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State Legislators and Education Leaders From Across Country to Be Honored at 2014 “Breakfast of Champions,” Featuring Children’s Advocate Judge Glenda Hatchett

Judge Glenda Hatchett will join hundreds of parents, children, educators, lawmakers and advocates from around the nation on Thursday, May 22 at a “Breakfast of Champions” at which the Afterschool Alliance will honor Members of Congress and state champions for their commitment to making afterschool programs available to all children and families. Five exemplary afterschool programs will be honored at the event, and the Afterschool Alliance will present its “Afterschool for All” Champion Award to researcher Dr. Deborah Lowe Vandell, founding dean of the School of Education at the University of California-Irvine.

The “Breakfast of Champions” is organized by the Afterschool Alliance as part of the 13th annual *Afterschool for All Challenge*. The “Breakfast” will be at:

8:30 AM Thursday, May 22
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room G-50

WITH

Nationally Recognized Children’s Advocate Judge Glenda Hatchett
National Afterschool Champion Dr. Deborah Lowe Vandell
Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant

Members of Congress:

Senator Jack Reed (RI), Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI), Representative David Cicilline (RI), Representative Dan Kildee (MI), Representative Shelley Moore Capito (WV)

The State Champions being honored at the *Afterschool for All Challenge* are:

- **Florida:** Michael Lannon, Retired Superintendent, St. Lucie County Schools;
- **Kansas:** Joyce Glasscock, Director, Government Relations, Boys & Girls Clubs of America;
- **Massachusetts:** Jennifer Benson, Representative, Massachusetts State Legislature;
- **Michigan:** Peter MacGregor, Representative, Michigan State Legislature;
- **Michigan:** Rashida Tlaib, Representative, Michigan State Legislature;
- **Nebraska:** Rick Kolowski, Retired State Senator, Nebraska State Legislature;
- **New Mexico:** Christine Trujillo, State Representative, New Mexico State Legislature;
- **Ohio:** Gayle Manning, State Senator, Ohio State Legislature;

- **Pennsylvania:** Dr. Nancy Peter, Founder and Director, Out-of-School Time Resource Center at the University of Pennsylvania;
- **Tennessee:** Karl Dean, Mayor of Nashville; and
- **Wyoming:** Karen Bierhaus, 21st CCLC State Consultant, Wyoming Department of Education.

2014 MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovator Awards will be given to the following afterschool programs:

- **Baltimore, Md.:** Baltimore Urban Debate League;
- **Chicago, Ill.:** BUILD, Inc., designed to help students reduce risk-taking behavior;
- **Dallas, Texas:** Big Thought's Thriving Minds After-School Program;
- **Los Angeles, Calif.:** the Hope Street Family Center's Youth Center; and
- **Providence, R.I.:** AS220 Youth.

Following the "Breakfast of Champions," nearly 250 participants from 46 states will meet with their senators and representatives to talk to about how important afterschool programs are to children, families and communities, and to urge them to support the Afterschool for America's Children Act. Hundreds more afterschool supporters will support the event from their home communities.

Vandell will also discuss her new research on afterschool programs at a congressional briefing in the Senate Visitors Center, Room 203-02, at 2:00 pm on Thursday.

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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.