clcreeks@aldine.k12.tx.us

The 21st Century Community Learning Center at Kujawa Elementary School will host a field day on October 23rd to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will participate in several outdoor activities, including tug-of-war, jumping rope, hula hooping and a ring toss station. The cheerleaders may also give a performance, and all participants will get cake at the end of the event. Parents are invited to attend the field day, which will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, with an expected crowd of 120 people.

Houston, Texas: CASE for Kids, 713-696-1331

The Greater Houston *Lights On Afterschool* Alliance will host a celebration of afterschool accomplishments on October 23rd at Houston City Hall. Houston City Council Member Richard Nguyen will speak at the event and Center for Afterschool, Summer and Expanded Learning (CASE for Kids) director Lisa Thompson Caruthers will act as emcee. The Greater Houston Alliance includes Harris County Department of Education, CASE for Kids, Houston Parks & Recreation Department, the Greater Houston YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston, Fort Bend Independent School District Extended Day, Houston Independent School District,

Southeast Texas After-School Association (SETAA) and the Education Foundation of Harris County. The event will run from 10:00 to 11:00 AM.

Plano, Texas: John Wagoner, City Lights Astronomical Society for Students, 972-422-1886, john@classusa.org

City Lights Astronomical Society for Students and the Dallas Public Library System will host a solar eclipse observation session on October 23rd in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will be able to observe the eclipse through telescopes at the Kleburg-Rylie branch of the library system and learn more about astronomical phenomena with John Wagoner, the library system's resident astronomy expert. Students and parents will also receive solar glasses to help them view the eclipse safely, along with nine-inch replicas of the sun to take home. As many as 120 students and parents, as well as local media, may attend the event, which will run from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

San Antonio, Texas: Maria Rowden, Comal ISD-School Age Child Care, 830-885-8902, maria.rowden@comalisd.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Comal ISD-School Age Child Care afterschool program at Kinder Ranch Elementary School will host an open house on October 23rd. From 5:00 to 6:15 PM, parents will have a chance to witness the activities that go on every day in the afterschool program. First, the fourth and fifth grade students will perform a short play about honesty and doing the right thing. Next, kids and parents will make "goop," a slimy substance the students create in their afterschool science class. There will then be a team-based game with parents in the gym, followed by a dance performance by the students. Finally, there will be a small celebration with cake, lightbulb decorating and a slideshow featuring activities from throughout the year. About 180 students and parents may attend.

San Antonio, Texas: Beverly Mitchell, North East Independent School District Kids' Involvement Network, 210-407-0147, bmitch@neisd.net

The North East Independent School District (NEISD) Kids' Involvement Network, which runs 60 afterschool programs throughout San Antonio, issued the "Lightbulb challenge" to students throughout the district to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. From October 15th to October 24th, kids at each afterschool site cut out Lightbulbs and tried to see how many they could tape on a staff member's shirt in 15 seconds. They each videotaped the challenge, posted it on the district's Facebook page and challenged two other district schools to beat their number. Each site will also host an individual *Lights On* event the week of October 20th, including carnivals, game nights, open houses and art shows. Additionally, NEISD hosted a "Principals Appreciation Day" on October 16th, where more than 100 administrators from throughout the district gathered at the Northeast Community Learning Center for a short event to thank them for their continued hard work.

San Antonio, Texas: Vanessa Jimenez, San Antonio Youth, 210-223-3131 x240, vanessa@sanantonioyouth.org

San Antonio Youth will honor *Lights On Afterschool* on October 23rd from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, by displaying a gallery of student work from a three-week-long kite-building program. During week one, students were introduced to kites; during week two, students designed the kites; and lastly in week three, the students finally got to create and build. During this program, students learned the

engineering and creative process to design and construct kites. The showcase will celebrate students' design, mechanics and innovation.

Utah

Ogden, Utah: Nicole Hall, Youth Impact, 801-612-3001, nicole.vaughn@youthimpactogden.org
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Youth Impact will host an open house on November 20th, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Parents will be able to visit the facility and see several booths set up to give them awareness of the different agencies providing afterschool services in their community. Ogden Police Department, Midtown Clinic, Family Dental, Weber Human Services, Chip Program, Weber State University and Catholic Community Services will have booths at the open house. Parents will also be able to see how to check their students' grades and receive a progress report on how their student is doing in school and in the Youth Impact program. Towards the end of the night, a Thanksgiving dinner will be served by the Accounting Department at Weber State University. Finally, there will be a raffle, and prizes will be given out to those who attend. Organizers expect around 300 parents, volunteers and students to attend.

Provo, Utah: Cassandra Spaeth, Utah County 4-H, 801-851-8479, cassandra.spaeth@usu.edu
The Utah County 4-H will commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* and 4-H National Youth Science Day with a "Rockets to the Rescue" family event. Students will have a chance to build and launch paper rockets and then use trajectory calculations to try to land them in hula hoops. The first 200 families at the event will receive rocket launcher kits to take home. There will also be a paper airplane competition, an astronaut photo booth, face painting, space themed arts and crafts and a "Martian shooting range," where students will launch foam rockets at paper Martians. The county-wide event will take place at Orem Junior High on October 27th. The science workshops will run from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, and then the 4-H dance club and the Utah Valley University hip-hop team will put on a performance from 8:00 to 8:30 PM. As many as 800 students, family and community members may attend.

Provo, Utah: Chris Fillmore, Rock Canyon Afterschool Program, 801-787-0124, chrisbaca44@yahoo.com
The Rock Canyon Afterschool Program will put on a play for parents and family members on October 23rd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The play will be based on the book *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina. Earlier in the day, students will design signs with sayings like "I love afterschool" and "honk for afterschool" to hold up on the sidewalk in front of the school. During the event, students and families will watch a video about Rachel's Challenge, a national non-profit that aims to create safe and connected school environments (based on the teachings of the first victim of the Columbine shootings, Rachel Scott). School Principal Dean Nelsen will lead a discussion about Rachel's Challenge and students will write notes about how they can improve their school environment. All the notes will eventually link up into a chain to decorate the classroom. The event will run from 4:30 to 7:30 PM, with sign-holding at 4:30 PM and the play at 5:30 PM. More than 50 people may attend.

Salt Lake City, Utah: Joel Arvizo, Rose Park Academy, 801-578-8554, joel.arvizo@sleschools.org

Rose Park Academy will host a fall carnival on October 24th to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. The carnival will put a large emphasis on the Mexican holiday of Dia de los Muertos. A cultural expert will teach kids about the history of the holiday, instruct them on how to design sugar skulls and flowers and teach them a traditional dance. There will also be face painting, balloon animals and a haunted house. Community partners will be on hand to distribute information on health resources to parents as well. More than 400 parents and students may attend, as well as local media.

West Valley City, Utah: Afterschool Ambassador Margaret Peterson, Community Education Partnership of West Valley City, 801-949-9812, cep4kids@comcast.net
The Community Education Partnership of West Valley City will hold 17 events in elementary and secondary schools throughout the city in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Events will include open houses to highlight student art projects, lightbulb decorating to send to elected officials, a “honk and waive” where students will hold signs near the street asking drivers to “honk if you support afterschool programs” and class discussions about why students value their afterschool programs.

Vermont

Brattleboro, Vermont: Ricky Davidson, Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro, 802-254-5990, rickybratt@gmail.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro will host an on-site open house on October 23rd from 3:00 to 7:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The children will give tours and explain programs to their parents for half of the event, while the other half of the event will simply be the regular program in action for the parents to observe. Refreshments and food will be provided.

Essex Junction, Vermont: Elise Greaves, Essex CHIPS, Inc., 802-878-6982 x103, elise@essexchips.org

On October 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Essex CHIPS will host an open house at their Teen Center. Students, families and members of the community will meet and connect with CHIPS staff and learn more about their Tween and Teen Center programming. There will be refreshments provided, and student-made arts and crafts on display. The event will give the students who attend the afterschool program the opportunity to show off all of the wonderful things they have created in the Tween and Teen Center. In addition, students will contribute to the event by creating light-inspired art projects. These projects will include constructing paper lanterns and découpage, or painting glass jars. Students will be encouraged to display their light-inspired creations at the open house. The event will not only be a great opportunity for parents and the community to connect with CHIPS, but also an opportunity for students to highlight what they are up to afterschool, and why they love coming to the Teen and Tween Center.

Essex Junction, Vermont: Gretchen Lowe, Greater Burlington YMCA, 352-601-7009, gretchlowe@gmail.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Greater Burlington YMCA afterschool program at Essex Elementary will host a Halloween-themed open house on October 23rd. Parents, staff and community members will have the opportunity to explore a student artwork display and learn

from afterschool educators about the program at Essex Elementary. There will be a costume parade for all the students and a crafts station where younger siblings can draw and design Halloween-themed art. The event will run from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Newark, Vermont: Sue Winsor, Newark Street School, 802-467-3401, suewinsor@cnsuschools.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Newark Street School will host an open house on October 22nd, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. The evening will be filled with freshly-baked food and hands-on activities such as watercolor painting, frisbee demonstrations, drumming lessons, chorus performances and a game called “SPARK.” Elementary students will showcase the projects they have been working on since the first session of the afterschool program. An expected crowd of 100 people will attend.

Swanton, Vermont: Carol Lizotte, Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union, 802-868-0597, clizotte@fnwsu.org

The Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union (FNWSU) After School Program will hold three *Lights On Afterschool* events at three different schools throughout the month of October. The first event was held at Missisquoi Valley Union Middle School and High School on October 9th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Students from the afterschool cooking class prepared a pasta dinner and dessert for guests, and students participated in skits and a robotics demonstration. Approximately 30 parents, students and staff attended. The second and third events, two “spooktacular” Halloween parties, will be on October 30th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM at Sheldon Elementary School and Swanton Elementary School. These parties will feature pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, glow bracelets, glow-in-the-dark Play-Doh and other activity stations. The Swanton Elementary event will also feature a cooking station. Sheldon Elementary expects 60 attendees and Swanton Elementary expects about 80.

Washington, Vermont: Nancy Chase, ONWARD!, 802-883-2312, nchase@onsu.org

On October 30th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, the ONWARD! Program will host an open house in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will begin with a community spaghetti dinner. Once finished, the children will then take over. They will play games, hold demonstrations and explain displays that they have created to talk about the importance of afterschool programs so the parents can see what their children do. Thirty to 50 people will attend the event.

Westminster, Vermont: Elaine Gordon, Westminster Afterschool, 802-722-3241, elaine.gordon@wnesu.com

Westminster Center School’s Afterschool Program hosted a community fun run in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Students, families and teachers were able to run or walk throughout the event to celebrate the brand new talking track that was just installed on the grounds. More than 100 people attended the fun run.

Virginia

Alexandria, Virginia: Burnette Scarboro, South County Youth Network, 703-660-1270, burnette@scynetwork.org

On October 23rd, South County Youth Network will host an open house from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be soccer, computer and math lab activities, cooking classes and a science project in which students will make their own flashlights. Parents will also be able to sign up for programs being implemented later on in the fall.

Alexandria, Virginia: Sandra Perry, Walt Whitman Middle School, 703-660-2432, slperry@fcps.edu

Walt Whitman Middle School will host an open house for parents on October 23rd in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents will first attend a short information session about the importance of afterschool programs and enjoy a light meal. Then they will have a chance to witness and participate in everyday afterschool activities, including a basketball shootout, science club experiments, a cooking class and various STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities. Whitman Girls Exploring Engineering, Math and Science (GEMS) and various robotics teams will conduct a Robotics Workshop. Students and parents will sport *Lights On* bracelets and necklaces to illuminate the evening, and students will decorate lightbulbs to adorn the halls of the school. Representatives from Jeffrey McKay's office on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will attend, along with as many as 100 students and parents. The event will run from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Arlington, Virginia: Victor Morales, YMCA Arlington, 703-525-5420, victor.morales@ymcadc.org

The YMCA Arlington afterschool program will host an art show on October 23rd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will display the artwork they created in their afterschool programs and help paint a mural in one of the classrooms. Parents will have a chance to enjoy a potluck dinner and learn more about afterschool programs at the YMCA. The event will run from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, and about 25 students and family members may attend.

Arlington, Virginia: Carla Williams-Powell, Arlington Public Schools Extended Day, 703-228-8486, carla.williams@apsva.us

The Arlington Public Schools Extended Day network will host a city-wide carnival on October 22nd to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students from three afterschool sites will gather at Drew Model School and set up various carnival booths, including a photo booth, a station to get glitter tattoos, a "kissing" booth (where students will receive Hershey's Kisses), face painting, a ring toss and a snack bar. There will also be a moon bounce, an obstacle course and a live DJ. Students will sport "I love afterschool" t-shirts and participate in a flash mob. The event will run from 2:30 to 5:30 PM, and as many as 500 students, parents and staff may attend.

Hampton, Virginia: Yolanda Earl, Alternatives, Inc., 757-838-2330, yearl@altinc.org

On October 23rd, Alternatives, Inc. will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Hunter B. Andrews PK-8 School. The event will focus on the theme of good citizenship, and students will present their problem-based learning projects. There will also be a talent show and students will promote the school's "Love Campaign," an initiative aiming to

raise awareness of healthy dating behaviors to prevent abuse among 13 to 18 year olds. Some 100 middle school students and their families will attend the event.

Richmond, Virginia: Robin Davis, Richmond Autism Integration Network (RAIN) Afterschool, 804-754-0000, robindavis@richmondautism.org

The Richmond Autism Integration Network (RAIN) will host an open house on October 23rd and a fall festival on November 1st to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will include pumpkin decorating and science experiments using dry ice. Parents and community members will have a chance to tour RAIN's new venue and see a display of student artwork. The open house will run from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, and more than 50 people may attend. The fall festival will be a large celebration featuring bounce houses, food trucks, carnival games and circus animals. Approximately 200 people may attend the festival, which will run from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Local television stations will likely attend both events.

Virginia Beach, Virginia: Cathy Mead, NAS Oceana Youth Programs, 757-433-3976, cathy.mead@navy.mil

NAS Oceana Youth Programs held its annual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 16th. During the first half of the event, students displayed their afterschool projects from diverse programs areas, such as robotics, gardening and art. Each project highlighted one of the core learning areas of the program: health and life skills, science, education, sports fitness and art. Afterwards, students and parents participated in a carnival complete with face painting, snow cones and cotton candy. Each of the 195 students in the afterschool program received a backpack with the Oceana Youth Programs logo. Some 400 people attended the event, which ran from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

Washington

Coulee Dam, Washington: Mary Schilling, Grand Coulee Dam School District, 509-633-0730, mschilling@gcdsd.rog

Grand Coulee Dam School District will kick off their first day of afterschool care with a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 28th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. About 100 people are expected to attend and tour the brand new school facility and enjoy a community barbeque dinner. Children will also participate in Rockets to the Rescue and perform their very first test launch with their parents' assistance.

Fort Lewis, Washington: Erin Clapper, McChord School Age Program, 253-982-2203, erin.l.clapper.civ@mail.mil

McChord School Age Program will host their annual open house at Joint Base Lewis-McChord on October 23rd from 4:30 to 5:30 PM, in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be a taco bar dinner that the children will help prepare for their parents. Also, within each classroom, teachers will do presentations on topics such as art, science experiments and pool to provide parents with a brief view at a normal day at afterschool. Approximately 30 families are expected to attend.

Omak, Washington: Racie McKee, Omak School District, 509-826-7680, rmckee@omaksd.org

Omak School District will host open houses with a student showcase called the Explore Xtreme Challenge on October 29th, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, at three different sites: East Omak Elementary, North Omak Elementary, and Omak High School. The student showcase will explain and demonstrate projects that students are doing in art, engineering, creative writing, physics, marketing and other project-based activities. Between 50 and 60 families will attend each elementary school's open house, and 30 families will attend the high school event.

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

On October 23rd, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties will host a Spooktastic Family Night from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will participate in a costume contest and even get their face painted! Each classroom in the facility will have a different theme, such as ghosts, monsters and trolls. There will be games such as ghost buster fishing, ghost bingo, ghost bowling, pin the teeth on the monster, monster ring toss and troll shooter. A large crowd of 350 people will attend the event.

Seattle, Washington: Krista Galloway, School's Out Washington, 206-336-6923, kgalloway@schoolsoutwashington.org

School's Out Washington will partner with the Pacific Science Center (PSC) to put on a science-based *Lights On Afterschool* event at Schmitz Park Elementary on October 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. PSC will bring a "Science on Wheels" van complete with hands-on projects for kids and families to explore. The event will formally begin with the reading of the Governor's Proclamation of *Lights On Afterschool* Day. Event speakers will also discuss the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) in afterschool and how PSC, School's Out Washington and the Seattle Parks and Recreation program supports STEM education in their afterschool programs. There will be snacks for kids and families to enjoy as they explore the science activities.

Walla Walla, Washington: Afterschool Ambassador Brent Cummings, Walla Walla Public Schools, 509-526-1929, bcummings@wwps.org

This year's *Lights on Afterschool* event from Walla Walla Public Schools will feature five simultaneous high altitude weather balloon launches at the athletic fields at Garrison Middle School. The launches will be planned, advertised and executed by students. Students will also advertise the event using popular digital mediums like Facebook, texting and YouTube to engage their peers while also connecting with many local businesses and community organizations. This event will push the learning envelope for all in attendance, showing the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning in out of school time. Each weather balloon will enter the stratosphere, an area of interest for scientific study, military surveillance and emerging commercial applications. During the event, a team of STEM youth ambassadors will actively engage local, state, federal leaders and stakeholders in the hands-on process, while having relevant conversations about the necessity of STEM education in afterschool programs. U.S. Senator Patty Murray may attend. The youth ambassador team will communicate and demonstrate the potential afterschool programs have to inspire and educate students to fulfill the increasing demand for capable STEM professionals. The community is welcome to attend this year's *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 23rd from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.

White Swan, Washington: Shelly Craig, Mt. Adams Middle School/High School, 509-874-8638, scraig@masd209.org

Mt. Adams Middle School/High School and 21st Century Community Learning Centers will partner up to host an open house on October 30th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. About 75 students will work on cooking activities with their parents to promote nutritious, easy snacks, as well as try their hand at a robotics station. There will also be arts and crafts for students and parents to work on together.

West Virginia

Bradshaw, West Virginia: Susan Kennedy, Bradshaw Save the Children Program, 304-967-7700, sgkenned@k12.wv.us

On October 18th, students and parents of the Bradshaw Save the Children Program participated in a one mile *Lights On Afterschool* and Susan G. Komen breast cancer walk that began at the Bradshaw Church of God and ended at Riverview High School. All participants were encouraged to wear pink and donations were accepted throughout the walk. More than 40 parents and 50 students participated in the mile-long walk.

Bruceton Mills, West Virginia: Liz Warnick, Bruceton School, 304-379-2593, brucetonmscoordinator@yahoo.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Bruceton School will host a “Fright Book Night” on October 27th. The Bruceton Academic Boosters, the local 4-H and other organizations will set up tables in the school featuring various book-themed crafts and activities for students and parents. Guests are encouraged to dress up as their favorite story book character and play book bingo (where approximately 100 books will be given out as prizes), listen to a book reading by literacy volunteers, decorate bookmarks and participate in a costume parade. There will also be a “trunk-or-treat” where local businesses, restaurants, churches, organizations and individuals will set up candy in the trunks of their cars and students will be able to trick-or-treat in the parking lot. The event will run from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, and some 200 students, parents and staff members may attend.

Charles Town, West Virginia: Carolyn Hester, AlphaBest Education Inc., 406-450-3530, sjeffersonelementary@alphabest.org

AlphaBest Education Inc. will host a Glow Dance on October 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at South Jefferson Elementary School in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Approximately 35 families will have a blast with their children dancing the night away with glow sticks! There will also be zones set up to highlight afterschool activities that focus on technology, language, arts and physical activity. Bright colors are encouraged!

Charleston, West Virginia: Suzey Boggess, Bob Burdette Center, 304-342-1158, suzey@bobburdettecenter.org

The Bob Burdette Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 23rd from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in their on-site afterschool center. Students will compete in gym games, make their own fruit drink while learning about healthy and more nutritious snacks, and all will make their own *Lights On* t-shirt using an iron-on pattern. Approximately 80 students will attend the event. Bob Burdette Center board members will also attend.

Charleston, West Virginia: Daisha Groom, Boys & Girls Club of Charleston, 304-343-4548 x105, Daisha_Groom@uss.salvationarmy.org

On October 23rd, the Boys & Girls Club of Charleston will host a Trunk-or-Treat *Lights On Afterschool* event from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Salvation Army parking lot. Students will trick-or-treat out of car trunks. There will also be a best trunk contest, and even a hot chocolate table! Board members, staff, volunteers, students, various schools and families will be invited to trunk-or-treat!

Charleston, West Virginia: Susan Gamble, West Virginia Afterschool Statewide Network, 304-720-9884, Skgamble@mail.wvu.edu

The West Virginia Afterschool Statewide Network will host a legislative reception on October 21st at the State Capitol in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The informal event will allow members from the state Department of Education, afterschool educators and students to meet with state legislators to discuss the importance of afterschool programs. Dr. Michael Martirano, the West Virginia State Superintendent, will speak at the reception, which will run from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Students will prepare hors d'ouerves for the 75 to 100 expected participants.

Fairmont, West Virginia: Stacey Spadafore, 21st Century Community Learning Center-Boys & Girls Clubs of Marion County, 304-376-2627, smspadaf@access.k12.wv.us

On October 23rd, 21st Century Community Learning Center and Boys & Girls Clubs of Marion County will host an open house at Valley World of Fun from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be a food drive at the open house, where there will be a chance to win four Fairmont State University football tickets. Various community organizations will set up informational booths. The FBI will have a booth teaching kids about fingerprints and NASA will have a booth with robotics activities. The Division of Forestry, Girl Scouts and Marion County Parks and Recreation will also have their own booths. Face painting, bumper cars, mini golf, a rock wall and carnival games will entertain the 500 people that may attend.

Morgantown, West Virginia: Brent Balog, Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club, 304-292-7510, mbgcafterschool@gmail.com

On October 17th, Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club teamed up with the Monongalia County Board of Education to host an open house from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Although six sites hosted *Lights On* events, the main location had the largest event. There were information booths set up around the facility explaining what activities and projects the children do during a normal day. A PowerPoint presentation with a movie was on display in the food room repeating on a loop all evening. There were also coloring sheets for children. About 150 people attended the event, including *The Dominion Post*, a local newspaper.

Morgantown, West Virginia: Kristen Smith, Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club, 304-292-7510, mbgcafterschool@gmail.com

The Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club held a celebration of their afterschool programs on October 17th at Woodburn Elementary School to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. After Boys & Girls Club staff introduced the family day event, representatives from NASA and the Children's Discovery Museum worked with students and families to conduct science experiments while

afterschool educators led art projects. Approximately 80 students, parents and community members attended the event, which ran from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

St. Albans, West Virginia: Jessica Hudson, The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of St. Albans, 304-722-4307, jessica_hudson@uss.salvationarmy.org

On October 23rd, The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of St. Albans will host two open houses at each of their locations from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be a family dinner and student projects on display to show parents and family art projects that parents can help their children create. Around 80 people are expected to attend the event.

Wisconsin

Kenosha, Wisconsin: Andrea Prichard, Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha, 262-654-6200, aprichard@bgckenosha.org

On October 17th, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha will host championship flag football games at their on-site soccer fields in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. An expected crowd of 300 people will attend this three hour-long flag football championship bracket.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Annie Reifsnyder, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, 414-616-5657, annier@boysgirlsclubs.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee hosted a “George Shrinks” literacy night on October 16th, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The night was filled with life-size games based on the book *George Shrinks*, a funny adventure tale about a young boy whose life is turned upside down when he discovers just how big of a place the world can be after he wakes up and finds he has shrunk to the size of a mouse. There was giant Connect Four, Jenga and giant chess games for the children to play. Students also learned literacy tricks, how to story map and read in quiet study nooks. Free gently used books were available for those who attended.

Wyoming

Cheyenne, Wyoming: Margie McLaughlin, Boys & Girls Club of Cheyenne, 307-778-6674, mmclaughlin@bgcchey.org

The Cheyenne Boys & Girls Club will hold a week’s worth of activities to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, concluding with a literacy-themed play on October 23rd. The play, written and performed by afterschool students, will be a *Willy Wonka* and *Alice in Wonderland* mash-up titled “Charlie in Wonderland.” Activities during and after the play will be based on the books, including a golden egg hunt, where students can track down golden eggs containing golden tickets which can be exchanged for books. There will also be a tea party, a “Wheel of Fortune”-style game, a literacy scavenger hunt and an arts and crafts station, where students can make Queen of Hearts headbands and bowties. The event will run from 5:00 to 6:30 PM at the Boys & Girls Club. Approximately 50 people, including local media, may attend.

Lander, Wyoming: Katie Rollino, Lights On in Lander, 307-332-4240, krollino@landerschools.org

Lights On in Lander hosted an open house and health and safety fair on October 16th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. There were booths set up around the facility promoting various safety topics. The local police station discussed trick-or-treat and car booster seat safety, Smokey the Bear had a booth and Dr. Rabbit promoted dental health while passing out toothbrushes. Children had fun too, having their faces painted and participating in fun STEM-based (science technology, engineering and math) activities. There was also a raffle. Nearly 150 people attended the event, along with Mayor Nick Wolfe who read a Proclamation.

Rawlins, Wyoming: Katherine Neuman, Boys & Girls Clubs of Carbon County, 307-324-8905, neumanbgc@yahoo.com

On October 23rd, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Carbon County will host a fall festival in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. There will be various carnival games and prizes to be won! There will also be an XBOX 360 hooked up to a Smart Board and a *Just Dance* dance contest on the XBOX, as well as a corn husk doll competition. Cotton candy and nachos will be provided to the 50 to 75 people that will be in attendance.

Thermopolis, Wyoming: Afterschool Ambassador Jenny Davis, Hot Springs County School District, 307-864-6592, jdavis@hotsprings1.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Hot Springs County School District will host a “Genius Is in You, Education Allows it to Manifest” event on October 23rd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Ralph Witters Elementary School. Students and their parents will eat dinner together and then participate in various STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) experiments. The experiments were voted upon by the afterschool students before the event. After dinner, parents and students will rotate through five STEM stations where students will demonstrate what they are learning in their afterschool program. At the conclusion of the event, students and parents will release paper lanterns into the night sky.