



Lights On Afterschool 2010 Local Events A Representative Sample

Alabama

Birmingham, Alabama: Shayla Crawford, Western Area YMCA, 205-923-1195,
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The Western Area YMCA will host dinner and a movie for its afterschool parents and students to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The dinner and a movie event will be held on Tuesday, October 19th from 5:30-8:30 PM. There will be tours of the site and program information available. Parents will be able to sign a petition in support of afterschool programs before the film.

Birmingham, Alabama: Micah Hudson, North East YMCA, 205-833-7617,
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The North East YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st with a “Dinner and a Movie” event. It will be held from 5:30-8:30 PM in the YMCA gym. There will be art on display from the afterschool children and they will perform dance routines. Parents and guests will have the opportunity to tour the facility, ask questions and receive more information about the afterschool program. Parents will have the opportunity to sign a petition in support of afterschool programs.

Birmingham, Alabama: Bethany Davis, YMCA Youth Center YMCA, 205-324-1643,
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The YMCA Youth Center will host a Fall Field Trip for parents, students, members and campaign donors to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st. The seven- and eight-year-old girls will provide entertainment and perform a dance. The 11- to 12-year-old group will have on display children’s books they wrote and illustrated. These books are about the four core values of the YMCA: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. While participants look at the beautiful art in the lobby created by the five-to eight-year-old group, there will be an opportunity to sign the *Lights on Afterschool* petition. The Fall Field Trip will be held from 4:30-5:30 PM and light refreshments will be served.

Mobile, Alabama: Kelly Qualls, North Mobile YMCA, 251-679-8877, kqualls@ysal.org

On Saturday, October 23rd the North Mobile YMCA will host a Fall Festival, in conjunction with the Seriland Harvest Festival, to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. It will be held from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM in the Seriland Wal-Mart parking lot and is free and open to the public. Children will participate in face painting and bouncy inflatables. For parents, there will be information about afterschool programs and a chance to sign a petition in support of afterschool programs. This is a citywide event and organizers expect 1,000 people to walk through the festival.

Mobile, Alabama: Tammy Graham, Hearin-Chandler Family YMCA, 251-380-0250,
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To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Hearin-Chandler Family YMCA will hold a fall carnival and haunted hay ride on October 23rd from 4:00-9:00 PM at the YMCA. At the carnival, a booth will be dedicated to *Lights On Afterschool* and will feature general information about afterschool, lightbulb decorations and more. The local board of education president will speak about the importance of education, especially afterschool. The YMCA operates afterschool programs at five sites and each of the afterschool program directors will circulate at the carnival and speak with parents about the importance of afterschool programs and what types of programs are available in Mobile. Older youth (ages 11-14) who participate in the program will also make the rounds and talk to other kids about their own experiences in afterschool. The local FOX television affiliate and a local radio station will cover the event. More than 100 participants are expected.

Ozark, Alabama: Angela Hope, DA Smith Middle School, 334-663-1466, hopeozark1@aol.com
To mark the launch of the DA Smith Middle School afterschool program, the program will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event October 27th from 3:00-6:00 PM. The Boys & Girls Club will collaborate and help host the event. DA Smith's afterschool program will celebrate its first year as a *Lights On* participant. The "Get on Board" fair in the school gym will allow parents, faculty and community members the opportunity to see what is in store for afterschool this year. The Health Department will attend and distribute information and the Boy Scouts will exhibit their activities in a section called High Adventure Scouting. The junior ROTC will teach children drills and encourage parents to learn with them. There will be student demonstrations, door prizes and refreshments provided by Applebee's. The Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union will set up a mini credit union office where kids can take turn as tellers and practice saving. More than 100 are expected to attend. Local media may attend.

Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska: Afterschool Ambassador Bonnie Hardy, Anchorage 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 907-742-4410, hardy_bonnie@asdk12.org

The Anchorage 21st Century Community Learning Centers will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st with a wide variety of events at all of its 11 afterschool sites. Sites will welcome program members and their families as well as numerous community leaders. Students at the Muldoon site will participate in a "Super Hero" themed family night where they will draw themselves as superheroes, read comic books and learn safety tips. Students at the Ptarmigan site will enjoy a "Jam into Reading" event with slam poetry, mad-libs and reading student created comic strips. Families at the Williwaw site will contribute a dish to pass at its "We Are Family" potluck dinner. Other sites that will host *Lights On* events include Fairview, Mountain View, North Star, Northwood, Russian Jack, Taku, William Crest and Wonder Park. The times for these events vary depending on the site program hours and all events are free of charge.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Billy Smith, Hunter Elementary, 907-456-5775, billy.smith@k12northstar.org

On October 21st from 4:00-5:30 PM the Hunter Elementary Afterschool Program will hold a family open house. Students will color *Lights On Afterschool* iron-on designs, and with the help of their parents they will iron them onto t-shirts to wear to show their support for afterschool programs around the country. After the open house, the program will move the celebration to Fairbank's central *Lights On Afterschool* rally at Lathrop High School Cafeteria & Hering

Auditorium.

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

The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's 21st Century Community Learning Center After School Programs will sponsor and host a community wide rally for afterschool programs on October 21st from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Lathrop High School Cafeteria & Hering Auditorium. The entire community is welcome to attend, show support for the afterschool program and learn more about how youth spend their time after school. Afterschool programs and youth at Anne Wein Elementary School, Barnette Magnet School, Denali Elementary School, Hunter Elementary School, Ladd Elementary School, Lathrop High School, North Pole Middle School, Randy Smith Middle School and Ryan Middle School will participate. Community partners who will provide information and demonstrations include: Boys & Girls Club; Fairbanks North Star Borough Library; Joel's Place; Fairbanks Tennis Association; Orion's Belt; and Big Brothers Big Sisters. The event will include a spaghetti dinner and dessert potluck. The school board, superintendent and area mayors will attend the event and read the Proclamations and resolutions from the Governor and school board.

Arizona

Coolidge, Arizona: Anna Mix, Blackwater Community School, 520-215-5859, a.mix88@yahoo.com

The Blackwater Community School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 5:00-7:00 PM by bringing together influential members of the local community, including social services, the police department, the fire department, the Crime, Alcohol and Drug Prevention Coalition, farm representatives, the telephone company and others. The fall festival will focus on creating awareness of the risks associated with kids who are left home alone in the afternoons. Booths will feature games and activities, and the Family Involvement Action Team will host a prize wheel for books, lamps and pencils. The festival will also provide opportunities for families to enroll their children in their programs and showcase other community-based organizations and what youth programs they offer. More than 150 people will likely attend.

Maricopa, Arizona: Tamara Kinoshita, MUSD BASP Copa Kids Care, 520-568-5100, ext 1011, tkinoshita@musd20.org

On October 21st from 6:15-7:30 PM Butterfield Elementary School will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house/carnival. It will feature a free dinner for parents and youth, a performance by the local high school band, make-it-take-it art projects, science and other educational projects, face painting, balloon animals and more. Representatives from the local fire station, city 21st Century Community Learning Center partners and other community partners will attend. More than 250 parents and youth are expected to attend.

Phoenix, Arizona: Lori Madrid, After the Bell, 602-449-5611, lmadrid@pvschools.net

After the Bell will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house inviting parents to come and see what goes on at the afterschool program. Parents and students will visit a number of stations teaching all the activities the program offers, such as: hip hop and jazz classes; gardening; Operation Alaska, a skyping program allowing students to talk to their peers in Alaska; drama classes; a Girl Scouts chapter; reading club; theatre; Young Explorer, a science based program;

and a basketball boot camp. The open house will be held on October 21st from 3:05-4:05 PM at the After the Bell site and more than 150 people are expected to attend. School board and school district members may also attend.

Arkansas

Gurdon, Arkansas: Lynn Failla, CAPS 21st Century Community Learning Center, 870-353-4321, faillal@gurdon1.dsc.k12.ar.us

On October 19th, the CAPS 21st Century Community Learning Center program will hold its seventh annual “*Lights On Afterschool Balloon Lift Off*” at Gurdon Primary School. The event will begin at 4:00 PM and families, friends and members of the community are all invited to attend. In addition to supporting afterschool programs, this year’s *Lights On Afterschool* event will welcome new faces and families to the program. Nearly 75 people are expected to join in the festivities and food will be served.

Hartman, Arkansas: Nola Newton, Rockin’ Rebels Westside Schools, 479-497-1088, nnewton@westsiderebels.net

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Rockin’ Rebels will host a rally at the Ocie Bevins Building at the Westside-Hartman Lower Elementary Campus on October 21st from 4:30-6:00 PM. Westside Schools Superintendent Dr. Vicki Hall will be the keynote speaker and will address how important afterschool is to the local community. Stations for parents and students to create rocket ships, edible art, hot air balloons and other arts and crafts will be set up. Student groups will perform skits and songs to showcase what they have learned through the drama and theater departments at the program, and art work will be displayed. Community leaders and teachers have been invited and 250 people are expected to attend the event. Refreshments will be served. This is the second year the Rockin’ Rebels have participated in *Lights On*.

Little Rock, Arkansas: Margaret Lewis or Jeanette Donald, Billy Mitchell Boys & Girls Club, 501-666-9486, mlewis@arclubs.org or jazzrd16@yahoo.com

The Billy Mitchell Boys & Girls Club will host a march and bike ride parade around the neighborhood to increase community awareness for *Lights On Afterschool* and the Boys & Girls Club on October 21st at 4 PM. In advance of the march and parade, youth will have created paper lightbulbs and posters portraying all the activities including reading and writing, math, music, dance, and more, that youth participate in afterschool. During the march kids will hold the images and during the bike ride the posters will be mounted on the front and back of the bikes. More than 100 people are expected to attend. Program organizers hope the event will increase community involvement and support of afterschool.

California

Bakersfield, California: Afterschool Ambassador Garrett Shipes, Greenfield Union School District, 661-837-6070, shipesg@gfusd.k12.ca.us

On October 21st Greenfield Union School District’s After School SUCCESS Program along with the Foundation for Success will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. This wonderful event will bring together youth, their families, school teachers, site administrators, district administrators and superintendents, as well as community partners and leaders, to bring attention to the importance of afterschool programs. This event gives afterschool students and staff the opportunity to share how the afterschool program inspires learning, provides enrichment opportunities and helps

working families. The SUCCESS After School Program is a safe, structured environment where students can spend the afternoon from the time they are released from school until 6:00 PM. The program provides interventions to help students reach grade level standards, provides exposure to various enrichment classes and intramural sports within a safe environment supervised by highly trained, paraprofessional tutors. Students from 11 afterschool sites will provide the entertainment, and the event will feature carnival booths and a bounce house. Food will also be available for purchase. *Lights On* will be held at Horizon Elementary School from 5:00-8:00 PM.

Beale Air Force Base, California: Kathy Stienman, WSD CARE Program, 530-788-7342, kstienman@wheatland.k12.ca.us

The WSD CARE Program will hold fall festivals at its campuses to acknowledge the importance of afterschool on October 22nd from 2:00-5:30 PM. The *Lights On Afterschool* festivals will be held at the Wheatland Elementary and Lone Tree Schools, combining four schools at two locations. A carnival atmosphere will include games, inflatables and root beer floats shaped like light bulbs. An open house will demonstrate the enrichment program activities like arts and crafts and physical activity. Generally, the entire community attends, with administrators, board members and the community at large participating, and more than 500 people will likely be there. Local media may also attend.

Carmichael, California: Ortencia Zaragoza, Bridges After-School Program, 916-416-0670, OZaragoza@sanjuan.edu

On October 21st the Carmichael Bridges After-School Program will host its 7th annual *Lights On Afterschool* Talent Show from 5:00-6:00 PM at Carmichael Elementary School. Afterschool students will perform fun and exciting dance routines, songs and a magic show. All students and staff are invited to attend and the event will host more than 150 people. School board and administration officials may also attend.

Corning, California: Shrina Holloway, Olive View SERRF After School Program, 530-528-7381, sholloway@tehamaschools.org

The Olive View SERRF After School Program will host a “Best in the West” themed *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 21st from 4:00-5:30 PM, its 11th annual *Lights On* event. Students and program staff from SERRF will showcase last year’s accomplishments and share ideas for the coming year. It will also feature interactive activities for families and the community like money rubs, word spelling with bean bag throwing and hula hooping. SERRF is also working with “Expect More Tehama,” a community-wide movement to raise awareness and provide options for higher education. More than 140 people will likely attend, and police officers, city council members and the local newspaper are invited.

Richmond, California: Afterschool Ambassador Tariq Norris, West Contra Costa YMCA of the East Bay, 510-412-5647, tnorris@ymcaeastbay.org

The West Contra Costa YMCA of the East Bay, in collaboration with the Partnership for Children and Youth, Coronado YMCA After School Program and Wilson and Peres Elementary Schools of the West Contra Costa Unified School District will celebrate *Lights On After School* by inviting students, parents and community leaders to its first annual *Lights On After School Fall Festival* on Thursday October 21st. The goal will be to highlight the benefits and positive

impacts of afterschool programs and the importance of maintaining funding to keep programs open and operating. The annual *Lights On After School Fall Festival* will be at the Coronado YMCA from 3:30-7:00 PM. The theme is “Celebrating Youth, Education, Families and Community.” Local cheerleading teams will open the *Lights On Afterschool* event followed by a rally, guest speakers, carnival games, food, prizes and jumpers for children. During the event a video highlighting each afterschool program will play on a loop for parents and community leaders to view.

Riverbank, California: Armida Saldivar, Riverbank High School, 209-869-0468, asaldivar@riverbank.k12.ca.us

On October 22nd, several hundred children, parents, community organizations and leaders will join together for the 4th Annual Project ACTION *Lights On Afterschool* celebration, highlighting the importance of 11 years of afterschool programs for Riverbank’s youth. The celebration will take place at the Riverbank High School Football Stadium from 3:00-7:00 PM. Activities will include games, prizes, crafts, snacks and entertainment for kids and community members of all ages.

Sacramento, California: Bruno Marchesi, California Afterschool Network, 530-752-5249, bimarchesi@ucdavis.edu

On October 21st the California Afterschool Network will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on the steps of the California State Capitol from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. The celebration will feature dynamic youth performances, speeches from educators, legislators, and local law enforcement, as well as youth program and parent awards. The event will be free of charge and will welcome all community members. There will also be exhibit tables set up and information about afterschool will be distributed. Refreshments will be served.

Sacramento, California: Michele Scoggins, Junior Ace Program, 903-639-3836, msscoggins@acementor.org

On October 28th the Junior Ace Program will invite community leaders, potential mentors, and RECON members, a locally influential networking group of real estate and construction professionals, to help celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and the accomplishments of the program. This event will be held at the Ten/22 Restaurant in Sacramento from 5:30-7:30 PM. During the event, Torance Powell, Director of Green Force Projects, will share his experience working with the program and the youth. A short video featuring youth speaking about the positive aspects of the Junior Ace program will follow. The MetLife Foundation along with the Afterschool Alliance will present the program with the Pathways to Higher Education and Careers Track MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovation Award. A short reception will follow.

San Francisco, California: Cassandra Terry, Beacon Afterschool Program; 415-221-4565, cterry710@yahoo.com

The Beacon Afterschool Program at Roosevelt Middle School will host a family night to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st from 5:00-7:00 PM. This year, *Lights On Afterschool* will mark the beginning of a series of four culminating events that will coincide with the end of each of the program’s nine week class sessions. At the event students will display their artwork, refreshments will be prepared by students in a cooking class at the program, and there will be a screening of a horror film produced by the program’s haunted house class. Two

community partners, Ybike and AACE, will also display program information and conduct demonstrations. One hundred families are expected to participate. To promote the event, organizers have featured the *Lights On Afterschool* family night in small articles in the district's weekly student-run newscast and monthly newsletter.

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

The Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center's *Lights on Afterschool* celebration will be held on October 21st from 6:30-8:00 PM at A.P. Giannini Middle School. It will bring together afterschool participants, their families and supporters of meaningful and high-quality afterschool opportunities for youth. The event will feature hands-on exhibits, such as the Environmental Leadership Council, Cooking Club, Urban Music Program, Robotics, MOUSE and Flash Animation. There will be a number of student performances, including a steel pan drummer group, hip hop dances, and youth poetry. There will also be a presentation of the MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovation Finalist Award by representatives from the MetLife Foundation and the Afterschool Alliance. Following the presentations, activities and games will resume and refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by Recurrent Energy.

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

The Santa Clara County After School Collaborative will celebrate and honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the field of afterschool by hosting a "Breakfast of Champions" *Lights On Afterschool* event. The Breakfast will be held at the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose on Wednesday, October 20th. Registration will begin at 7:45 AM with the event from 8:00-9:30 AM. Dr. Chuck Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, will deliver the keynote and address the importance of collaboration and partnerships to aid in student success and closing the achievement gap. Fifteen community and school leaders will be honored including San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed.

Colorado

Boulder, Colorado: Afterschool Ambassador Karen Brown, YMCA of Boulder Valley, 303-442-2778, karen.brown@ymcabv.org

The YMCA of Boulder Valley will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at its 13 elementary school program sites in the Boulder Valley School District on October 22nd and 29th with a "Kids Night In" event. Activities will include family game night, ice cream socials, potluck dinners, dodgeball and other fun games. Participants and parents will be creating "Why I Love the Y Afterschool Program" posters that will hang throughout the schools and at YMCA facilities.

Denver, Colorado: Lynne Wilky, The Bridge Project, 303-446-0139, lwilky@du.edu

The Bridge Project will host a science fair on October 21st to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and the accomplishments of its Tech Team at the Bridge Project site. The youth will get an opportunity to show off to parents and community members their completed projects, including the award winning student-made windmill. The program will also be awarded the MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovation Award by MetLife Foundation and the Afterschool Alliance. Leaders of the program will share the mission and vision of the program to guests including VIPs, members of the media, participants and parents, and representatives from the MetLife

Foundation and the Afterschool Alliance. Refreshments will be served and an opportunity to mingle will follow the fair activities.

Wellington, Colorado: Christie Brucher, Eagles After Hours, 970-488-6610, cbrucher@psdschools.org

The Eagles After Hours, in conjunction with Wellington Middle School and Prouder School District, will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be held on October 21st from 3:00-5:00 PM at the Boys & Girls Club site. The purpose of the event is to reach out to the community and share the exciting things that are happening at the various afterschool sites in Wellington. Roughly 25-50 people are expected to attend the event and local media may attend and cover the open house.

Connecticut

Colchester, Connecticut: Afterschool Ambassador Arline Linger, CASTLE, 860-537-0214, arlinelinger2003@yahoo.com

The CASTLE program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting a community-wide open house on October 22nd at the child care site, from 4:00-7:00 PM. All CASTLE families are invited to attend as well as community members, state representatives and school officials. Activities will include a scarecrow contest, an inflatable bouncy house, carnival games, a talent show, pie eating contest, poster making contest and raffle. A short presentation will be given by an administrator about the importance of afterschool programs and a free light dinner will follow. More than 150 people will attend the open house.

Glastonbury, Connecticut: Chris Gullotta, Academy Teen Center, 860-652-7531

On October 21st, the Academy Teen Center will be one of many organizations celebrating the 11th annual *Lights On Afterschool*, a day to recognize the importance of afterschool programming for youth nationwide. The Teen Center will hold an open house for students in sixth to ninth grade and their families from 3:00-6:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. Parents are encouraged to stop by to meet staff and spend time with their children.

Uncasville, Connecticut: Kimberly Grant, Montville Youth Service Bureau, 860-848-7724, ext 112, kimberly@montvilleyouth.org

The Montville Youth Service Bureau will host its *Lights On Afterschool* Celebration on October 21st from 3:30-7:00 PM at the Montville Youth Services site. Students and their families will be served a pizza dinner, play interactive games, enjoy a DJ and dance. The Town Council and the Mayor have been invited and local newspapers, the *New London Day* and the *Norwich Bulletin* will cover the event.

Willimantic, Connecticut: Afterschool Ambassador Bill Stover, 860-208-5408, wstover@windham.k12.ct.us

Windham Public Schools will host four *Lights On Afterschool* events at area elementary schools. At Natchaug School, the students will present four different puppet shows which they have created, and after the presentations, the families will make their own puppet families. At North Windham School, the kids will have a light show called "Motions to Music." Three groups will do cheerleading, basketball tricks and a skit – all to different kinds of music. The Sweeney School children will demonstrate different activities in their talent show. And at the

Windham Center, skits and a family trivia competition will take place. Family and community members are invited to each site, and dinner will be provided for all. More than 400 family members will attend. In advance of *Lights On Afterschool*, organizers will appear on a local talk show to promote it and announce that the mayor has proclaimed October 21st as *Lights On Afterschool Day* for Willimantic.

Delaware

Dover, Delaware: Caroline E. Romeo, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, 4-H Afterschool, 302-831-8161, cromeo@udel.edu

On October 21st, the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, 4-H Afterschool program will host four different *Lights On Afterschool* events at separate program sites. The events at Mifflin Meadows and the Fifer Middle School sites will be science-themed and based on interactive activities from the 4-H National Science program. It will run from 4:30-6:00 PM. From 3:30-6:00 PM, there will be an open house party at the Clarks Quarter site. Parents and students are invited to check out the program and see student artwork. At the Postlethwait Middle School site, children will cook for parents and share in a meal as a community from 2:30-5:30 PM. Students, families and community members are invited to attend any of the events. This is the seventh year the 4-H Afterschool program has participated in *Lights On Afterschool*.

Dover, Delaware: Denise Myers-Johns, Central Delaware YMCA, 302-346-9622

At the Hanby Outdoor Center on October 24th, the Central Delaware YMCA will host *Lights On Afterschool* open houses at all five YMCA sites to celebrate the importance of afterschool programs. It will take place from 2:00-4:00 PM and all YMCA program participants and their parents are invited to attend. Activities will include inflatable castles, a DJ, dancing and games. Healthy refreshments will be served and more than 500 people will attend.

New Castle, Delaware: Jenel Lawrence, New Castle Boys & Girls Club, 302-655-8569, Jenel.lawrence@bgclub.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the New Castle Boys & Girls Club will host a parents versus kids kick-ball game and open house. The event will be on October 22nd from 5:00-6:00 PM and will be held at the New Castle Boys & Girls Club site. There will also be arts and crafts and other activities for those who do not want to play kick-ball. This is the second year the New Castle Boys & Girls Club has hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* event and students have created posters and flyers to advertise the event.

District of Columbia

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

The DC Alliance for Youth Advocates (DCAYA) will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 29th from 12:00-2:00 PM. DCAYA members, including Jubilee Housing, Kid Power, Martha's Table and many more will participate in a tabling opportunity to share information about afterschool programs in DC. Dr. Michael Moody will deliver the keynote address, and Kathy Lally, director of Out of School Time, will also speak. Youth performances will include dance and poetry. Media may attend. More than 160 people will participate.

Washington, District of Columbia: Caroline Phillips, Reading is Fundamental, Inc., 202-536-3400, cphillips@rif.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Reading is Fundamental will host an open house at Kimball Elementary on October 21st from 3:30-6:00 PM. More than 125 students will attend and parents and community members are also encouraged to participate. Community leaders will lead read aloud sessions. The sessions will be followed by a short awards ceremony welcoming a Reading Is Fundamental lending library, and student performances and guest speakers. Cookies and juice will be served.

Florida

Apalachicola, Florida: Angel Feliciano, City of Apalachicola Project Impact Program, 850-323-0231, angelinheaven@yahoo.com

On October 21st, Project Impact will host its first *Lights On Afterschool* open house. During the event, Project Impact will be opened from 4:00-6:00 PM and will showcase “The Combustion Show,” an “explosive” special program that is both educational and entertaining, designed by the Mary Brogen Museum of Tallahassee, Florida. Students and parents are invited to attend and roughly 100 students and 20-30 parents are expected to attend.

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

Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc. will hold its sixth annual *Lights On Afterschool* Palm Beach County rally on October 21st from 10:00-12:00 PM at the City Center Plaza courtyard at City Hall in West Palm Beach. Several guest presenters from the area and performers from two afterschool programs will highlight the event. The theme for this year is “Tomorrow’s Leaders STEM from Today’s Learners,” highlighting the vital role afterschool programs play in sparking interest in and reinforcing STEM education – science, technology, engineering, and mathematics – in innovative and creative afterschool programs that engage our youth. AnEta Sewell will be Mistress of Ceremonies for her second year, emphasizing the importance of STEM education for her colleagues’ work at the South Florida Water Management District. Mayor Lois J. Frankel will speak, as well as both Tana Ebbole, CEO of Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County, and Secondary Science Administrator Edmund Capitano. Speakers will address afterschool programming for its importance and from a variety of perspectives. Ric Blackwell, anchorman on Fox 29 WXLX TV West Palm Beach, will emphasize how his career involves STEM skills and how children can apply their educations to their future. Performers include For the Children, Inc. at Barton Elementary School and Seminole Trails Elementary School, who will do step and hip hop dances. More than 100 people will attend.

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

On October 21st, the City of Hialeah’s afterschool programs – Creative Learning & Play (CL&P) and Young Leaders with Character (YLC) – will host two fun-filled events. To kick-off *Lights On Afterschool*, Mayor Julio Robaina and members of the Hialeah City Council will proclaim October 21, 2010 as *Lights On Afterschool* day in Hialeah. Later that day, CL&P afterschool will host a game of “Are You Smarter than Me?” at Wilde Community Center from 7:00-8:30 PM where CL&P participants will compete with local politicians, business leaders and media representatives in a battle of wits. YLC will host Hialeah middle and high school students and

their families to participate in a version of “Family Feud” at the City of Hialeah Educational Academy from 5:00-6:30 PM.

Kissimmee, Florida: Maria Rincon-Dwyer, School District of Osceola County, 407-870-4954, dwyerm@osceola.k12.fl.us

On October 21st, the School District of Osceola County will welcome more than 750 students, parents, teachers, school board members, community leaders and local sponsors to its ninth annual *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. The event will be a Hawaiian-themed luau, held at Gateway High School and will begin at 6:00 PM. There will be three keynote speakers, including the county commissioner, school board chairman and school superintendent. Students will showcase the skills they have learned in the afterschool program by giving cooking demonstrations, dance performances and string band violin performances. Students will participate in a “Minute-to-Win-It” math and science trivia contest and a grass skirt basketball game challenge. Parents will have an opportunity to sign a petition advocating for afterschool funding.

Lake Worth, Florida: Cynthia Benavidez, For the Children Inc., 561-493-1190, ftc4931190@yahoo.com

As part of *Lights On Afterschool*, For the Children Inc. will host a resource fair on October 21st from 3:00-7:00 PM at the Cultural Green Plaza in downtown Lake Worth. Students will perform, city officials and leaders including Lake Worth Mayor Rene Varela, Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucker, representatives from Prime Time Palm Beach County, Adopt-A-Family and Project Grow and many more will speak and sign a petition encouraging supporting funding for afterschool programs. As in years past, participants will form a human chain around the Cultural Plaza and rally and chant for more afterschool program recognition.

Miami, Florida: Dr. Claudia Orrett, Cherry Blossom Learning Center, 305-860-3300, curibe1976@aol.com

On October 21st at 2:00 PM Cherry Blossom Learning Center will host a “Reading is Fundamental Event” to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Learning Center members and the general community will participate. More than 80 people will participate. Books will be distributed to all the children in the afterschool program, and special guests, including school board member Raquel Regalado and Judge Tom Peterson, will read to youth. Children will wear their PJ’s, and milk and cookies will be served. Parents will be invited to share in this event as well. Media may attend.

Orlando, Florida: Brett Jdrzejak, Ivey Lane Elementary, (407) 296-6420, brett.jdrzejak@ocps.net

In an effort to raise awareness of physical fitness and literacy and to encourage students to make positive choices during the after school hours, Ivey Lane Elementary will host a two mile “Fun Run” for students and community members on October 21st at 4:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. A representative from the Orange County Public Library system is expected to attend to help sign up students for library cards, and members of our Safe Routes to School partnership will demonstrate walking safety and the value of daily exercise. The event will send home books with children and adults to encourage continued reading. Community and business partners may attend to encourage race and reading participation.

Panama City, Florida: J.C. Schwab, Boys & Girls Club of Bay County, 850-763-3546, mustangjcs21@hotmail.com

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bay County will host a *Light On Afterschool* games event at its C.C. Moore facility on October 21st from 6:00-7:30 PM. Youth in two age divisions (eight to ten and 11 to 14) will participate in a street hockey tournament in the gymnasium. The C.C. Moore game room will be open for youth and their parents to participate in pool and foosball tournaments. Youth will display their artwork, and food and refreshments will be served. A raffle will include prizes ranging from beach balls to a Captain Anderson's Dinner Cruise. The county commissioner may attend, and more than 300 participants are expected. Local TV crews are invited to attend and film.

Pompano Beach, Florida: Adamma Lucille, YMCA of Broward County, 954-623-5555, alucille@ymcabroward.org

The YMCA of Broward County will mark more than eight years of *Lights On Afterschool* participation by showcasing many of its program activities on October 21st from 4:30-6:30 PM. More than 450 people will attend two flagship events at Lauder Hill Middle School and Castle Hill Elementary School to celebrate afterschool programming. Fifty-one other YMCAs will also host events around Broward County. Afterschool students will showcase a wide range of activities, including jazz and step dance routines, music and band performances, arts and crafts displays, photo collages and a multicultural food display. Youth from the four Broward County high schools – Hallandale, Dillard, Stranahan and Coconut Creek – will participate to help get the whole community involved. Distinguished guests may include Antoine Russell, who works with the Miami Dolphins, as well as three commissioners of Lauder Hill and a prominent retiring judge.

Sanford, Florida: Brenda Knight, 21st Century Programs of Seminole County, for Midway Safe Harbor, 407-320-5995, Brenda_knight@scps.k12.fl.us

On October 21st, 21st Century Programs of Seminole County will host a central kick-off and three satellite events for *Lights On*. The kick-off will occur from 4:00-5:00 PM at Hamilton Elementary School, where dignitaries, including local law enforcement, the mayor, commissioners, board members and business members will have a chance to hear about the importance of afterschool programming. Law enforcement guests will discuss crime prevention efforts, and the superintendent will discuss drop-out rates and the positive effects of afterschool programming. A band, drum line and cheerleaders will perform at Hamilton before children and adults disperse to the three 21st Century programs. Midway Safe Harbor will host a family fun night from 5:30-7:30 PM. Dignitaries will go to each activities center to participate and get their cards signed for a prize drawing. At the West Side Center, an open house will display kids' creations and activities from 5:30-6:30 PM, and at the Velma Hayes Williams Community Resource Center, an open house will showcase the academic support that children receive. More than 600 participants will likely attend the combined events, along with local TV, newspaper, and radio. Organizers of the various events will serve refreshments.

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

U.S. Representative Castor will join in the *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 21st at the Steinbrenner Boys & Girls Club. At the event Representative Castor will recognize both the Children's Board of Hillsborough County and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay for its work to make quality afterschool programs available to all youth. Children from Just Elementary School will display their artwork for Representative Castor and will explain how afterschool programs help them succeed.

Tyndall, Florida: Annemarie McClain, Tyndall Air Force Base Youth Programs, 850-283-4366, annemarie.mcclain@tyndall.af.mil

Tyndall AFB Youth Programs will focus its *Lights On Afterschool* event around efforts to provide a safe, fun and educational experience for youth participants. It will host an open house, science and technology fair, and an art display on October 21st from 5:00-7:00 PM to showcase the accomplishments of afterschool youth and share these accomplishments with parents. Program organizers hope parents and community members will be able to see all the benefits of the Tyndall AFB Youth Program and how important the program is to the community. More than 200 children and adults are expected to participate.

West Palm Beach, Florida: Jaime Flood, YMCA of the Palm Beaches, 561-968-9622, jmf265@aol.com

The YMCA of the Palm Beaches will focus on leadership skills and raising community awareness and involvement to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 21st from 3:00-6:00 PM, program supervisors and YMCA members will go out into the community to spread the positive messages of afterschool, including the importance of children being supervised during afterschool hours and keeping youth engaged in positive activities. More than 20 participants are expected to go out to Publix in Palm Springs and JCPenney to engage the public.

Georgia

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

The A. J. McClung YMCA *Lights On Afterschool* event will be held on October 28th beginning at 5:30 PM. The program will feature youth in afterschool programs from the YMCA, an elementary school, local churches and a community center in a talent showcase. A group of Samoan Dancers will be the main talent, and students from the afterschool program will recite the importance of afterschool facts in Spanish and in English.

Covington, Georgia: Lillian Bittaye, Nelson Heights Community Center, 770-572-8995, Lillian@letthechildrenlive.net

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the newly-opened Nelson Heights Community Center will hold a "Funtastic Friday" on October 29th from 3:30-6:45 PM. Youth will show their support by wearing light-up bracelets and necklaces and glow-in-the-dark paraphernalia, and parents and community leaders will turn on their porch lights to show their support for afterschool. At the vigil, youth will read poetry, sing songs and release balloons containing messages to children all across the world. Organizers hope to reach at least 100 children in the community. A letter will be addressed to the mayor and elected officials will be invited.

Jonesboro, Georgia: Shacole Pearman, Clayton County Parks and Recreation, 678-479-5136, shacole.pearman@co.clayton.ga.us

Clayton County Parks and Recreation will host a rally with food, games and arts and crafts on October 21st from 5:00-7:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Children will have an opportunity to color large lightbulbs that will be placed throughout the park. Participants will break light sticks in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Cheerleaders, dance teams, and a karate team will demonstrate, along with other performers. Leaders from the Department of Family and Children Services and the Health Department, as well as the Sheriff and Fire Departments will speak at the rally. Representatives from law enforcement and other community partners will attend. More than 200 people are expected to attend and media is invited.

Savannah, Georgia: Linda Shields, Juliette Low 21st Century Community Learning Center, 912-395-6380, Linda.Shields@savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us

The Juliette Low 21st Century Community Learning Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house that will allow parents and community members to meet the afterschool tutorial staff and get a better understanding of what the program offers. Parents will be able to participate in “Station Exploration” to interact with program staff and the event will highlight skills and enrichment activities the students are learning in their afterschool classrooms. The event will take place on October 21st at 4:30 PM in the school gym. This is the first year the school has hosted the 21st Century Community Learning Center program. Family members of every child are expected to attend as well as community members and city officials. A band from the one of the local high schools will perform.

Hawaii

Ft. Shaffer, Hawaii: Afterschool Ambassador Peter Tedtaotao , Ft. Shaffer Youth Center School Age Program, 808-438-1487, Peter.tedtaotao@us.army.mil

Ft. Shaffer will have a Fall Festival Carnival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Youth will rally on the sidewalk with their posters, encouraging parents to sign up for afterschool program. Children are encouraged to invite friends who currently do not participate in an afterschool program to join the *Lights On Afterschool* festivities. Prizes will be awarded to the students who bring the most guests. Several local dignitaries have been invited to speak during the festival about the importance of having youth enrolled in afterschool programs. Other student activities will include game booths, cookie decorating, pumpkin carving, face painting and bouncers. The event will be held on October 21st from 3:00-4:00 PM at the Ft. Shaffer site.

Hawi, Hawaii: Fern White, Lio Lapa’au Healing Horses, 808-896-0316, fernwhite@gmail.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Lio Lapa’au Healing Horses program will host an afternoon of free horse riding led by a certified American Riding Instructor Association instructor on October 21st at the Lio Lapa’au site from 3:00-5:00 PM. Children and teens are invited to spend time grooming, interacting with and sitting on the program’s horses. A healthy snack will also be provided. The event is open to the whole community.

Pearl City, Hawaii: Jacy Cutitta, Manana Teen Center, 808-456-1662, suenagajj@usmc-mccs.org

The Manana Youth Activities Center will host an open house at the Teen Center to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st from 2:00-7:00 PM. That day, youth will be making

Halloween costumes. Community members, including members of the military, will be encouraged to attend and come see what the program is about.

Idaho

Burley, Idaho: Grace Wittman, White Pine 4-H Afterschool Program, 208-878-9461, gwittman@uidaho.edu

The White Pine 4-H Afterschool Program will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On* and to raise awareness about its afterschool program. The open house will be held on October 21st from 5:00-6:00 PM at White Pine Elementary School. Students, parents, lawmakers and community and business leaders may attend. Students will give tours of the center, walking through displays and projects they have created throughout the year and giving testimonials about the successes of the program. Guests will be encouraged to participate in science experiments and art projects throughout the evening, and the local newspaper will cover the open house. This is the fourth year the White Pine 4-H club has participated in *Lights On* and 60-80 people are expected to attend the open house.

Cottonwood, Idaho: Erin Shears, Center for Discovery, 208-962-7080, shears@sd242.k12.id.us

To showcase the importance of afterschool programming, the Center for Discovery will host a Family Bingo night to bring communities and families together and to celebrate its 11th annual *Lights On Afterschool* event. All students, parents, family members and program staff are invited to attend a night of free fun and games. It will be held on October 20th at Prairie Elementary School from 6:00-8:00 PM and more than 80 people are expected to attend. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Malad, Idaho: Carlene Tubbs, Malad Afterschool Program, 208-766-9235, tubbcarl@sd351.k12.id.us

The Malad Afterschool Program will host a Halloween themed *Lights On* open house on October 20th at 7:00 PM at Malad Elementary School. Students, parents and community members are invited to join in reading of Halloween stories, book giveaways and refreshments. This is the fifth year the Malad Program has participated in *Lights On Afterschool* and more than 100 people are expected to attend.

Pocatello, Idaho: Afterschool Ambassador Joyce Anderson, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Pocatello/Chubbock School District, 208-232-7119, andersjo@d25.k12.id.us

The Building Bright Futures Afterschool Program in Pocatello, Idaho will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house at each of its ten centers on October 21st. Parents, local dignitaries, school personnel and the community are invited to see our afterschool program in action. Students will follow their regular daily agenda, and there will be displays of student work. Refreshments will be served. Times will vary based on the dismissal time at each participating school.

Weiser, Idaho: Renee Sweet, B.E.S.T. Program, 208-407-2727, sweetr@weiserschools.org

For the first year, the B.E.S.T. Program in conjunction with the Weiser School District will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event to kick off the beginning of the district's afterschool school program. It will be held on October 21st at the high school gym starting at 5:30 PM. Prior to the event, students will make and submit *Lights On Afterschool* posters, which will be displayed and

judged at the event. Other activities will include decorating light bulbs, watching a slide show of photographs from the school year and receiving small flashlights as a reminder of the importance of the afterschool program and to bring awareness to the community about keeping afterschool programs available to children and families.

Illinois

Bellwood, Illinois: Leigh Dunston, Boys & Girls Club of West Cook County, 708-547-6960, ldunston@bgcwestcook.org

On October 21st from 6:00-7:30 PM the Boys & Girls Club of West Cook County will reaffirm its commitment to afterschool programming and academic success by hosting an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. At the event, youth will sign a pledge stating that they will work hard to improve their academic performance by participating in afterschool educational opportunities, complete daily homework assignments and stay on-task for the school year. The open house will be held at the Boys & Girls Club of West Cook County.

Chicago, Illinois: Afterschool Ambassador Mande Polonsky, Chicago Public Schools, 773-553-1499, www.cps.edu

On October 20th, to raise awareness for the importance of high-quality afterschool programming and to recognize the national *Lights On Afterschool* celebration, Chicago Public Schools will host a press conference at the Center for the Arts from 9:45-10:30 AM. The highlight of the event will be a new report by the Afterschool Alliance that features Chicago and the work of the program. Jodi Gibson, President, JCPenney Afterschool; Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance; Mary Richardson, Chicago Public Schools; and Mary Ellen Caron, Department of Family and Support Services will attend. Each speaker will ask for continued support for funding for afterschool programs.

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

On October 21st, to raise awareness for afterschool programming and to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, BUILD, Inc. will host a community march from San Lucas church to St. Mary's church from 4:45-8:00 PM. At this free, community-wide event, students will be decorating posters, signs, and t-shirts to be displayed as they march. Activities like face painting, creating iron-ons, painting murals and music will follow the march. There will also be student performances and refreshments followed by a raffle to wrap up the event.

Chicago, Illinois: Elizabeth Lesinski, Children's Home and Aid/Chase Elementary, 773-534-4348, elisinski@childrenshomeandaid.org

Children's Home and Aid will lead tours of their afterschool Excellence Academy Program at Chase Elementary, celebrating its third year of participating in *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 21st from 4:30-5:30 PM organizers will hold a short question and answer panel following the tours. Adult attendees will have the opportunity to join students in participating in theatre or fine arts classes. The event will provide refreshments. Local officials and media may attend, and more than 100 people will likely participate.

Chicago, Illinois: Senyah Haynes, Gary Comer Youth Center, 773-358-4091, shaynes@gcyhome.org

The Gary Comer Youth Center will host an “Invite a Friend Day” on October 21st from 3:00-6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The “Invite a Friend Day” will encourage current members to invite non-members and their friends and families to enjoy a special day of programming and activities and will encourage more youth to become a part of the afterschool program. Non-members will have the chance to participate in afterschool programs such as a recording studio, homework help, study buddies and a variety of technology programs. More than 250 people are expected to attend.

Lombard, Illinois: Chuck Pickerill, Tri-Town YMCA, 630-629-9622, cpirckerill@tritownymca.org

The Tri-Town YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with two fun, interactive events. The first event, held for District 45, will be on October 19th with the second event following on October 20th. Both events will be held at the Tri-Town YMCA and will start at 4:00 PM. Students are invited to participate in group games and activities including a parachute game and a presentation by a guest speaker. A healthy snack will also be served at both events.

Romeoville, Illinois: Gigi Brindisi, Rasmussen College, 815-306-2600, gig.brindisi@rasmussen.edu

Rasmussen College will invite a variety of community partners to its campus celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a fair on October 21st at 6:00-7:30 PM. Parents and students are invited to learn more about the programs and activities from local school districts, park districts, and community-based partners that provide services for children and families in the Romeoville/Bolingbrook area. More than 20 booths will showcase afterschool events in which families can participate, including the YMCA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, karate, Kindercare, and more. The fair will showcase fun activities for all ages, including a AAA driving and training simulator. Organizers expect a large turn-out from the community, as each partner will advertise the fair.

Springfield, Illinois: Larry Hemingway, Springfield Urban League, Inc., 217-789-0830 ext 254, lhemingway@springfieldul.org

On October 21st, the Springfield Urban League, Inc. will host an all-day *Lights On Afterschool* workshop. Starting at 8:30 AM, all outreach elementary school students and St. Pat’s students will meet for a complimentary breakfast to kick off a day of workshops, presentations, and activities. Students will watch service learning presentations teaching life skills such as house cleaning, cooking and simple maintenance. AmeriCorps volunteers will teach students gardening techniques as part of the program’s Go-Green initiative. Students will rotate through a number of enrichment stations highlighting a variety of skills including hip-hop aerobics, vocabulary and literature, book publishing, arts and crafts, computers and technology, and research tactics. A guest from the community will give a speech about choosing a career path and will be available to answer questions about career goals or planning. Lunch will be served and the day will conclude at the end of regular programming hours. The school staff and principal have been invited and approximately 150 students will attend the workshop.

Indiana

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.

Carmel, Indiana: Afterschool Ambassador Don Kent, Net Literacy, 317-340-4011, donkent@netliteracy.org

The Carmel High School Net Literacy chapter will kick off this year's *Lights On Afterschool* campaign with the Indiana Association of United Way and will repurpose and donate more than 500 computers for students on free or assisted lunch and United Way agencies so that they can build or expand computer labs. The first 50 computers will be donated on October 21st, *Lights On Afterschool Day*. Last year, the Carmel Chapter donated 500 computers to students on free or assisted lunch programs and helped 17 United Ways by enabling 85 of their agencies to build or expand computer labs increasing access to more than 10,000 individuals.

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

On October 13th, students and families attended a free *Lights On* event at Bosse Field hosted by the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp. to spread awareness of the afterschool opportunities available for children in the Evansville area. Partnership organizations including the American Red Cross, the University of Evansville and Boy Scouts of America were represented and a wide range of agencies set up family-friendly booths offering face painting, basketball-shooting, and carnival games with prizes to promote their programs. Students showcased their artistic, vocal and dance talents with performances in collaboration with the Glenwood Leadership Academy's Thump Squad and Stockwell Elementary School singers. This is the eighth year Evansville has participated in *Lights On Afterschool*.

Indianapolis, Indiana: Afterschool Ambassador Don Kent, Net Literacy, 317-340-4011, donkent@netliteracy.org

Net Literacy's seven Indianapolis Public School chapters will host a "*Lights On Internet Safety Day*," teaching 12,000 high school students about cyberbullying, net predators, hate websites and other safety issues. The first event will happen around *Lights On*, and during ongoing programs Net Literacy students will teach an additional 7,000 third and sixth graders. The event is supported by Bright House Networks - Net Literacy internet safety media public service awareness campaign scripted by and starring student volunteers talking about tough internet safety issues (such as sexting and cyberbullying).

Indianapolis, Indiana: Marianne Stephens, George Buck Boys & Girls Club, 317-370-8301, mstephens@bgcinby.org

The George Buck Boys & Girls Club will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 20th at the Indiana public school program site from 4:00-6:00 PM. Activities will include science experiments, math games, cooking treats and playing sports. The event is open to all students and staff members of the program and 60-70 people are expected to attend. Students will also write essays about how important the Boys & Girls Club is to them and will share them during the event. Local legislators may attend.

Indianapolis, Indiana: Candice Singleton, Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, 317-656-0426, csingleton@goodwillindy.org

On October 21st, the Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana will host a student-run open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and the accomplishments of the program. Parents will listen to student testimonials about positive afterschool experiences and program staff will answer

questions and give tours of the facility. The open house will be held at the Goodwill Industries program site from 4:00-7:00 PM. Music and snacks will be provided and more than 40 people are expected to attend the open house. This is the first year that Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana has participated in *Lights On*.

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

On October 23rd, the Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis will participate in *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting the 10th annual Information Fair at City Market in downtown Indianapolis. The Coalition will have booths on the market plaza providing guests with information about more than 20 different afterschool providers in the area. This event is specifically targeted toward parents, adult community members, and City Hall officials will emphasize the value and importance of afterschool programming. The fair will run from 11:30 AM- 2:00 PM and nearly 500 people are expected to stop by the fair.

Iowa

Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Afterschool Ambassador Lynelle Henricksen, YMCA of Cedar Rapids Helen G. Nassif YMCA, 319-213-2547, henricksen@crmetroymca.org

On October 21st from 5:00-7:00 PM, the YMCA of Cedar Rapids will host a rally in Greene Square Park with a large *Lights On Afterschool* balloon marking the location. Several out-of-school programs and organizations will be in attendance and youth from these programs will run “hands on” afterschool activities. Fantastic entertainment from area youth will include: Twisters Cheer, Evans Tae Kwon Do, Eastern Iowa Arts Academy and the Cedar Rapids Youth Drum Corps. Awards will be given to children from each organization for good character. In addition, booths will be set up so that parents can get information on what is available in the area. Children will provide entertainment and create luminaries to place along the walkways. A food and soda party sponsored by Torani will end the evening’s festivities. One hundred and fifty people are expected to attend.

Clinton, Iowa: Afterschool Ambassador Loras Osterhaus, Clinton Community Schools, 563-243-9600 ext. 47, losterhaus@clintonia.org

Clinton Community Schools celebrated *Lights on Afterschool* on September 20th at Alliant Energy Field in Clinton, home of the city’s minor league baseball team. More than 800 people attended, including the mayor of Clinton and the district superintendent. The event featured games and activities for children, and performances by the Jefferson Elementary School choir, the Mississippi Valley Gymnastics Club and the Clinton High School cheerleading squad. Approximately 50 community partners set up informational booths and donated volunteers, food, drink or funds for the event.

Sioux City, Iowa: Afterschool Ambassador Brenda Hervey, Beyond the Bell, 712-277-3600, bhervey@beyondthebell.us.com

On October 11th, Beyond the Bell students and staff attended the Sioux City Council meeting, where the mayor presented a Proclamation declaring October 21st *Lights on Afterschool* day. Beyond the Bell held its *Lights On* event October 16th, from 1:00-3:00 PM, on the football field at the old Hoover Middle School. Each of Beyond the Bell’s 21 programs created a lightbulb, out of a medium of their choice, to display at the event. Attendees voted for their favorite

lightbulb and prizes were awarded to the winning program. Every child that attended the event received a free *Lights on Afterschool* t-shirt and book, and had the chance to win door prizes. A short presentation was held at 1:15 PM to honor Jean Carlson, a recently retired principal who was instrumental in planning Beyond the Bell and served as a liaison between the program and schools for nine years. Students in Beyond the Bell's 21 programs made invitations to the event which were sent to local officials and legislators.

Waterloo, Iowa: Shannon Farlow, Phelps Youth Pavilion, 319-291-4490,
Shannon.farlow@waterloo-ia.org

For *Lights on Afterschool* the Phelps Youth Pavilion will host a "Dollar Days" event, where admission to the hands-on children's museum is just \$1 per person. Visitors can explore the Pavillion's interactive exhibits to milk a life-size cow, virtually drive a tractor into a Grant Wood painting, try digital finger-painting, discover new cultures and more. The Phelps Youth Pavilion is open October 21st from 10:00 AM-8:00 PM.

Kansas

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

On October 21st, on the Capital lawn in Topeka, the Kansas Enrichment Network will celebrate *Lights on Afterschool* with a rally for afterschool programs. Guest speakers include, District Attorney Chad Taylor, State Senator Vicky Schmidt, Police Chief Ron Miller and more. Youth and any community members who participate in afterschool programs are invited to attend. There will be guest speakers and prizes for all participants. The purpose of the rally is to create awareness of afterschool programs and celebrate the accomplishments of the local programs. The event will begin at 11:00 AM and end at 1:00 PM. A bag lunch will be provided and the alternate location, in case of bad weather, is the Dillon House.

Manhattan, Kansas: Whitney Blanton, Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan 620-391-2165,
whitneyb@manhattan.k12.ks.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan will host a literacy and Halloween night on October 21st at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School from 6:00-7:30 PM. At the event, parents will learn more about the program and see what goes on at the program every day. Students will participate in reading and Halloween activities including arts and crafts. Parents will have the opportunity to interact with the children. Flyers promoting the event have been displayed throughout the school and all students are invited to attend.

Overland Park, Kansas: Molly Thornburgh, Timber Creek YMCA, 913-851-5169,
TimberCreek.bv@kansascityymca.org

The Timber Creek YMCA will host a *Lights On Afterschool* art fair on October 21st from 4:30-6:00 PM. Parents, students and school faculty are invited to attend. Students will display artwork created during Art Week, a week-long event that allows students to experiment with different art media. Prior to the event, students created frames and stands and thought of creative ways to display their artwork. At the event, students will host and walk the guests through their exhibits. Cookies and punch will be served.

Overland Park, Kansas: Carol Baire, Dorothy Moody YMCA, 913-385-2861, dorothymoodyymca@yahoo.com

The Dorothy Moody YMCA will host a potluck and a parent versus students dodge ball game on October 21st to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Dinner will be contributed by parents of the program and served at 4:30 PM, followed by the dodge ball game and other activities until 6:00 PM. This *Lights On* event is unique because the students planned each of the activities. The purpose of the event is to get the parents involved, allow them to visit the center, meet the staff and children of the program and raise support and awareness for the program. More than 60 people are expected to attend the event.

Scott City, Kansas: Jennifer Eitel, S.C.O.R.E., 620-872-7671, jeitel@usd466.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the S.C.O.R.E. program will host a fall carnival at its elementary school site on October 21st during afterschool programming hours, from 4:30-6:00 PM. Students will showcase what they have learned in the program and accomplished throughout the year. It will feature activity booths, lessons on dinosaurs, an interactive dinosaur exhibit that the students created, craft booths and informational booths for the parents.

Topeka, Kansas: Julie Jacobsen, Boys & Girls Club of Topeka, 785-234-5601, juliejacobsen@bcgtopeka.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Topeka will host a haunted house on October 29th from 6:00-8:00 PM, marking the first year that the Boys & Girls Club will participate in *Lights On Afterschool*. The Boys & Girls Club asks that all participants make a small donation to be used for program activities and supplies for the school year. More than 200 people are expected to attend.

Wichita, Kansas: Cathleen Palmer, Greater Wichita YMCA/Child Care and Camp, 316-264-1610 ext. 255, cat.palmer@wichitaymca.org

The Greater Wichita YMCA/Child Care and Camp will partner with its local JCPenney to host a fun-filled fall safety-themed afternoon on October 21st starting at 5:00 PM. To kick off *Lights On Afterschool*, there will be a “Flip the Switch” activity where a giant light bulb will be turned on to draw attention to the importance of afterschool programs. All YMCA afterschool students and their families are expected to attend. The children will go on a tour of the JCPenney store and learn about store safety. Parents will be able to learn more about the afterschool program at informational booths. Store managers and district employees may attend. This is the first year that the Wichita YMCA has held a *Lights On Afterschool* event.

Kentucky

Catlettsburg, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Terry Spurlock, 21st Century Community Learning Center Boyd County Public Schools, Catlettsburg Elementary, 606-739-5515 ext. 258, terry.spurlock@boyd.kyschools.us

The Boyd County Public Schools will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a performance showcasing the talents of students from the Boyd County, Raceland, Greenup and Fairview 21st Century Community Center Programs. The regional event will be held at the KYOVA Mall in Ashland, Kentucky on October 20th from 5:00-7:00 PM. Local legislators, community members, students and staff are expected to attend.

Lexington, Kentucky: Mattie Morton, Division of Youth Services, 859-246-4323, mmorton@lexingtonky.gov

The Division of Youth Services will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st from 4:30-7:30 PM at the Youth Services afterschool site. Students will attend educational workshops, play volleyball, watch karate demonstrations and participate in arts and crafts activities including coloring light bulbs to commemorate the event. Parents will receive information about the program and meet program staff. The mayor and select council members may attend and more than 100 people are expected to attend. This is the seventh year Division of Youth Services has proudly participated in *Lights On*.

Louisville, Kentucky: Geraldine Woods, Louisville Central Community Center, 502-583-8822, gwoods@lccnews.org

Louisville Central Community Center, in collaboration with the Louisville Metro Board of Health and the Teen Leadership Council, will host a Kids Care Fair on October 21st to celebrate *Lights on Afterschool*. The community festival at Central High School will promote the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and will feature booths, representatives and literature from local health organizations and civic leaders. The event will run from 4:00-6:00 PM, and refreshments will be served. Local officials are invited.

Paris, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Leslie Spears, Paris Independent Schools 21st Century Community Learning Center, 859-987-2160, leslie.spears@paris.kyschools.us

The Paris Independent Schools will celebrate *Lights on Afterschool* on Tuesday, October 19th, from 3:00-8:30 PM in the Paris High School Gymnasium. The program will host the IMAX Dome Theatre. Every 30 minutes, a different IMAX will be shown in the Dome Theatre. Concessions and other recreational activities will be available. Local legislators, community members, students and staff are expected to attend.

Louisiana

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

The Barksdale School Age Program will host a pep rally on October 21st at 4:00 PM in the gymnasium on Barksdale Air Force Base to celebrate *Lights on Afterschool*. Students in the afterschool program will perform an original cheer they wrote to highlight the importance of afterschool programs in the community. Students, program staff and parents will attend. The school will also display lightbulb artwork created by the students through the week.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Afterschool Ambassador Gaylyne Mack, Big Buddy Program, 225-388-9737, gtm1468@aol.com

The Big Buddy Program in Baton Rouge is celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* in conjunction with the YWCA and numerous other co-sponsors with a *Lights On Breakfast and Forum* and the *Lights On Rally, Expo and Talent Show*. The city of Baker is hosting both events, which will be held at the Baker Municipal Center. The *Lights On Breakfast and Forum* was held October 14th from 7:30-9:30 AM. The *Breakfast and Forum* also served as a fundraiser and “Call to Action” to unite elected officials, leaders, youth centered programs and related groups within the community for the purpose of securing funding and support for afterschool programs. The *Lights On Rally, Expo and Talent Show* will be held on October 21st from 3:00-7:00 PM and will be

comprised of parent, student and professional workshops, the Battle of the Bands (featuring two local high schools), vendor expo, and talent competition – themed: “*Lights On, So Bring It On!*” The talent competition will include motivational speakers and youth performances in the following categories: dance, choir, theatre, step, rhythm and phrase, art and cooking. Elected officials and community partners will participate in both events.

Negreet, Louisiana: Erika Rogers, PALS, 318-256-2349, Erika@sabine.k12.la.us

The PALS Program will partner with other community organizations for a carnival on October 30th from 6:00-8:00 PM at Negreet Elementary School. PALS students will set up a display about the program, and will operate booths for face painting, bowling, go-fish, arts and crafts and more. The carnival will feature an auction to raise money for the participating programs. More than 200 people are expected to attend, including the mayor and school board members.

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

On October 21st, the Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training will celebrate *Lights On* with its sixth annual “Afterschool *Lights On* Parade.” The parade will feature students and staff from four schools, who will march through the streets of New Orleans to show their afterschool pride, showcase the program and reach out to the community. The celebration begins at 4:30 PM.

Lacombe, Louisiana: Cathleen Huval, Lacombe 21st Century Community Learning Center, (985) 882-7950, cathleen.huval@stpsb.org

The Lacombe 21st Century Community Learning Center will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. It will be held on October 22nd from 4:00-5:00 PM at Chahta-Ima Elementary School. Parents, teachers, advisory board members and community members are invited to see the program and learn more about what it offers. Students will participate in a cup-stacking tournament, hear from a Northlake Nature Center representative on animal habitats, and join in story time.

Lake Charles, Louisiana: Linda Chapman, Looking Over Your Shoulder Ministries, Inc., 337-433-4154, lookingoveryour@bellsouth.net

Looking Over Your Shoulder Ministries, Inc. will invite elected officials, school administrators and community businesses to a *Lights On* program featuring student testimonials about the importance of afterschool programs. This will also be an opportunity for youth to voice their concerns and needs to community leaders. There will be door prizes and refreshments will be served. The forum will be held on October 22nd at the V.E. Washington Neighborhood Network site beginning at 7:00 PM.

Maine

Augusta, Maine: Jennifer Fortin, Kennebec Valley YMCA, 207-622-9622, Jennifer@kvymca.org

The Kennebec Valley YMCA will host an open house on October 21st from 4:30-6:00 PM to showcase the program’s art and science projects and celebrate student and program accomplishments. Community leaders will present a *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation and discuss the importance of afterschool. Children will participate in a “Zumbatomic” routine that will introduce them to the basic steps of the Latin dance.

Waterville, Maine: Afterschool Ambassador Laura Brock, Greater Waterville Communities for Children & Youth, 207-859-9840, lauragwc4cy@gmail.com

The Maine Afterschool Network will sponsor its 7th annual statewide *Lights On Afterschool* rally on October 21st at Castonguay Square in Waterville. The event will feature a youth master of ceremonies introducing City Manager Mike Roy, Governor's Children's Cabinet representative Lauren Sterling with the Governor's Proclamation, afterschool mentors and students and staff from the offices of Maine's Congressional delegation. The afterschool program exhibits will begin at 3:00 PM to showcase the diversity of the program and its offerings. The formal ceremony will begin at 4:00 PM with a performance by an afterschool youth group, after which speakers will highlight the valuable role that quality afterschool programming plays for families, children and communities, both locally and nationally. There will be a call for expanding afterschool opportunities throughout Maine. Parents, supporters, patrons, lawmakers, and community members will attend to support the call to action.

Winslow, Maine: Laurie Lizotte, Before/After Care, (207) 859-2305, lalizotte40@yahoo.com
Lights on Afterschool will launch a parent survey program at Before/After Care, allowing parents to be more involved in the program. Parents, teachers and students will convene at the Winslow Elementary and Vassalboro Community Schools from 2:00-5:30 PM on October 21st to learn more about the importance of afterschool and to see a display of artwork created by the students. Parents will be encouraged to participate in program activities. Refreshments will be served. The afterschool program may move down the road to join the Waterville *Lights On Afterschool* events at the conclusion of childcare.

Maryland

Annapolis, Maryland: Debra Petr, Mills Parole After School Programs, 410-222-1626, dpetr@aacps.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Mills Parole After School Program will host an open house on October 21st from 5:00-6:00 PM. Parents will have an opportunity to visit the program, meet staff members, see what their children have been up to and get parent handbooks offering program information. Students will display artwork, projects, power point presentations, and posters throughout the school. The gymnasium will be open for sports games and activities for the whole family. The open house will be held at Mills Parole Elementary School and pizza and refreshments will be served. More than 300 people will attend.

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

The Maryland Out of School Time Network will host several events during the week of October 17th-23rd. To highlight a few: Higher Achievement will hold a *Lights On* celebration at Collington Square Elementary/Middle School on October 21st from 5:30-7:00 PM. Parents and community members will tour the site, attend a community meeting and watch student performances. At 6:21 PM, all Higher Achievement centers will have a "Flash Mob"- where all the centers break into song and dance, which will be recorded and shared online during mentoring sessions. The Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks School Age Child Care and Super Kids Place in Pasadena will host a joint open house on October 21st from 6:30-9:00 PM at Pasadena Elementary School. Students, parents and families will be invited to see student

projects, student performances and the NASA enrichment program “Show Off Your Skills at Minute to Win It.” The Boys & Girls Club of Washington County will also host an event on October 21st from 5:00-7:00 PM at Byron Memorial Park in Williamsport. Family and Community members will be welcome to tour the new Boys & Girls Club facility and parents will participate in student instructed activities incorporating the five core areas of the program. Refreshments will be served at each event.

Baltimore, Maryland: Bonnie McCoy, Child First After School Program at Edgewood Elementary School, 410-396-0531, blmccoy@bcps.k12.md.us

To celebrate afterschool programming, the Child First After School Program will hold an open house event for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be on October 21st at 3:00 PM at the Edgewood Elementary School site. Parents will be invited to walk through the school and observe the new Michael Society afterschool program. More than 150 people will attend.

Bethesda, Maryland: Susan Bell, YMCA Ayrilawn Program Center, 301-530-8500, susan.bell@ymcaec.org

On October 21st the YMCA Ayrilawn Program Center will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will be held at the YMCA and will run from 3:30-6:30 PM. All parents, students and family members are invited to attend. Activities for students include a poster-making contest, highlighting their favorite things about the afterschool program, and decorating light switch covers to take home. Parents will visit the center, meet staff members, and see what projects the children have done. More than 150 people are expected to attend the open house.

Lexington Park, Maryland. Afterschool Ambassador Mark Smith, 301-475-5511, ext137, mgsmith@smcps.org

St. Mary’s County Public Schools, along with partners, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maryland and the St. Mary’s County Department of Recreation and Parks will present “After School Highlights 2010” on October 19th from 5:00-7:00 PM at George Washington Carver Elementary School. Four hundred students, parents, elected officials and community members will come together to celebrate the important role afterschool programs play in the lives of students and families. Students will demonstrate activities from each of the seven 21st Century Community Learning Centers afterschool programs, like sign language lessons, chess club matches, Design It hands-on science with spinning tops, nutrition lessons, Disability Awareness Week activities, salsa dancing and art activities. Dinner will be served during the first hour. From 6:00-7:00 PM, students will perform on stage, including the Rhythm Club, Dance Team, Step Teams, Jump Rope Troup, Kick Boxing Club and Glee Club.

Massachusetts

Belmont, Massachusetts: Christina Nicolson, Mrs. Nic’s Academia, 617-489-0686, c_nicolson@400pleasant.com

In the spirit of *Lights On Afterschool* and high-quality afterschool programming, Mrs. Nic’s Academia will host a series of “Family Fun Science Nights” beginning November 3rd and running until the end of the 2010-2011 academic school year. The science nights will be held every Wednesday and will host roughly 20 students from the Greater Boston area ranging from ages six to 13. Students will participate in investigations related to cutting-edge biometrics, the

making of science toys from cast-off materials, and other exciting science experiments. Leaders and instructors include science researchers from MIT/Harvard, a Belmont public school teacher and seventh grade “interns” from the Steppingstone Foundation. A camera crew from the Belmont Media Center, a local cable channel, will film the events to be shown on Mrs. Nic’s Sci-TV show called “Becoming Citizen Scientists.” This is the first year Mrs. Nic’s Academia has participated in *Lights On*.

Cambridge, Massachusetts: Connie Chow, Science Club and C.E.L.L.S. (Science Club for Girls), 617-391-0361, cchow@scienceclubforgirls.org

On October 12th, the Science Club for Girls hosted an event to accept the MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovation Award presented by the Afterschool Alliance and MetLife Foundation. This was also an opportunity to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and to recognize afterschool programs nationwide. The event opened with an introduction by Tom Groves, Principal of King Open School, and Connie Chow, Executive Director of the Science for Girls Club. Students spoke about how the program has enriched and influenced their lives. Among students and parents, the Cambridge School Committee, the Boston School Superintendent, the Cambridge School Superintendent, local government officials, and STEM Advisory Council members were in attendance.

Malden, Massachusetts: Afterschool Ambassador Karen Steele, Partnership for Community Schools in Malden, 781-397-7320, steele.k@comcast.net

The Partnership for Community Schools in Malden will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Poetry Slam on October 25th from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Beebe School in Malden. More than 60 students in six Greater Boston and Northeast Massachusetts school districts and one charter school will read poetry they have written about their afterschool experiences. Poetry quilts with poems written by students in the 21st Century Community Learning Center districts will be on display, and will be sent to state and federal lawmakers after the event to request continued funding for afterschool programs. Legislators, including state and federal representatives, are invited. Many parents and educators will attend.

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

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod will host a child and family non-profit fair. The fair will be held on Thursday, October 21st from 4:30-6:30PM at the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod site. In addition to the Boys & Girls Club members, parents and staff, the Barnstable County/UMass Extension 4-H club members are invited to attend. More than 30 non-profit vendors will set up displays and provide hands-on activities. The gym will feature a moon bounce, and the fair will hold the annual light bulb coloring contest. Dr. Joan Betinck-Smith will speak, and community and local school committees, as well as selectman, state legislators are invited. More than 60 adults and 115 children are expected to attend.

Michigan

Detroit, Michigan: Carolyn Blue, NWAC Computer Clubhouse, 313-414-7873
letusread2@yahoo.com

This year, the NWAC Computer Clubhouse will celebrate its seventh anniversary and *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st with an open house at the NWAC site. Families and friends are

welcome to check out the center and see what the members have been working on throughout the year. Information will be provided to parents about the various ways they can support the program, either through the mentoring program, making a donation or volunteering. There will be refreshments and giveaways throughout the evening. Fifty people will attend. This is the first year the Computer Clubhouse has held a *Lights On* event at their site.

Detroit, Michigan: Becky Burton, Project A.R.T./West Side Academy, 313-429-6069, projectart313@yahoo.com

Project A.R.T. will celebrate *Lights On* this year by collaborating with West Side Academy to host a Homecoming dance on October 22nd. All afterschool program students and high school students are welcome to attend. The theme of the dance will be “Light It Up.” The dance will be held at the St. Regis Hotel in Detroit and 100-150 students are expected to attend. This is the second year Project A.R.T. has participated in *Lights On*.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Vail Romeo, Kentwood Public Schools, 616-634-3133, romeov@ci.kentwood.mi.us

Kentwood Public Schools afterschool program and the YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting a family open house on October 21st from 4:00-6:00 PM at the program site. The open house will welcome students and their families and provide a number of interactive activities, including science experiments, sports games, face painting and a hot dog dinner. The mascot of the White Caps baseball team will also be available for students to take pictures with. Nearly 1,000 people are expected to participate in this 10-site joint open house.

Kalamazoo, Michigan: Deborah Yarbrough, 21st Century Community Learning Center in Edison, 269-598-6537, yarbroughdd@kalamazoo.k12.mi.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* the 21st Century Community Learning Center in Edison will host an open house followed by a parade throughout the Edison neighborhood on October 21st from 3:05-5:30 PM. This event is open to anyone who wants to support the program and all program students and their parents have been invited. Parents will hear about the program and its services. Students will display their artwork and various projects they have been working on and the Kalamazoo Police Department will also attend to offer general safety tips. Following the open house, there will be a march through the neighborhood to raise awareness of the program and gain support from the community. This is the second year the 21st Century Community Center in Edison has participated in *Lights On* and more than 100 people are expected to attend.

Lansing, Michigan: Di Clark, Capital Area Literacy Coalition, 517-485-4949, dclark@thereadingpeople.org

The Capital Area Literacy Coalition will host two enrichment program events for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st at its afterschool site. At two Read to Succeed events at a school site and community site, elementary school students will work one-on-one with professionally trained tutors on reading and literacy skills, beginning at 4:00 PM. From 5:00-6:00 PM, through the Family School Partnership program, adult mentors will supervise teens while they work on activities and games with the younger children. These mentoring activities will occur at three different low-income housing centers. Students, parents and community members are welcome to attend these events and more than 60 people are expected to attend. Local officials, as well as local newspaper and radio reporters, may attend.

Monroe, Michigan: Amanda Schmitz, The Monroe Family YMCA Afterschool Care Program, 734-241-2606 ext. 229, amandaschmitz@ymcaofmonroe.org

The Monroe Family YMCA Afterschool Care Program will host a small open house welcoming parents to the site on October 21st from 6:00-8:00 PM. Students will display art projects, including the decorated *Lights On* light bulbs, and there will be an inflatable castle for students to enjoy. The open house will be held at the YMCA site and more than 30 families are expected to attend. This is the second year the Monroe Family YMCA has participated in *Lights On Afterschool*.

Saginaw, Michigan: Kimberly Towne, Carrollton Cavalier Teen Center, 989- 233-7260, ktowne@carrollton.k12.mi.us

The Carrollton Cavalier Teen Center will host a community carnival for all elementary and middle school students to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The carnival will be held on October 22nd from 5:30-7:00 PM at the Teen Center. Local legislators, school board members and the school superintendent may attend. Activities include carnival games, balloon animal demonstrations, and a ring toss. Popcorn, cotton candy and hot dogs will be served. This is the second year the Teen Center has hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* event and 300 people will attend.

White Cloud, Michigan: Kelsey Schuiterman, Project FOCUS/White Cloud J.H., 231-924-5594, kschuiterman@nccscare.org

On October 21st from 4:00-6:00 PM Project FOCUS will invite students and families to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Newaygo County services headquarters for a free carnival. Kids will bring friends to spread awareness for Project FOCUS and students from the White Cloud School District as well as Hesperia School District will be invited to attend. This is the second annual *Lights On* event held by Project FOCUS. Activities will include indoor and outdoor games for kids, hay rides, and food and prizes.

Ypsilanti, Michigan: Gayle Hane, Boys & Girls Club of SEMI, 734-481-0266, ghane@bgcsm.org

On October 21st the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan Huron Valley will host an open house for parents and teachers from 3:30-8:30 PM at the Boys & Girls Club site. Students will color lightbulbs and there will be a poster contest and educational activities on safety featured in all core areas of the club. Students will receive their club member ID cards as well as flyers to pass on to friends who may want to learn more about the Huron Valley Boys & Girls Club. This event is also a “Buddy Day” event, where members are encouraged to bring non-members to visit so they can learn more about the program and later join. Students will write the invitations to give to their parents and teachers to promote the event.

Minnesota

Bemidji, Minnesota: John Buckanaga, Bemidji 21st Century Program, 218-333-3100 ext. 310, jdbuck@bemidji.k12.mn.us

The Bemidji 21st Century Program will celebrate *Lights On* by hosting a parent information night on November 3rd from 4:30-5:30 PM. Parents will be given information about all the activities and services the program offers including local afterschool programs and partners such as the

Girl Scouts, Boys Scouts, and Science Center. There will be a question and answer session where students and the program director will answer questions or concerns. Ice cream will be served. This open house will include six local elementary schools from the school district and more than 200 people will attend.

Bloomington, Minnesota: Russ Purdy, Kids' SAFARI, 952-681-5307,
rpurdy@bloomington.k12.mn.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Kids' SAFARI program will host a family dance on October 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Olson Elementary School. All students enrolled in the school district, as well as their family members, are invited to attend. School board members and community leaders have also been invited and 250-300 people total are expected to attend. Activities for participants include a family photo booth, art classes, a chess tournament, board games and snacks. A Proclamation will be read at the beginning of the night by a school board member followed by a short speech to encourage the continued support of afterschool programming from the community. Students at all the elementary school sites will also participate in a bulletin board decorating contest. The results will be on display and judged at the dance.

Mississippi

Batesville, Mississippi: Belinda Morris, Batesville Unit, 662-578-7309,
boysandgirls@panola.com

The Batesville Unit, in conjunction with the Crenshaw Extension, and Sardis/Como Unit programs, will host a *Lights On Afterschool* reception on October 21st. All local, state and federal elected officials are invited to come and visit the club and read about the youth that attend the programs. Activities for students include the reading of the Proclamation by Mayor Jerry Autrey, children's book reading activities and more. Youth and participants will also be served a healthy snack.

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

The Columbus Air Force Base Youth Center will invite the mayor and school superintendent along with students, parents and teachers to their third annual *Lights On Afterschool* open house. The open house will welcome teachers and community leaders to the center and showcase student's activities. Students will participate in poetry and essay contests, display artwork and lead tours of the center. Hand-made goody bags will be given to all the visiting teachers and cake and punch will be served. The open house will be held on October 21st at 4:15 PM and will include all eight community school sites. The center is expecting more than 110 people to attend the event.

Gulfport, Mississippi: Kimberly Reid, Navy Youth Activities Center, 228-871-2251,
kimberly.r.reid@navy.mil

On October 20th the Navy Youth Activities Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house for parents and youth. The two groups will participate in educational activities together, students will display art projects and color light bulbs and information will be given out about other programming from the center. At the open houses' conclusion, there will be a raffle

for a X-Box and Play Station. This seventh annual event will be held at the Navy Youth Activities Center.

Gulfport, Mississippi: Adrienne Davis, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast Hancock County Unit, 228-467-5915, adavis@bgcgulfcoast.org

The Boys & Girls Club of the Gulf Coast Hancock Country Unit will invite students, parents, and community members to join them in celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house. The theme of the open house will be “Traveling Great Distances” and will be held at the Boys & Girls Club site on October 21st from 5:00-7:00 PM. Participants will tour the center visiting different culturally themed classrooms and learning about the customs and traditions of that particular country. There will also be an opening ceremony in which the Boys & Girls Club code will be recited and a speech will be made by a site supervisor. Artwork and projects will also be on display throughout the evening and parents will receive informational materials about the program and its mission. More than 200 people are expected to attend.

Monticello, Mississippi: Navlean Pittman, 4-H & Boys & Girls Club, 601-587-2271, navleanp@ext.msstate.edu

To celebrate afterschool programs, the 4-H & Boys & Girls Club will host an open house on October 21st at 3:00 PM. The event will be held at the Boys & Girls Club site in Monticello and will include speakers who will talk about the nationwide *Lights On Afterschool* program as well as the successes of the local programs. This is the second year this program has hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* event and all program participants and their parents are welcome to attend.

Missouri

Camdenton, Missouri: Afterschool Ambassador Sherry Comer, PASS at Camdenton Middle School, 537-346-9233, scomer@camdentonschools.org

Project PASS at Camdenton Middle School will hold a poem safari on October 21st from 4:00-5:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will use their life science skills to research an animal of their choice, exploring the animal, writing a poem about it, and then enlarging a scale drawing of the animal using math skills. A tour of the new fitness room will showcase the fitness program.

Camdenton, Missouri: Afterschool Ambassador Sherry Comer, PASS at Dogwood Elementary, 537-346-9233, scomer@camdentonschools.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Project PASS participants will act out the story “Ghost Eye Tree” at Dogwood Elementary School on October 21st at 5:00 PM in Dogwood Cafeteria. A reception will follow the act so parents can learn about the importance of reading. Participants will receive glow sticks to symbolize the importance of keeping the *Lights On Afterschool*.

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

The UMC-Adventure Club will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 21st at each of its 19 sites in the area. Parents are invited to stop by for cake and ice cream, and to learn more about what goes on during program hours. The events start at 4:30 PM, and include more than 1,030 children in total. Students will also post photo collages at local JCPenney stores to illustrate their afterschool experience from October 15th to October 22nd.

Oak Ridge, Missouri: Bridget Watson, Afterschool Adventure Club, 573-266-3218, bwatson266@yahoo.com

On October 21st from 4:30-7:00 PM, the Afterschool Adventure Club will host a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival. Themes for the booths include: education, safety, games and food. A veterinarian will present animal safety information, a police officer will discuss stranger danger, and a nutritionist will offer advice. Games include an egg drop. Organizers expect more than 250 children, parents and community members to participate. A state representative and the mayor may attend, as well as television and local newspaper staff. Organizers will collect canned goods to donate to those in need.

St. Louis, Missouri: Rose Anderson-Rice, St. Louis for Kids, 314-531-0011, andersonricer@st.louis4kids.org

St. Louis for Kids will host a “Recognition and Awards Luncheon” to recognize the positive contributions afterschool and youth development programs, organizations and staff make to youth. The luncheon will be held on October 20th at the St. Louis Science Center, beginning with a meet-and-greet at 10:00 AM and concluding with a buffet lunch and awards presentation at 1:30 PM. A panel of experts from the State of Missouri and State of Illinois will discuss “Building Systems for School-Age Professional Development” and providers, legislators, principals and collaborative partners at afterschool programs are invited.

Montana

Great Falls, Montana: Jen Grenfell, Boys & Girls Club of Cascade County, 406-761-1330, jen.besel@bgc-cc.org

Students led the Boys & Girls Club of Cascade County *Lights on Afterschool* open house at 6:00 PM on October 14th, educating guests about the program and giving testimonials about their afterschool experiences. The open house featured a talent show, and dinner was served by the Keystone and Torch Club. Tours of the site and information about the afterschool program were available, and guests entered to win home improvement door prizes. The chief of police gave a keynote address, and legislators and nominees were invited as well as community partners including JCPenney, Staples and Taco Bell. More than 200 people participated. The Boys & Girls Club will also join the 21st Century Community Learning Centers *Lights On* event in Great Falls on October 28th.

Great Falls, Montana: Tedi Bishop, 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants Recipients, 406-476-3201, two_tabs_6@yahoo.com

Nine afterschool programs in the North Central region of Montana will gather at the Trades and Industry Building fair grounds on October 28th from 4:00-6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On* and host a carnival. More than 300 kids and their families will play games like cup stacking and bean bag toss, enter a haunted house, and enjoy Halloween Town. A lighting ceremony will include glow-in-the-dark necklaces. Press will ask kids and families what the afterschool program means to them. Local dignitaries may attend.

Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana: Annjeanette Brown, Malmstrom Youth Program, 406-731-4634, annjeanette.brown@malmstrom.af.mil

The Malmstrom Air Force Base will host an open house at the Malmstrom Youth Programs building on October 21st from 4:00-5:00PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents will have a chance to see the afterschool programs already in place at Malmstrom. The open rec program for older children includes a dance machine, art programs, games and late night Fridays, and there is a school-age daycare program.

Superior, Montana: Dawn Bauer, 21st Century Community Learning Center, 406-822-2314, bauerbunch@blackfoot.net

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers of Superior, Montana are holding a community barbeque and open house at Superior Elementary School on October 19th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Barbeque and other refreshments will be served to parents, students, community members and school officials. The open house is designed to showcase the work done by the students in the afterschool program.

Nebraska

Kearney, Nebraska: Shawna Snider, Kearney Community Learning Centers, 308-698-8032, langdonc@panesu.org

At the Buffalo County Extension Office on October 21st from 4:00-6:00 PM, the Kearney Community Learning Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event to recognize afterschool programming and its benefits for local youth and the community. The event is being planned by sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in the afterschool program, from Sunrise and Horizon Middle Schools. Guests will play games created by the students so they can learn more about the students and the topics the program has been teaching: Sandhill Cranes, recycling and pollution.

Lincoln, Nebraska: Afterschool Ambassador Dayna Krannawitter, Lincoln Community Learning Centers, 402-436-1120, dkranna@lps.org

For *Lights On Afterschool* this year, the Lincoln Community Learning Centers will host a dinner and rally on October 21st from 6:00-8:00 PM at Elliott Elementary School. During dinner, attendees will hear from guest speakers including the superintendent, a school board member, a state senator, and two youth ambassadors. Students will showcase the program's physical activity program, drum circle and choir. The rally portion of the event, which will be completely youth-led, will celebrate the programs in Lincoln and raise support for future activities.

O'Neill, Nebraska: Charissa Sladek, Developing Eagles, 402-336-1400, csladek@esu8.org

The Developing Eagles will host an open house and free spaghetti dinner on October 21st starting at 5:30 PM for all participants and their families. It will include activity stations such as charades, face painting, crafts and an obstacle course. Dinner will begin at 6:30 PM and will include a guest speaker. Students made posters to hang around town to advertise the event. The mayor and State Senator Cap Dierks are expected.

Nevada

Fallon, Nevada: Carol Johnson, AIM 4 Success, 775-428-2223, johnsonca@churchhill.k12.nv.us

The AIM 4 Success Program will host a "Make and Take" event at which students will make their own board games and then take them home to share with their families. The *Lights On Afterschool* event will be held on October 21st at Numa Elementary School from 5:00-7:00 PM. Other local programs, such as the Friends and Family Resource Center, the Indian Education

Program, and the Federal Program, may join. Flyers will be distributed at all the centers to promote the event and more than 100 students will attend.

Las Vegas, Nevada: Afterschool Ambassador Judy Schroeder, City of Las Vegas Afterschool Safekey Program; 702-229-3312, jschroeder@lasvegasnevada.gov

The City of Las Vegas Afterschool Safekey Programs will showcase student's talents with open houses, art and essay contests, art displays, Indoor Olympics and much more at 69 Clark County School District schools on October 21st in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Each event will begin between 4:30-5:00 PM and as many as 5,000 students are expected to participate. This is the 11th year the Safekey Program has participated in *Lights On*.

Reno, Nevada: Jama Sutfin, 21st Century Community Learning Center TEAM UP Rita Cannan Elementary, 775-353-5750, jsutfin@washoe.k12.nv.us

The 21st Century Community Learning Center TEAM UP Rita Cannan Elementary School program will host an open house with enrichment activities provided by local community partners to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. These activities include art, cooperative games, sports, dance and more. Students will meet local law and fire department officials, provide art displays and showcase their dance moves. A former afterschool student who is now a standout athlete and honor student will discuss opportunities that resulted from her participation in the afterschool program. The program will offer parents information about how to register to vote, further their education and prepare cost-efficient nutritious meals, and local agencies that will provide crisis support as well as tips on staying involved in their children's lives. The open house will be October 21st from 4:00-7:00 PM. Between the five afterschool sites in the county, there will be more than 500 people attending.

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

The Sun Valley TEAM UP 21st Century Community Learning Centers program will host an "Around the World" themed open house on October 21st to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. From 5:30-6:30 PM, parents, students and family members will walk through five different multi-cultural stations created by students to foster appreciation for different cultures. Students and parents will also provide a traditional dish from their cultural background to share with the group. This is the 4th annual *Lights On Afterschool* open house event the Sun Valley program has held, and more than 100 people are expected.

New Hampshire

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

Casey Family Services celebrated *Lights on Afterschool* by joining the Franklin Asset Building Coalition in the fourth annual *Lights On Afterschool* featuring "It's Your Money Show" on October 14th from 4:00-6:00 PM at Franklin Middle School. The "health and wealth" expo combined the health and safety aspects of afterschool programming with financial well-being. Exhibitors included the local hospital's health educator, Head Start and Early Head Start, the health clinic, and the state children's insurance program. Police discussed kid care and kids' IDd, older youth experienced beer goggles, and the fire department set up a rescue boat. Students provided a free meal with direction from food services. A variety of institutions

participated in exhibitions to educate families about resources for managing money. The Business and Professional Women of Franklin, NH gave an abbreviated version of Camp BTW to educate teens and pre-teens about life skills and how career choices translate into housing, cars and lifetime financial well-being. More than 200 people participated.

Manchester, New Hampshire: Rachel Patterson, YMCA of Greater Manchester, 603-661-5010, rpatterson@gmfymca.org

The YMCA of Greater Manchester, through the Support Through Academics, Recreation, and Teamwork (S.T.A.R.T) program, will host a “green” open house for this year’s *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. The students will be wrapping up a unit on sustainability, and will show the results of a “My Green House” project – drawings that depict each student’s ideal, green living space. The event will also showcase the work of K – 5 students. It will be held on October 21st at the Beech Street School site in Manchester from 4:00-5:00 PM. More than 25 community members and donors are expected.

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

The Pemi Youth Center will hold an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st from 4:00-6:00 PM. All parents and community members are invited to attend as well as local media, and town and state officials. There will be a short presentation about the center’s programming, and youth will discuss their experiences at the center.

New Jersey

Atlantic City, New Jersey: Rosalind Norrell-Nance, AtlantiCare Atlantic City Family Success Centers, 609-441-0102, rnorrellnance@atlanticare.org

On October 12th at 5:30 PM, AtlantiCare Atlantic City hosted a lecture by Eric Rowles, President and CEO of Leading to Change based in Charlotte, NC. A nationally recognized trainer, speaker and consultant, Rowles discussed social networking and what caregivers and other adults need to know about both cyber bullying and the positive aspects of social networks. More than 75 people attended. To further celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and afterschool programs in general, organizers held an open house at which children displayed their recent projects and what they have learned from their percussion teacher.

East Orange, New Jersey: Kathy Harrison, U.S. Dream Academy, 973-677-1119, kharrison@usdreamacademy.org

The U.S. Dream Academy, a national non-profit for youth with incarcerated parents, will hold a game night on October 21st from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Dionne Warwick Institute. Onaje, the Contest King will host a round of games, including Wheel of Fortune and educational computer games. Parents and children will have the chance to play together. Prior to the event, children will make *Lights On Afterschool* flags so they can open the night with a ceremony at which they explain the importance of afterschool programming in their lives. New Jersey Youth Theater and the Youth Theatre Company will perform. Volunteers from community organizations like the New Jersey Cares program will assist. The event is open to the general school so all students can learn about afterschool programming. More than 60 people are expected.

Garfield, New Jersey: Nicole Mendoza, Boys & Girls Club of Garfield, 973-478-7662, nmendoza@bgcgarfield.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Garfield will host a *Lights On Afterschool* fair on October 21st from 3:00-6:00 PM, featuring student artwork and a slideshow and movie made by the afterschool program's youth. Parents, staff and other guests will have a read-along with youth, and a local tae kwon do school will host a demonstration. Board members and local community representatives such as the mayor may attend.

Haddonfield, New Jersey: Afterschool Ambassador Denise Sellers, Haddonfield Child Care, 856-429-1603, dsellers@attglobal.net

On October 21st, Central School will hold a chess tournament for *Lights on Afterschool*, where the public is invited to visit the program and challenge the children to a game of chess. Tatem School and the Extended Day Kindergarten program will premiere videos they have made of their afterschool activities, and guests at the Elizabeth Haddon School program will hear children read essays to parents and staff on what their afterschool program means to them. October 23rd will mark the opening of a "found art" exhibit by the children of Haddonfield Child Care, and parents, local political leaders and the public are invited to see the art made from materials that washed ashore along the Delaware River near the Cove.

Toms River, New Jersey: Lisa Bierly, Ocean County YMCA, 732-341-9622 ext. 4250, lbierly@ocymca.org

On October 21st the Ocean County YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at its Y-Kids Afterschool Program at Walnut Street Elementary School. It will focus on showcasing all aspects of their program to community leaders, members and volunteers. A representative from JCPenney, a local partner, will attend the open house. Students will display artwork and decorate the center, and information about the program will be distributed. The open house will run from 3:15-3:45 PM and more than 25 people will attend.

New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Juana Scribner, Kirtland Youth Programs, 505-846-2042, juana.scribner@kirtland.af.mil

The Kirtland Youth Program celebrated both *Lights On Afterschool* and Spanish Heritage day on October 13th with a joint event held at the afterschool site. There were activities for students to enjoy including sports games, a piñata, and a reading station where children earned prizes for every book they read. Students had a healthy snack. The police department was invited to give a presentation on life skills and safety.

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

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* the Farmington Public Library will host a "Passport to Afterschool" performance with Youth Storytellers and various literacy activities. The event will take place on October 21st from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Farmington Public Library Children's Theater. There will be a number of guest speakers including Title 1 and 21st Century Community Learning Center teachers, and Afterschool Ambassador alumni. This event is expected to attract 300 to 500 people from the community as well as local media such as the *Farmington Daily Times*, *San Juan County Kids* and the *Aztec Talon*. Because it is being held

during Red Ribbon Week, which is dedicated to educating youth about the damage of drug use, the event will include a “Say no to drugs” campaign. Students will decorate bookmarks.

Gallup, New Mexico: Carrie Olivar, Lincoln Elementary Afterschool Program, 505-721-3423, colivar@gmcs.k12.nw.us

On October 21st, Lincoln Elementary Afterschool Program will celebrate the dedication of a new walking trail that will connect the school site to the surrounding neighborhoods. Parents, students, family members, as well as community leaders and the local newspaper will be among the more than 130 people who attend. An open house held at Lincoln Elementary will follow. Students will display projects such as electronic robots, graphic novels and other artwork. The Mayor and select council members may attend. It will be held from 3:30-6:00 PM. This is the second year Lincoln Elementary has hosted a *Lights On* event.

Santa Fe, New Mexico: Edmund Gorman, Agua Fria Elementary School, 505-467-1300, egorman@sfps.info

Agua Fria Elementary School will host its fifth annual *Lights On Afterschool* open house for parents and students on October 21st from 4:00-6:00 PM. Students will participate in educational activities depending on their grade level and parents will receive information outlining the many activities children can participate in throughout the year. This open house is open to the public, and more than 100 students and their families are expected.

New York

Bronx, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Danny Peralta, The Point CDC, 718-542-4139 ext. 138, dannythepoint@gmail.com

The Point CDC afterschool program will emphasize outreach this year by participating in the 25th annual Hunts Point Parade on October 22nd from 5:00-8:00 PM. Youth will use this opportunity to spread the word about the importance of their afterschool experiences and ask the public to support existing programs by calling their legislators. Every year this event reaches out to several thousand community members and is joined by Congressman Jose Serrano, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, and other leaders. It is unique in that most marchers are afterschool program participants and is the only time that many of them get together to show off their costumes, as well as perform for one another and the community during the talent portion of the parade.

Bronx, New York: Jim Pugliese, LeAp 22, 917-969-4185, jim@leapnyc.org

On October 21st the LeAp 22 program will accept a MetLife Foundation Afterschool Award for its work and dedication to local youth and their community. The award ceremony will also celebrate the 11th annual *Lights On Afterschool* event and recognize the accomplishments of afterschool programs nationwide. The ceremony will be held at Jordan L. Mott School and will begin at 4:00 PM. The Mighty Marching Tigers Band will open the ceremony and then there will be a welcome speech from Principal Rosenbury and Ila Gross, Executive Director of LeAp. Then youth will perform a hip hop routine, martial arts demonstration, slam poetry, and violin. All afterschool students, parents and community members are invited.

Bronx, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Alberto Cruz, PS87 Afterschool Program, 212-873-0490, acruz164@gmail.com

The PS87 Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights on Afterschool* throughout the year by highlighting the benefits of afterschool programs through performance, film screenings, holiday festivals, and an open house. PS87 will kick off its celebration on October 28th with the premiere of its Community Service Leadership Project-Conflict Mediation Training Film. The film was cast, composed and written by PS87 Community Service Leadership Project Interns.

Brooklyn, New York: Rob Abbot, Cypress Hills/East New York Beacon, 347-262-3510, roba@cypresshills.org

This fall festival, featuring the Ladders of Leadership programming at the CHENY Beacon will be held on October 21st from 3:30-5:30 PM at Intermediate School 302. Attendees will observe hands-on multi-generational activities and students will share their experiences with the program and discuss why the program is important to them. After this, on behalf of the MetLife Foundation and the Afterschool Alliance, the MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovation Award will be presented to the program director and refreshments will follow. Students, parents and members of the community are invited.

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

Harlem RBI will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with its school partner, MOSAIC Preparatory Academy, on October 22nd with an energetic Runs Rally. The Runs Rally will feature awards for youth who have exemplified sportsmanship and enthusiasm for reading. Youth art work depicting youth feelings about after school will be displayed and after school team performances will be featured. With a special focus on the importance of school and after school partnership, Assistant Principal Jorge Moore and Principal Lissette Caesar will hand out the youth awards. Community Board members may attend.

Lancaster, New York: Jessica Canton, Lancaster Family YMCA, 716-684-2395, jcanton@ymcabuffaloniagra.org

Students at the Lancaster Family YMCA afterschool program will create lightbulb paintings, murals and posters, incorporating the week's theme "fall fruit." Parents, teachers, principals and community members are invited to see the gallery of student artwork on October 21st from 3:45-4:45 PM. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

New York City, New York: Melissa Motroni, Workplace Mentoring Center of Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC, 646-274-6065, mmotroni@bigsnyc.org

The Workplace Mentoring Center of Big Brothers Big Sisters will host 60 afterschool programs this school year involving more than 650 New York City students. The goal of the program is to provide students with a mentor who will help them achieve their full career potential. Twice a month, groups of students will travel to businesses to attend seminars or instructional programs. To kick-off this exciting afterschool program, five individual *Lights On* events will be held at five business locations from 4:00-6:00 PM on October 21st. These events will give students and mentors an opportunity to meet and get to know one another.

New York City, New York: Tiniquia Loudon, Westside YMCA of Greater New York, 646-724-0247, tloudon@ymcanyc.org

To raise awareness about the importance of afterschool programs, the Westside YMCA of Greater New York is hosting an event on October 18th for students, staff and parents. There will be information explaining the significance of *Lights On Afterschool*, and students will color lightbulbs to be displayed around the site. This will also serve as the official start of the “pen pal program,” where third graders in the program exchange letters with students at another school. On October 21st, students will participate in the Community Parade starting at 4:30 PM. Students will distribute hand-outs and reach out to the community about the importance of afterschool programming.

New York City, New York: Adrienne Meryl, New York City Department of Parks & Recreation Afterschool Programs, 212-360-3303, Adrienne.meryl@parks.nyc.gov
The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation will host 31 afterschool events to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. The various events will be held on October 21st between 3:00 and 6:00 PM. Approximately 1,600 students are enrolled in the city’s afterschool programs and events range from open houses to rallies, to performances, to family dinners. The Al Oerter program, in Queens, is the newest afterschool program in the department and will host an inclusive performance of “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” in sign language for deaf and hard-of-hearing children from New York Community Trust. They will also host a soccer demonstration. The Pelham Fritz Recreation Center, in Harlem, will coordinate a “Stop the Violence” peace march and the St. Mary’s and St. James programs, in the Bronx, are partnering with SoBro, a community organization, to host an open house with music, food, games, raffles and performances.

Richmond Hill, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Neha Gautam, South Asian Youth Acion, 718-846-3335, neha@saya.org
SAYA! Afterschool Program will celebrate its first *Lights on Afterschool* event at Richmond Hill High School with a *Lights on Afterschool* festival on October 21st. Parents, community leaders, local businesses, representatives from places of worship, and school faculty and administrators may attend to see the work that is being done in afterschool programs and learn about the importance of maintaining funding to keep programs operating. There will be exhibits of photography and art. The festival will feature multi-media presentations with facts and statistics about afterschool programs in the state and it will be playing as dance performances and theatre skits take place.

White Plains, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Byron Smalls, Afterschool Connection White Plains Youth Bureau, 914-422-1378, bsmalls@whiteplainsny.org
The Afterschool Connection *Lights on Afterschool* event is taking place on October 18th at 4:00 PM on the steps of City Hall in White Plains. Guests and participants include the Mayor, members of the city council, U.S. Representative Nita Lowey, a local school superintendent, commissioners, the Executive Director of the Child Care Council of Westchester, YM & YMCA’s and others. The Boy Scouts will present a color guard, the White Plains youth choir will sing, parents and children will speak, and children will display art projects. On October 21st from 4:00-6:30 PM, the Youth Bureau will host *Lights On Afterschool* dinners at nine locations where children will display their artwork. On October 13th, the Youth Bureau also held a press conference. Overall, more than 975 people will attend these events.

North Carolina

Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Tami Williams, McDougle School-Age Care Program, 919-969-2435, twilliams@chccs.k12.nc.us

This year for *Lights On Afterschool*, the McDougle School-Age Care Program will host a Mini-Dance-A-Thon to collect gently used stuffed animals and books for children at the Children's Hospital at the University of North Carolina Hospital System. The fundraiser will be on October 21st from 3:30-5:30 PM at McDougle Elementary School. Program members, school staff and community members are invited and the University of North Carolina will co-sponsor the event.

Greensboro, North Carolina: Tawanna Maryland, Friends for Quality After School Program, 336-210-5712, tmaryland@ymail.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year, the Friends for Quality After School Program will host several events, ranging from fair trade fairs, to farmer's markets, to global writing events and field trips to local farms from September 21st through November 17th. The events will be held at Foust Elementary School and will begin at 3:30 PM. The theme will be: If the World Were a Village. Events are open to the community. Sponsors and participants include the ACES Program as well as the NC Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Program, Ten Thousand Villages, Shallowford Popcorn Farms, and the Out-of-School Art Academy. Throughout the months, the program expects better participation of families, better understanding of the need for supplemental funding, and better participation of corporate and non-profit sponsors.

Statesville, North Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Dr. Bircca P. Sweet, Statesville Housing Authority Family Development Division, 828-964-8406, bricca.sweet@gmail.com
Statesville's 6th annual *Lights On Afterschool* event will be held on October 21st from 5:00-8:00 PM at Harris Park. The theme will be "Our Community, Our Responsibility" and it will be sponsored by the Statesville-Iredell Gang Initiative. Youth from the Statesville Housing Authority afterschool programs and the Boys & Girls Club of Piedmont will participate in the kick-off parade starting at 5:00 PM. More than 30 community agencies will set up booths with information about family services. A youth forum will follow to prevent teen gang activity and speakers will include former NFL player Vinson Smith, Iredell-Statesville Schools Superintendent Brady Johnson, and Statesville Mayor Costi Kutteh. Members of the Statesville police department, emergency medical services, and the fire department will give safety demonstrations. Food will be provided and the event will conclude with a fireworks show.

North Dakota

Fessenden, North Dakota: Colleen Hess, After School Club, 701-547-3296, colleen.hess@fessenden.k12.nd.us

The Fessenden Bowdon School District After School Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Halloween party on October 26th from 6:00-7:30 PM. The event will feature a cake walk, bingo, face painting, a bean bag toss competition and other games. Fessenden After School Club students will work at the different games and stations. A potluck dinner will be served.

Jamestown, North Dakota: Karen Alm, Roosevelt Elementary School, 701-820-0256, karen.r.alm@sendit.novak.edu

On October 26th the Roosevelt Elementary School will join Louis L' Aour Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School and Washington Elementary School in celebrating *Lights On*

Afterschool. For the ninth year, the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant at Roosevelt Elementary will invite students, parents, teachers, school board members, state legislators, the mayor and community business leaders to their fall themed family night and open house. It will be held at Washington Elementary School from 6:00-7:30 PM. Students and parents will rotate through three stations focusing on math, language arts, and science activities and a potluck dinner will be served. Food will be provided by the 21st Century Grant program and parents who volunteered. More than 140 people are expected to attend.

Ohio

Cincinnati, Ohio: Amber Stewart, YMCA CincyAfter School, 513-363-4377, astewart@cincinnatiymca.org

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* this year, the YMCA CincyAfterSchool program will hold a fair on October 21st from 3:00-6:00 PM at the Pleasant Hill Academy. Participants will create a community canvas using individual craft quilts. The youth council elections candidates will speak to more than 100 attendees, including teachers, parents, students and community members. Organizers will set up games and arts and crafts.

Delaware, Ohio: Afterschool Ambassador Karen Jackson, Delaware City Schools SACC Programs, 740-833-1851, karenjackson57@hotmail.com

Approximately 800 SACC children and parents will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st at the Dempsey Technology Center. The celebration will feature special student games and activities such as: carnival games, race mats, giant lawn bowling, kick croquet, bumper-belly races, obstacle courses, team-twister and much more. SACC students, parents, community leaders and volunteers will snack on pizza and carrots while writing about their afterschool program on lightbulb note papers and getting SACC temporary tattoos. Volunteers from Hayes High School's Big Brothers Big Sisters group, Ohio Wesleyan and the Dempsey Learning Club will join the SACC staff in leading games and activities. Community leaders and educators may attend the event and a VIP reception to learn about the value of afterschool programs.

Lorain, Ohio: Teria Bivins, Horizon Activities Center, 440-288-5437, tbivins@horizonactivities.org

On October 21st, from 4:30-6:00 PM, the Horizon Activities Center will host two *Lights on Afterschool* events at the Horizon Activities Centers. Refreshments will be served, and 50-60 people are expected. Community guests will assist with science experiments and art activities.

Youngstown, Ohio: Angie Cameron, Youngstown State University, Youngstown Afterschool Alliance, 330-941-2227, amcameron@ysu.edu

The Youngstown Afterschool Alliance program through the Youngstown State University will host two events for *Lights On Afterschool* this year. The events will be held at Mineral Ridge Middle School's RAM Afterschool Program, and at the STC Afterschool Program at Westgate Middle School in East Liverpool. Both events will be held on October 21st from 4:00-6:00 PM and will include families and community members for a night of fun, games and afterschool programming that highlights the importance of afterschool programs and the Youngstown Afterschool Alliance.

Oklahoma

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.

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma: Tiffany Thompson, McCurtain County Boys & Girls Club, 580-584-3015, tiffanythompson27@yahoo.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the McCurtain County Boys & Girls Club will host a “Power Saver Program” where students will learn power saving tips and receive goody bags. A local electrician will discuss the importance of energy conservation and power saving habits. A lite dinner will be provided. Kids from the program and their parents are invited. There will be 30 to 40 people in attendance and this is the 2nd annual *Lights On Afterschool* event for the center. It will be held on October 21st from 3:30-5:30 PM at the Boys & Girls Club.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: A.J. Johnson, Boys & Girls Club of Oklahoma City, 405-521-9292, ajohnson@bgcokc.org

On October 21st the Boys & Girls Club of Oklahoma City will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a small carnival open house. This carnival is open to the public and parents and family members are encouraged to attend. There will be games including a parents versus students flag football game outside and other arts and crafts activities inside. The carnival will be from 3:30-6:30 PM and more than 300 people are expected. This is the 8th year the Boys & Girls Club of Oklahoma City has celebrated with *Lights On Afterschool*.

Pawhuska, Oklahoma: Tami Johnson, Pawhuska After School Program, 918-287-1267, tjohnson@pawhuska.k12.ok.us

The Pawhuska Afterschool Program will invite the community, parents, students and family members to enjoy an evening of fun activities in the spirit of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be held on October 26th at Pawhuska Elementary School from 4:00-6:00 PM. The fall themed event will feature students participating in games and parents learning more about the afterschool program. More than 80 students and 50 parents will attend.

Stratford, Oklahoma: Afterschool Ambassador Laticia Wade, Stratford SAFE Bulldog Academy, 580.759.2382 ext 52, WadeL@stratford.k12.ok.us

SAFE will celebrate *Lights on Afterschool* by inviting parents, families, community leaders and lawmakers to its open house on October 18th. At the Stratford Elementary School from 6:00-8:00 PM, parents and student will participate in a “Lasagna, Literature, Legos...*Lights on Afterschool*” extravaganza. Many of the activities will incorporate the “L” theme, such as Lasso roping, Linguini Art, Leather Works, Literature (readers theater) and Legos (Academy of Engineering and Bricklab). Parents and youth will enjoy a lasagna dinner. Middle school students have prepared a slide show of pictures documenting the activities they enjoy most.

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

The Boys & Girls Club of Tahlequah will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house celebration to showcase student accomplishments. The Club will join with 12 other afterschool sites to host open houses on October 20th from 3:30-5:30 PM. All Club members and their families are welcome to check out the site and see what activities the children have been doing throughout the year. Roughly 2,000 students and their parents will participate in these open houses and local media will cover the events. Specific details and activities will vary from site to site.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: Jo Bright, Salvation Army North Mabee Boys & Girls Club, 918-425-7534, Jo_Bright@uss.salvationarmy.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Salvation Army North Mabee Boys & Girls Club will host an open house inviting the public to see what goes on at its afterschool program. The open house will be on October 21st from 3:30-8:00 PM at the Boys & Girls Club. Activities will include a flag football game, access to the computer room, gym, art room for crafts, and teen center. Visitors will get a better look at what the program offers and students will show off what they do in the afterschool hours. More than 150 people are expected at the 3rd Salvation Army North Mabee Boys & Girls Club *Lights On Afterschool* celebration.

Oregon

Portland, Oregon: Afterschool Ambassador Krina Lemons, Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, 503-364-2933, krinalemons@msn.com or Beth Unverzagt, Oregon After School for Kids (ASK), 503-540-4481, www.oregonask.org

On October 20th afterschool leaders in Oregon will release the Oregon Supporting Student Success Report: The Promise of Expanded Learning Opportunities for *Lights On Afterschool*. In June 2009, Governor Ted Kulongoski received word that the Oregon Afterschool Network was one of five states to receive a grant that was a joint initiative of the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices, the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of Chief State School Officers. A 14- member team met over the past 15 months to discuss building a framework and creating a vision for alignment of expanded learning opportunities between school and afterschool. The report results from this work. The release will be at the Oregon Zoo, VISTA room from 8:00-11:00 AM. Author of the report Dr. Mary Shea will discuss its findings. A panel of afterschool experts will discuss afterschool in a national context, including: Elizabeth Partoyan, Council of Chief State School Officers; Dr. Paul Young, National Afterschool Association; Oxana Golden, Afterschool Investments; and Afterschool Ambassador and Salem-Keizer Education Foundation Executive Director Krina Lemons.

Portland, Oregon: Helen Vank, Metropolitan Family Service SUN - Shaver Elementary, 503-408-2892, shaversun@parkrose.k12.or.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, SUN of Parkrose School District hosted a carnival at Shaver Elementary on October 9th from 12:00-3:00 PM, as well as a rummage sale from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. More than 500 people came, raising \$1,300 for field trips. Events included face painting, nails and hair dressing at a parent-run salon, spray hair coloring, a bean bag toss, a cake walk, and more. The carnival encouraged afterschool programming and celebrated *Lights On Afterschool*. Organizers provided mini pumpkins to take home to decorate and gave children the chance to decorate trick or treat bags. The principal attended and the program received attention from the district's superintendent.

Portland, Oregon: Abby Strom, Friendly House Afterschool Program, 503-935-5266, astorm@friendlyhouseinc.org

The Friendly House Afterschool Program will host a neighborhood parade and carnival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. The event will be held on October 21st from 3:15-5:30 PM and is open to the students, parents and the neighborhood. The parade will help bring awareness to afterschool programming, specifically the Friendly House program, and the carnival will give parents and students an opportunity to enjoy free, fun, interactive activities.

The carnival will be held in the Friendly House gymnasium and will include games made by the students, student performances, prizes and a guest speaker. This is the fifth year the program has held an event for *Lights On Afterschool* and more than 150 students and parents are expected.

Salem, Oregon: Afterschool Ambassador Krina Lemons, Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, 503-364-2933, krinalemons@msn.com

On October 21st, the Enrichment Academy Schools in the Salem-Keizer area will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with activities to promote the afterschool clubs and share the benefits of afterschool programming. Each school has taken on a harvest theme, or central school activity as an attraction to bring in families who will be able to participate in some of the learning activities of the afterschool clubs. There will be student performances, dances and education booths showcasing the many benefits of afterschool programs and the strong partnership they share within the school structure. Stephens, Leslie, Judson, Claggett, Crossler, Whiteaker, and Houck Middle Schools and Highland and Grant Elementary Schools will participate.

Springfield, Oregon: Terri Fackrell, Williamalane Park and Recreation District, 541-736-4505, terrif@willamalane.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Williamalane Park and Recreation District program will host a carnival on October 21st from 5:30-7:00 PM. Parents and students will enjoy games and youth performances, enjoy a hot dog BBQ sponsored by the Rotary Club, and learn about the curriculum and activities the afterschool program offers. More than 400 people are expected.

Pennsylvania

Allison Park, Pennsylvania: Susan Brozek Scott, Afterschool Buddy, Inc., 412-486-2151, susan@afterschoolbuddy.com

In conjunction with other non-profit organizations and corporate sponsors in the community, the Afterschool Buddy Inc. will host a special performance at Peabody High School in Pittsburgh. The *Lights On Afterschool* performance, on October 21st from 4:00-6:00 PM will include multi-cultural entertainment, singing, acting and dancing. State Representative Jake Wheatley will speak, and 450 people are expected.

Bedford, Pennsylvania: Tammy Wolfehope, ALSM Bedford Kid Stop and ALSM Everett Kid Stop, 814-624-3200, tammy.wolfhope@alsm.org

The ALSM Kid Stop programs will host *Lights On Afterschool* events on October 21st from 3:30-5:00 PM at its Bedford Elementary School and Everett Elementary School programs. During the events, children will make lightbulbs to send to local government officials and the local emergency management office. Organizers send lightbulbs to officials every year to increase community knowledge regarding the importance of afterschool programming. Children have filmed a dance video with discussions about what Kid Stop has done for them, and this video will run repeatedly throughout the programs. Student artwork will be displayed in the hallways, as well as in restaurants around Bedford. Children will decorate lightbulb cookies that they will give to PTO parents. At the Everett event, a National Guard member will speak to participants about his childhood and the dearth of afterschool programs at that time. The Everett staff person was a Kid Stop kid herself and will discuss her positive experiences with the program. More than 85 participants will attend the two events.

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania: Donna Capuano, Clearview Elementary School, 610-868-5994 ext. 04904, dcapuano@beth.k12.pa.us

Clearview Elementary School, in partnership with the Weller Center, will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house to emphasize the importance of afterschool programming. Parents and students will participate in organized sports and fitness activities, educational games, and finger-painting. A healthy snack will be provided. The event will be held on October 21st from 6:00-9:00PM at Clearview Elementary School, and more than 200 people are expected.

Easton, Pennsylvania: Kendra Getz , Family YMCA School Age Childcare, 610-258-6158 ext. 26, kendra@familyymca.org

On October 21st the YMCA School Age Childcare program will host a *Lights on Afterschool* celebration with food, a mad scientist demonstration, games and a raffle. The event will be held from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Easton YMCA. All YMCA participants and their families are invited as well as the mayor and a state representative. Local media and 50-100 people are expected.

Fishertown, Pennsylvania: Brittney Shaffer, Chestnut Ridge School District, 814-839-4195 ext. 2551, bshaffer@crsd.k12.pa.us

The Chestnut Ridge School District will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting a fall themed event on October 21st from 4:30-6:00 PM. Students and their families are welcome to participate in activities such as pumpkin painting and making lava lamps. This event will give parents the chance to meet supervisors and teachers and see what the children do at the program. It will be at the middle school program site and 45 students and their families may attend.

Lansdowne, Pennsylvania: Antonio Greene, Future Forward Afterschool Program, 21st Century Community Learning Center at William Penn School District, 610-284-8005 ext. 271, www.wpsd21.org

To raise support for *Lights On Afterschool* and to celebrate 11 years of working to keep the “lights on” afterschool, the Penn Wood Middle School will host an open house on October 21st from 4:00-7:00 PM. Students, parents and community members are invited to attend and partake in activities for the whole family. Registration for the afterschool program, intramural sports teams, dancing classes and free SES-tutoring will be open as well as a number of tournaments including chess and checkers, Wii-bowling, and spades. Karate demonstrations, Geo-fitness sessions, dance lessons, arts and crafts activities, and snacks will be provided and all visitors will enter for a chance to win a new XBOX 360. The open house is funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and free SES-tutoring is for students at Ardmore Elementary School, Penn Wood Middle School and Park Lane Elementary School.

McKeesport, Pennsylvania: Yvonne Chasko , Heritage Community Initiatives PASS Program, 412-292-3339, yvonne@heritagecommunityinitiatives.org

The Heritage Community Initiative PASS Program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event at the Propel McKeesport Charter School on October 21st from 4:00-6:00PM. It will showcase student achievements, artwork and projects and will serve as an open house and a chance for parents to walk-through and learn about the program. Students will perform skits focusing on character development and resisting peer pressure. Some 30 to 40 people are expected.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Afterschool Ambassador Lola Rooney, YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity, 215-963-3700, x3791, lrooney@philaymca.org
YMCAs in Abington, Ambler, Media and Northeast and West Philadelphia are celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st. Sites are hosting a range of events from open houses to a “Conflict Resolution Showcase” to a “Light Ceremony” to student testimonials on the importance of afterschool and more. Guest speakers will be featured at many of the YMCA program sites, including State Senator Anthony Hardy Williams at the West Philadelphia YMCA and State Senator LeAnna Washington, State Representative Josh Shapiro at the Abington YMCA. State Representative Kate Harper will visit the Wissahickon School District YMCA programs. Most of the *Lights On Afterschool* events will take place from 6:00-7:00 PM, except the one at West Philadelphia YMCA which will take place 4:00-5:00 PM.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Clarence Miller, Boys & Girls Club of Philadelphia (Germantown), 215-844-7771, millerc@bgcphila.org
For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Philadelphia will host an open house celebrating Boys & Girls Club programming operation on October 21st from 4:30-6:30 PM. Members have invited the public to the program to receive program information, refreshments, and facts about the history of the program and movement. After the opening ceremony and kick-off, participants will walk the community and hand out information. Organizers expect 130 people to attend.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Stephen MacIsaac, Wireless Neighborhoods, 412-363-1914, wester@wireless-neighborhoods.org
Wireless Neighborhoods, the Bloomfield Garfield Corporation, and the Pittsburgh Public Schools will join State Representative Jake Wheatley and community members to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The rally, expected to draw 300 adults and 200 children, will be held on October 21st from 4:00-6:00 PM at Pittsburgh Peabody High School. It will call attention to the importance of afterschool programs in the community and nationwide. Guests will visit several afterschool practice demonstrations throughout the school prior to joining with the children in the school auditorium for of speeches from local leaders and student performances celebrating the important role that afterschool plays in the development of children.

State College, Pennsylvania: Afterschool Ambassador Robin Foltz, Child Development and Family Council, 814-238-5105, rfoltz@cdfc.org
The Child Development and Family Council hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* “Spotlight on Afterschool Fun” event on October 16th to celebrate and rally for area afterschool programs. The event was held at the Nitty Mall in State College from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Activities included: information on the benefits of afterschool programs, special performances by kids, crafts, door prizes, games for school-age children and refreshments. An estimated 75-100 students, families, and community members attended.

Summit Hill, Pennsylvania: Lehigh Carbon Community College SHINE (Schools and Homes in Education) 21st Century After-School Program, Jeanne Yoho Miller, 570-669-7010, jmiller@lccc.edu

Three hundred children representing five public schools and four parochial schools covering 430 rural square miles will celebrate SHINE’s seventh annual *Lights on Afterschool* event at the

Panther Valley High School in northeast Pennsylvania. The Panther Valley School District superintendent will make opening remarks. The theme for 2010 is Healthy Bodies / Healthy Minds. The curtain will rise with 300 children on stage performing to “It’s a hard Knock Life,” from Annie. Students will showcase skills and routines learned at summer camp. Performances will include: the African Drums, exercise moves to “Rocky,” math through Geomotion Mats and a dance routine. Success stories will be highlighted. A seventh grade student who spent four years in the afterschool program and went from grades of D to being a solid honor roll student will talk to SHINE students about working hard in school and resiliency. A SHINE teacher who recently graduated from Bloomsburg University after spending two years as a community college education intern in the afterschool program will talk about her experience and how it has prepared her to be an effective teacher in the 21st Century. Elected officials will participate. SHINE parents and students will be asked to stand and be recognized, and afterschool youth will present their principals with a group picture of the 2010 SHINE class. Refreshments reflecting the Healthy Bodies / Healthy Bodies theme will be served.

Rhode Island

Cranston, Rhode Island: Joseph Morra, Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance (RIASPA), 401-331-2638, joseph.morra@afterschoolri.org

RIASPA is celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* with its annual ***Breakfast of Champions*** to call attention to the critical need for and importance of afterschool and summer programs among policymakers, funders, and other decision makers. This year’s ***Breakfast of Champions*** will occur on October 22nd, at the Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston from 7:30-10:30 AM. The theme is “Opening Doors to Tomorrow,” and the keynote speaker will be Ron Clark, 2000 Disney American Teacher of the Year and bestselling author of *The Essential 55: An Award-Winning Educator’s Rules for Discovering the Successful Student in Every Child* and *The Excellent 11: Qualities Teachers and Parents Use to Motivate, Inspire, and Educate Children*. In addition to Mr. Clark, Carolina Correa, 2009 – 2010 National Youth of the Year of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America will also speak. RIASPA will honor programs, school teachers and advocates; enjoy youth performances; and offer a youth art gallery/silent auction.

Pawtucket, Rhode Island: Joseph Tomchak, Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket, 401-722-8840, jtomchak@bgcpawt.org

On October 23rd from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket will host an all-girls summit for up to 120 girls and more than 30 guests at the Club. Local representatives, board members, influential executives, and community advocates will meet with students and present sessions on healthy living, social networking, healthy relationships, career preparation and girl power. Girls will rotate through five stations, each addressing an age-relevant issue. Examples include completing a collage with a therapist and completing dance routines. The event will also include roundtable and panel discussions, physical activities and a raffle.

Peace Dale, Rhode Island: D’Anne Vacca, YMCA of South County, 401-783-3900, dvacca@gpymca.org

The South County YMCA will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Breakfast at the Peace Dale Elementary School site on October 21st beginning at 7:00AM. The Child Care families, school teachers and administrators are invited. The event will showcase the Child Care programs and expand the school’s awareness of what it can offer.

Providence, Rhode Island: Karen Boucher, Traveling Theatre, 401-444-0766,
karen@travelingtheatre.org

The South Side Boys & Girls Club welcomes the community to its *Lights On Afterschool* event. On October 21st at the Southside Boys & Girls Club, students and their families will participate in a scavenger hunt featuring a number of different “stations” promoting creative movement, visual art, vocational arts, and storytelling with local children’s author Alison Paul. Refreshments will be served following the scavenger hunt and all participants will be entered in a raffle. Local community partners PASA/Apeiron and Cranston’s 21st Century Community Learning Center leaders are invited. The event is from 6:00-8:30 PM and 75-100 people will attend.

Providence, Rhode Island: Melissa Emidy, Providence YMCA Youth Services, 401-456-0604,
memidy@gpymca.org

At the Bailey Elementary flagship site, the Providence YMCA Youth Services will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* Fall Festival from 5:30-7:30 PM for more than 300 parents and students. Guests will participate in a Y on the MOVE obstacle course and literacy activities by in-school teachers. Community partners will offer activities connected to their work in the afterschool program. Local political leaders, school district leaders, local business leaders and two local leaders from national partners JCPenny and Macy’s are invited. There will be a read-aloud to children as part of the Reading Is Fundamental Book Distribution and more than 200 books will be distributed to children at the event.

South Carolina

Charleston, South Carolina: Theresa W. Green, Kaleidoscope of James Island Elementary, 843-762-8252, greenbear50@hotmail.com

Kaleidoscope of James Island Elementary will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 21st at 4:30 PM at the elementary school. Organizers will highlight the Kaleidoscope program with a children’s art exhibit, sewing, Halloween monsters, and other artwork completed since the beginning of the school year. Participants will perform a puppet show and the Spanish Club will sing the Itsy Bitsy Spider in Spanish. A garden tour and refreshments will conclude the day. One-hundred twenty five people are expected, including school staff and family members.

Charleston, South Carolina: Leslie Medlin, Harbor View Kaleidoscope, 843-762-6223,
leslie_mackey@charleston.k12.sc.us

Harbor View Kaleidoscope will hold an orientation and celebration for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st at 4:30 PM at Harbor View Elementary. Organizers will highlight what they provide for the students throughout the year, including upcoming events like a fundraiser, Global Youth Service Day, book clubs, and parent volunteerism. The orientation will introduce staff and display pictures, videos, and other projects by children. More than 125 people are expected.

Charleston, South Carolina: Melissa Brown, DI Tech Savvy Kids Club, 843-377-8031,
ditechsavvykids@aol.com

DI Tech Savvy Kids Club will host a Rock the Night rally for *Lights On Afterschool* to spread the afterschool message. The afterschool program emphasizes technology and hands-on

engineering, so the students will show a YouTube video showcasing their activities. A student rock band will provide entertainment along with student-built LEGO robots, face painting, and food. Mayor Riley and the school superintendent may attend, as well as other community leaders. Organizers will bring in outside community organizations including a karate group, a hip hop troupe, and Charleston Community College representatives who will partner with DI Tech Savvy Kids Club. More than 100 guests are expected.

Charleston, South Carolina: Cecil Diggs, Murray LaSaine Elementary Kaleidoscope, 843-729-0905, cecil_diggs@charleston.k12.sc.us

Murray LaSaine Elementary's Kaleidoscope program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by participating in a literacy push throughout the school district. On October 21st at 5:30 PM, parents will come and experience a read-aloud with their children. Organizers will teach the parents how to do a read-aloud, and the children will help their parents discover the importance of learning through reading. There will be refreshments and photographs. More than 50 people will likely attend.

Charleston, South Carolina: Paula Matthews, Joint Base Charleston Air Base, 843-963-3307, paula.matthews@charleston.af.mil

Joint Base Charleston Air Base will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 21st from 3:30-5:30 PM at Youth Programs. Organizers will stress the importance of afterschool programs by highlighting affiliations with the Boys & Girls Club and 4-H. Afterschool club students will exhibit their talents, including cooking, drama and dance. The Flight Chief of the base and the Military Family Life Consultant may speak. The open house will involve parents and the community, and organizers expect more than 75 participants.

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

On October 21st the Richland County Schools District One Extended Day Program will host a "Teeing off for Afterschool: A Hole' Lot of Fun!" golf game. Afterschool participants will be transported by the Richland County School District One buses from their home school sites to the James E. Clyburn Golf Center to enjoy a game of golf to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Activities will include golf instruction, an outdoor barbeque, formal awards program, Title I Learning Adventure Bus-LAB, and finger painting by the City of Columbia's CSOs. Participating schools include: Burton-Pack Elementary, Sandel Elementary, John P. Thomas Elementary, Carver-Lyon Elementary, and Horrell Hill Elementary and 300 students are expected. The Mayor, City of Columbia and Cabinet members may attend. Sponsors for the event include: South Carolina Electric and Gas, Junior Achievement, National Afterschool Alliance, James Clyburn Golf Center, American Red Cross of the Central Midlands, City Year Columbia and United Way of the Midlands.

Columbia, South Carolina: Kiz Everett, The Assignment Agency, 803-834-7283, kiz@theassignmentagency.com

The Assignment Agency will host "Showtime at The Assignment Agency" for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st at 6:30 PM. Program participants will demonstrate talents learned at afterschool programs, including singing, dancing and rapping. State Senator John Scott will speak. More than 30 participants are expected.

Georgetown, South Carolina: Terri Towle, Georgetown County Afterschool Coalition, 803-319-5677, territowle@yahoo.com or Ayla Hemeon, Georgetown County Family YMCA Georgetown County Out-of-School Time Coalition will hold a *Lights on Afterschool* event on October 21st at East Bay Park in Georgetown beginning at 5:30 PM. More than 1,000 people are expected for music, performances by program students, field games, inflatables, “Teen Zone,” free food and more. The County Council Chairman Johnny Morant and County Administrator Sel Hemingway will read a Proclamation recognizing the importance of quality afterschool programs. Other invited speakers include Bishop John Smith and Minister Charlie Ball, Superintendent Randy Dozier, Corporal Patterson, and Georgetown County Parks and Recreation Director, Beth Goodale. Students at each site will create banners promoting their programs for a contest. The event is sponsored by the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation, Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, Georgetown County YMCA, Georgetown County School District and Teach My People.

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina: Tirinna McNair-Pigg, Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand, 843-213-1185, tpigg@bgclubgs.org The Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand will host a *Lights On Afterschool* fall festival on October 21st from 3:00-6:00 PM at the Myrtle Beach Family Learning Center. Fun activities will include bouncers and game stations like ski ball and basketball. Organizers will educate people about *Lights On* and the importance of afterschool programs by handing out materials and flyers. Special guests may include board and Rotary members. More than 200 people are expected and local media are invited.

South Dakota

Belle Fourche, South Dakota: Marcy Urban, Belle Fourche Area Community Center, 605-892-2467, campoasis.bfacc@midconetwork.com

The Belle Fourche Area Community Center Oasis program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* pasta supper and concert on October 21st at 5:30PM at the community center. The concert is put on by the Camp Oasis kids and local musicians, including an opening by the high school drum line, with dancing and music to follow. The local newspaper reporter and local radio station will cover the event and all city council members and legislatures are invited. Approximately 100 people are expected.

Rapid City, South Dakota: Afterschool Ambassador Carla Allard, The Learning Zone: Career Learning Center of the Black Hills, 605-394-5120, callard@clc.tie.net

The South Dakota School Age Care Alliance along with the South Dakota Afterschool Partnership hosted the first statewide observance of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th, from 6:00-8:00 PM at Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant joined Dr. Paul Young, President of the National Afterschool Association, and afterschool providers, students, families and community leaders for a chili dinner. The program included guest speakers and youth performers, and a special lighting ceremony at Mount Rushmore. This event focused local, state and national attention on the importance of quality afterschool programs.

Rapid City, South Dakota: Afterschool Ambassador Carla Allard, The Learning Zone: Career Learning Center of the Black Hills, 605-394-5120, callard@clc.tie.net
Black Hills Special Services Cooperative, in partnership with the Rapid City School District Academies and Partnership Rapid City are sponsoring the third annual Careers in Action Conference at Jefferson Academy on Wednesday October 20th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Careers in Action Conference will feature more than 30 education and career choices. Speakers include South Dakota business owners and operators, Technical Institute and University representatives, military personnel, law enforcement, Rapid City Fire Department staff, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, and others. These individuals volunteer their time to provide education and career information to the Academy students. 400 students are expected.

Watertown, South Dakota: Nancy Hauck, Boys & Girls of Watertown, 605-886-6666, hauckn@bgcofwatertown.com
The Boys & Girls Club of Watertown will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by inviting a number of “mystery guests” to speak at an open house held at the Boys & Girls Club. Speakers – the Chief of Police and her safety officer – will read the program’s proclamation and talk about afterschool safety. Youth will interact with the speakers, ask questions and play games, as well as get homework assistance. The event is October 21st from 4:30-6:00 PM.

Waubay, South Dakota: Renee Kwasniewski, Enemy Swim Day School Afterschool Program, 605-947-4605 ext. 3080, rkwasniewski@esds.us
On October 28th, the Enemy Swim Day School Afterschool Program will host a community dinner followed by a student versus staff basketball game. Teams will be formed at the event, and community members will referee and run the scoreboard. The Enemy Swim Day School “Drug Free Drum Group” will perform at half-time and community partners will set up informational booths. Door prizes will also be awarded at the end of the basketball game. The dinner will start at 5:30 PM and the basketball game at 6:00 PM. This event will be held at the Enemy Swim Day School site.

Tennessee

Knoxville, Tennessee: Sindy Dawkins, SHADES of Development, 865-30-4789, sindy@shadesofdevelopment.org
The SHADES of Development program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* for the first time by hosting a variety of events at all seven program sites. The events will be on October 21st from 5:00-7:00 PM and will include activities like a parent versus student dodge ball tournament, a family board game night, a student-run talent show, a fall festival and open houses. All students, parents and families are invited. Events will be held at Norwood, East Knox, Powell, Brickey, Mount Olive, Karns, and Adrian Burnett school sites. All events will be free and refreshments will be served. For specific information about each event, visit www.shadesofdevelopment.org.

Memphis, Tennessee: Afterschool Ambassador Sonja Currie, Memphis Leadership Foundation, 901-725-3108, Sonja@mlfonline.org
Memphis Leadership Foundation will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by inviting students, parents, families and community leaders to the 11th Annual *Lights On Afterschool* Fall Festival/Rally on October 21st. This festival/rally will highlight the importance of afterschool programs and the need to continue funding initiatives across the city, state and country. It will

take place at the Memphis Leadership Foundation from 3:30-5:30 PM. During the Festival/Rally, students will participate in activities like face-painting, t-shirt making and arts and crafts. The event will also feature youth dance and song performances, games, and food. Representative Steve Cohen will be the keynote speaker and will present a proclamation. Other elected officials and community partners may attend.

Memphis, Tennessee: Rosalind Blake, School Age Child Care Afterschool Program, 901-416-5108, blakerosalindj@mcsk12.net

The School Age Child Care Afterschool Program, in conjunction with the Prime Time V program, will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house at the SACC Afterschool site on October 21st from 4:00-6:00 PM. Students from the program will participate in face painting, meeting and taking pictures with various cartoon characters, dancing, and other educational games. Parents and community members are welcome to walk through the center and see what goes on at the program. More than 100 students and parents are expected.

Memphis, Tennessee: Jennifer Hayes, John Dustin Buckman Boys & Girls Club, 901-527-9034, jenniferh@bgcm.org

The John Dustin Buckman Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting a forum for local community leaders to pool ideas on how to improve afterschool programming and to better serve the youth in the area. Staff members from local schools, church groups, health clinics, police department, fire department and other afterschool programs have been invited to contribute ideas and perspectives. Students will prepare and serve a free dinner and discuss their favorite aspects of the Club. The forum will serve as an open house to welcome the community to the Boys & Girls Club and to showcase recent projects and displays. The forum will be held on October 21st at the John Dustin Buckman Boys & Girls Club from 5:30-7:00 PM.

Nashville, Tennessee: Jewell Jemison, Project for Neighborhood Aftercare Rose Park, 615-291-6405, jewell.jemison@mnps.org

The Project for Neighborhood Aftercare hosted a *Lights On* ice cream social and open house at their Rose Park aftercare site on October 11th at 4:00-5:30PM. Activities for included musical chairs, bingo, t-shirt making, eating banana splits, and educational games. The event was open to all students involved with the program and their parents. Flyers were handed out to spread awareness for the event and the program itself. More than 25 people attended.

Texas

Austin, Texas: Sarah Florman, APEX at Akins, 512-841-9820, sarah.florman@austinisd.org
APEX at Akins High School will promote *Lights On Afterschool* and all afterschool programs by allowing clubs and other programs to advertise on October 21st from 4:00-5:00 PM. Organizers will also use the day to inform teachers and administrators about the afterschool program, including how it has positively affected the students' scores and attendance. The day will tie into the following week's Blue and Gold Night, the annual carnival on school grounds, where there will be further promotion of afterschool programming. Organizers hope to reach many of the more than 2700 students who will pass by the tables on October 21st.

Austin, Texas: Karon Smutzer, ACE / Austin Norman Elementary, (512) 826-2692, kgsmutzer@austinisd.org

ACE at Austin Norman Elementary will hold an open house on October 21st at 6:00 PM to showcase its afterschool programs and support *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents and community members will get a better sense of how children benefit from afterschool programs. Students will dance, parents and students will complete activities together, and the entrepreneurial group will sell items that they have created. More than 250 people will likely attend.

Dallas, Texas: Afterschool Ambassador Tanya McDonald, Dallas Afterschool Network, 214-306-8400 ext. 802, tmcdonald@dasn.org

The Dallas Afterschool Network will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with its 2nd annual Bus Tour Event. The tours will be October 21st from 4:00-5:30 PM and participants can choose one of three neighborhoods to visit: Pleasant Grove (Camp Fire, Thriving Minds, Wilkinson Center); Richardson (Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dallas, Neighborhood Service Council, Richardson ISD's 21st Century PACE); or West Dallas (Junior Players at Anita Martinez Recreation Center, Trinity River Mission, West Dallas Community Centers, Inc.) This event is a way to witness first-hand the impact that afterschool programs have on students, families and communities, and find out what happens to the tens of thousands of students unsupervised each day after school due to lack of affordable programming options.

Fort Worth, Texas: Renetta Jarmon, Fort Worth After-School Stripling Middle School, 817-207-7800, renetta.jarmon@fwisd.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Fort Worth After-School program will host a “*Lights On Program*” on October 21st at the Stripling Middle School auditorium from 4:30-6:00 PM. The program will begin with a presentation of the color guard followed by an introduction by two site coordinators who will welcome families and students, particularly those involved with the orchestra, Sista2Sista Club, and drama group. Students will participate in a sidewalk chalk drawing contest and enter their names in a raffle to win a MP3 player. Guests will receive information about the program and its accomplishments, and refreshments will be served.

San Antonio, Texas: Jason Maratea, San Antonio Youth, 413-231-3337, Jason@sanantonioyouth.org

On October 19th the San Antonio Youth program will host a family event held at the Laural Heights Center from 5:30-7:30 PM. This event will be in celebration of both *Lights On Afterschool* as well as the MetLife Health and Fitness award the afterschool program will be receiving. The program will kick off with a half hour of mingling and the opportunity to learn Zumba, a dance fitness program that fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves, followed by a welcome speech by the program leader and short presentations by local elected officials. The MetLife Afterschool Innovator Award will be presented to the program and games for parents and children will follow. All community members, program donors, parents and students are invited to attend this event.

Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah: Katherine Rubalcava, Woodrow Wilson Community Learning Center, 801-664-7062, krubalcava@southsaltlakecity.com

The Woodrow Wilson Community Learning Center hosted its *Lights on Afterschool* event on September 22nd at the Woodrow Wilson Elementary in South Salt Lake City. Community partners hosted booths to showcase the programming they provide in collaboration with the

Community Learning Center. Booths offers information on yoga, the Coalition for Drug Free Youth, Learning for Life, and more. The center provided information on its afterschool programs. Group leaders for afterschool clubs showcased their activities, including a multicultural club and a science club that displayed bugs in a museum-donated bug box. A healthy dinner was served to emphasize good diets in conjunction with the school district's year-long focus on healthy lifestyles, and a DJ provided music. Some 600 people attended.

Sunset, Utah: Damon Faulk, Fremont Before and After School Program, 801-402-2318, Dfaulk@dsdmail.net

On November 11th from 1:25-6:00 PM, community members and the public are invited to the third annual *Lights On Afterschool* open house at the Fremont Elementary Before and After School Program to see what the program offers for children. Guests will see how the program contributes to the community by offering a safe and comfortable place for children to come before and after school hours. City council members, the mayor, school board members, the superintendent, and the Title I Director may attend and see afterschool activities like art. In addition, adults can sit in and interact with the kids for homework help and more.

West Valley City, Utah: Afterschool Ambassador Margaret Peterson, Community Education Partnership of West Valley City, Inc., 801-949-9812, cep4kids@comcast.net

Afterschool programs at each of the 16 Community Education Partnership of West Valley City, Inc. afterschool sites are planning a wide range of events to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st during normal program hours. Two schools are having parent open houses and sharing events, two schools are doing a "honk and wave" where students will wave signs on the main streets encouraging local drivers to support afterschool programs, and two schools are hosting community speakers. Students at each afterschool site are coloring lightbulb drawings which will be sent to U.S. Senator Hatch after the event. Channel 17 will highlight West Valley City's events live with interviews with kids and other participants.

Vermont

Burlington, Vermont: Dottie Olio, Boys and Girls Club of Burlington, 802-864-5263, dolio@bandgclub.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, The Boys & Girls Club of Burlington will host an open house on October 20th at 5:00 PM. The event will showcase students' artwork and photos that have been taken throughout the year and parents will be invited for a dinner, prepared by students. Activity rooms, including an art room, games and music, will open for everyone. Parents will have the opportunity to spend time with their children and see what happens at the Club. More than 100 parents and children are expected.

Burlington, Vermont: Miles Ewell, Integrated Arts Academy After School, 802-578-0505, mewell@bsdvt.org

The IAA After School first open house of the year will be a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 21st from 3:15-5:15 PM. Parents will have a chance to experience the regular afterschool programming. Each site will provide activities like group conversation, art projects, ice breakers or a performance, all of them afterschool-oriented. The executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington may attend, as well as administrative staff. More than 130 people may

participate. Food will be provided for parents and students. Families will have their pictures taken with an afterschool banner before leaving the event.

Essex Junction, Vermont: Michael Abdo, Essex CHIPS Team Center, 802-878-6982, ext 5, michael@essexchips.org

Essex CHIPS Team Center will open its afterschool program to the community on October 28th from 5:00-7:00 PM for an open house and to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Community members will have a chance to see the space, meet new staff, and observe typical programming. The Essex Team Center includes a game room, music room, general lounge area, computer area, arts and crafts multi-purpose room, and movie area. The fire chief, police officers, and other local leaders and school administrators will participate to gain an appreciation for afterschool programming and to help increase awareness of afterschool issues. Youth will lead tours of the center, and staff and board members will make remarks. More than 30 people will likely attend.

Hardwick, Vermont: Kelly Evans, REACH at Hardwick Elementary School, 802-472-5411 x229, kevans@ossu.org

REACH at Hardwick Elementary School will hold its second annual Family Fun Night open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20th at 5:00 PM. After regular afterschool programming, REACH will invite parents to get involved with activities like games, art projects, and gym activities like basketball and a climbing wall. More than 100 people are expected, including the local newspaper and school and administrative staff.

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

Afterschool program leaders in Vermont will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at a state-wide day-long conference on October 22nd. The Vermont Afterschool Conference is a collaborative partnership of Vermont School Age Care Network (VSACN), Vermont's 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program (VT21C) and the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence. The Conference will be held at the Killington Grand Resort and Hotel. This year's conference focuses on innovative learning and leadership and will feature more than 30 workshops especially designed for afterschool program directors, site coordinators, youth workers, instructors, educators, and program staff. More 300 will participate.

Virginia

Alexandria, Virginia: E.S. Grant, Gum Springs Community Center, 703-360-6088, esg822@gmail.com

The Gum Springs Community Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Art Gallery open house at its program site on October 21st from 4:00-7:00 PM. Students will display the artwork and projects they have created this year and parents will get a chance to see what their children have made. There will also be a team-building exercise and a guest speaker. Dinner will be provided and more than 50 people are expected.

Arlington, Virginia: Carla Williams-Powell, Arlington Public School Extended Stay, 703-228-8486, cpowell@arlington.k12.va.us

The Arlington Public School Extended Stay afterschool program will host two *Lights On Afterschool* events this year. The first event, on October 20th, from 2:00-5:00 PM, will be a kick-

off dance party with a DJ at the Extended Stay site. The second event, On October 21st, will be an open house at the Key Elementary School and will begin at 4:30 PM. Activities for students include decorating balloons to be displayed outside the sites for a “Faces of Afterschool” activity. Students will also be allowed two guest passes as a way to encourage others to join the program and spread awareness. More than 180 students are expected.

Gainesville, Virginia: Linsey Wyne, Rainbow Station Haymarket School, 571-261-2020, lwyne@rainbowstationhaymarket.org

The Rainbow Station at Haymarket School will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 21st from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Piedmont Center Plaza on the program’s campus. The event will be free to the public and is designed to demonstrate the importance of afterschool programs in the community. Hosted by the private school that offers before-and-after school care to students from 10 schools throughout Prince William Country, the open house will feature science experiments, baked good creations, and Art Gallery presentation, gym games, relays and much more. This is the second year Rainbow Station Haymarket has participated in *Lights On Afterschool* and more than 25 students and their families will attend.

Norfolk, Virginia: Brenda Gibbs, William A. Hunton YMCA, 757) 748-3795, missbgibbs@aol.com

The William A. Hunton YMCA will host a week-long open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. Starting the week of October 18th, the program will open its doors to parents and community members for a chance to see what the students have been up to and what the program is about. It will end on October 22nd. Each day will feature a different activity or skill that students have been working on. Activities include learning the ABC’s; learning colors, sounds and textures; and participating in an anti-obesity fitness program. The open house will run every day from 6:00 AM-6:00 PM, allowing parents to come when it is most convenient. In the past, this has been a great opportunity for the community to learn about the program and it has welcomed more than 500 parents and students every year.

Norfolk, Virginia: Leah Williams, YWCA of South Hampton Roads, 757-625-4248, leah.williams@ywca-shr.org

The YWCA of South Hampton Roads will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 21st from 3:00-6:00 PM. The open house will be held at the YWCA site and all program members are welcome. Students will color light bulbs to be sent to local legislators and parents to raise awareness about the afterschool program. There will also be activities geared toward education such as arts and crafts, music, science exercises, drama classes, and homework help. Some 25 to 40 students are expected.

Richmond, Virginia: Rosemary Jones, Peter Paul Development Center, 804-780-1195, rosemarydj@verizon.net

On October 21st the Peter Paul Development Center will invite all students, teachers, administrative staff and parents to a *Lights On Afterschool* open house. It will offer activities like educational and fitness orientated games, arts and crafts, and a math bee for teachers and staff members, and to allow children to interact with their teachers outside of school. A healthy snack will be provided and the open house will be held at the Peter Paul Development Center from 4:30-6:00 PM. Roughly 150 people are expected.

Roanoke, Virginia: Deidra Ross, YMCA Magic Place, 540-342-2332, dross@ymcaroanoke.org
On October 21st the YMCA Magic Place will take part in *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting a “Family Movement Fitness Challenge.” Families will be invited to participate in a 30-minute dance-off, where they must dance continuously. The last family standing will get a prize. Healthy refreshments will be served and the USDA Power Panther will be present to take pictures with the children. There will be more than 500 people involved with this challenge and it will be held the Salem school site and involve 19 different programs. The fitness challenge portion will begin at 3:30-4:00 PM and everyone is welcome. A reception will follow.

Washington

Renton, Washington: Teri Hebert, Puget Sound ESD, 253-778-7950, thebert@psed.org
On October 21st the Washington State History Museum the Puget Sound ESD will host a *Lights On Afterschool* festival from 3:00-5:00 PM. All students, family members and community supporters are invited. Activities include creating personalized puzzle pieces and joining them all together to create one giant puzzle that displays what afterschool means to every child. There will be a speaker to present information and success stories from the program and to show a slideshow of pictures from the school year. More than 200 students are expected at this festival and the History Museum will be open to the students and families following it.

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

School’s Out Washington has partnered with local organizations since the inception of *Lights On Afterschool* to celebrate the critical role afterschool programs play in supporting the state’s young people. School’s Out Washington will partner with the Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse and Teen Center at Rainier Vista and Boys & Girls Clubs of King County on October 21st to hold a “More Than Walls” themed *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. The event, held from 5:00-7:30 PM, is expected to host 300 guests. Eddie Francis of radio station KUBE 93 will emcee. Youth performances will include a drill team, dance and spoken word. Dinner will be served, along with an Italian Soda bar courtesy of Torani Syrups and a special *Lights On Afterschool* cake donated by House of Cake. “Vicious Puppies” will also perform. Sound Transit will provide light rail tickets for 200 participants to attend.

Tacoma, Washington: Kyle Eggenberger, Boys & Girls Club SPS, Al Davies Branch, 253-502-4631, eggenbergerk@bgcsps.org

The Boys & Girls Club SPS will host a “Star Power” energy themed fair to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The fair will be held at the Al Davies Branch on October 21st from 4:30-6:00 PM and all students, parents and community members are invited. Several activities will be set up and a “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” theme and will focus on the importance of building sustainable and energy efficient environments. Pamphlets with energy saving tips will be passed out and energy audit demonstrations will be given to parents. Students will participate in coloring lightbulbs and other arts and crafts activities. There will be a drawing for a chance to win an energy efficient flat screen television. Local sponsors include Energy Star, Tacoma Power, Tacoma Refuse Service and Carnival Time. Approximately 150 people will attend.

West Virginia

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.

Charleston, West Virginia: Kelly Hudson, East End Family Resource Center, 304-395-0151, HUDSON.KELLY01@GMAIL.COM

For the first year, the East End Family Resource Center will participate in *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting a free open house for students, parents, community partners, donors and prospective members. The open house will be held on October 21st from 4:30-6:30 PM at the Resource Center and will have a “Family Fun Night” theme. Visitors will participate in activity stations such as Germ City – a hand washing activity, interactive science experiments, tours of the center, music production lessons, arts and crafts and more. The purpose of the open house is to highlight student’s accomplishments and to recognize donors who have given time or money to the center and to encourage future donations. Information tables will be set-up so parents can register their children for activities and programming. Roughly 125-200 people are expected and the Fast Track program will provide a healthy snack.

Fairmont, West Virginia: Stacey Spadafore, 21st Century Community Learning Center-Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club, 304-376-2627, SMSPADAF@ACCESS.K12.WV.US

On October 21st from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Middletown Mall, 21st Century Community Learning Center-Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club will host its 9th annual information and fundraising festival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Children will participate in activities including face painting, rock climbing, bouncy houses, sand art, a cake walk, and FBI finger painting. Door prizes will be awarded and informational booths will provide community members with information on available activities for children in Marion County. The event concludes with a performance by students showcasing what they have learned in afterschool.

Huntington, West Virginia: Wendy Terry, YMCA Child Care Center, 304-697-7113, WTERRY@HUNTINGTONYMCA.ORG

The YMCA Child Care Center in Huntington will host a small carnival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st from 3:00-5:30 PM at the YMCA. All students, parents and families are invited. Activities for the students include an inflatable bouncy house, interactive games, and arts and crafts with a professional local artist. City officials and the YMCA program board members may attend and dinner will be provided for all guests. More than 80 people are expected. Advertising for the carnival will be featured in local newspapers.

Harts, West Virginia: Kathy Smith, Big Ugly Community Center, 304-855-5402, KSMITH@STEPBYSTEP.ORG

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Big Ugly Community Center will host special guest Jeff Elridge to discuss the importance of afterschool programming and why it is a vital part of the Harts community on October 21st. An open house will follow and parents will have an opportunity to tour the center, see what their children have been up to, and hear about the benefits of the afterschool program. Workshops will be set up with information on a variety of topics such as how to avoid sickness in a household, and how to budget for college tuition. Door prizes will be given away and more than 75 people are expected.

Huntington, West Virginia: Gretta Hill, Playmates Child Development Center West Moreland, 304-429-4851, GRHILL75@AOL.COM

In conjunction with Marshall University, the Playmates Child Development Center, West Moreland location will host a “tailgate” themed *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October

21st from 3:00-5:00 PM. The tailgate will be held at the Playmates Center. Marshall University cheerleaders and a mascot will provide entertainment and activities for the parents and students. Youth will be able to learn cheers, take pictures with the mascot and show off projects they have been working on throughout the year. Dinner will be provided, free of charge, and an ice cream social will follow. More than 45 children and their parents are expected to attend the tailgate. This is the fifth year the Playmates Center has participated in *Lights On*.

Kenova, West Virginia: Kandie Harrison, Playmates Bison Child Development Center, 304-429-3988, Kandieharrison@aol.com

The Playmate Bison Child Development Center will host a Pep Rally and assembly to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The rally will be on October 21st from 3:00-4:00PM at the Center. The Buffalo Middle School cheerleading group will also participate and assist at the pep rally. They will lead cheers and games for the children as well as perform the Buffalo Middle School fight song. Other activities will include face painting, making crowd shakers, and making posters to display around the center. All members of the Playmate Bison Center are invited and 40 children and four teachers are expected.

Wisconsin

La Crosse, Wisconsin: Marian Blackdeer, La Crosse Youth Services, 608-796-1550, marian.blackdeer@ho-chunk.com

The La Crosse Youth Services program will hold a Lock-In event on October 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be held at the Three Rivers House from 5:00 PM -10:00 AM. Students will watch educational movies, engage in discussions about healthy behaviors and making good choices, and enjoy a hot breakfast the next morning. All program youth are encouraged to bring along a friend or family member to spread awareness about the program.

Madison, Wisconsin: Jill Armitage, Falk Community Learning Center, 608-204-2208

The Falk Community Learning Center will host an open house to showcase the activities of its afterschool program. The event will be held on October 21st from 5:30-7:00 PM. Activities for the children will include math and literacy games, sports, and arts and crafts including coloring and displaying *Lights On Afterschool* lightbulbs. Parents will receive facts and information about the programs and services offered by the Center. This is the second year the Falk Community Learning Center has hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* event.

Rhinelander, Wisconsin: Sarah Francis YMCA of the Northwoods, 715-365-9220, SFrancis@ymcanw.org

On October 21st from 4:30-6:00 the CHAMPS Afterschool Program in Rhinelander will hold an open house to celebrate *Lights on Afterschool*. The open house will have food and drinks with a make-your-own sundae for the students, parents, and guests. There will be booths with face painting and information on afterschool and other local community services. Students will make a puzzle that forms the *Lights on Afterschool* light bulb to show their support for afterschool programs.

West Allis, Wisconsin: Kathy Klein, Wilson SAFE Program, 414-651-1235, Kathleen.klein@ymail.com

Wilson Elementary School will host its 9th annual Wilson SAFE Program *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 21st from 5:30-7:00 PM. All of the West Allis SAFE programs will be contributing to the event and all participating students are welcome to attend. The event will be “pirate” themed and activities will include dressing up in pirate costumes, serving a pirate themed dinner with “golden” chicken nuggets and “bloody” ketchup sauce, a searching for hidden treasure scavenger hunt. All all kids will walk away with a “treasure” goody bag. Food is being donated by the district PTA.

West Allis, Wisconsin: Dustin Smith, West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation Department, 414-604-4938, smitdu@wawm.k12.wi.us

The West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation Department will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting an open house on October 21st welcoming all students and parents to the afterschool program. There will be a number of family games and activities and refreshments will be served. The center is planning to host 60-80 people and flyers have been sent home with the children to publicize the event. The purpose of the open house is to welcome the parents to the program, let them interact with the children and get a better sense of what goes on at the center on a day-to-day basis.

West Allis, Wisconsin: Cori Thompson, Jefferson Afterschool SAFE Program, 414-604-4900 ext. 5903, thompsonc@wawm.k12.wi.us

On October 21st the Jefferson Afterschool SAFE Program will host an open house at the Jefferson Elementary School from 5:30-7:00 PM. Students and their families are welcome to take part in Halloween activities like decorating pumpkins, coloring lightbulbs, and other Halloween themed arts and crafts. The open house is free and will give parents an opportunity to meet program staff and spend time with their children. This is the first year the SAFE Program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event and more than half the students and their families are expected.

Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin: Nicole Bessey, Boys & Girls Club of Wisconsin Rapids, 715-424-2582, schembess@gmail.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Wisconsin Rapids will collaborate with the Baker Unit, Port Edward Unit, Nekoosa Unit, and the 21st Century Community Learning Center at Meed Elementary School to host a *Lights On Afterschool* family open house. The event will be held on October 21st at Meed Elementary School and will run during regular program hours, 4:00-6:00 PM. Activities for students include lightbulb decorating, showing off their artwork, interactive games and other arts and crafts. Parents are encouraged to attend and learn more about the program and why it is important to the children and the community. More than 150 are expected.

Wyoming

Buffalo, Wyoming: Tammy Driskell, Johnson County YMCA, 307-684-9558, jsysports@fiberpipe.net

The Johnson County YMCA will host a fall festival on October 21st from 3:30-6:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. All afterschool students in kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome and activities will include a cake walk, pumpkin painting contest, crafts and much more. The fair will promote the importance of afterschool programming as well as the importance of healthy living. Students will receive tips on making healthy choices and learn

about the activities the YMCA offers. Nearly 50 students are expected and this is the first year the Johnson County YMCA has held a *Lights On Afterschool* event.

Cheyenne, Wyoming: Annette Luthy, F.E. Warren Air Force Base Youth Program, 307-773-2564, annetteluthy@warron.af.mil

On October 21st, the F.E. Warren Air Force Base Youth Program will welcome students and parents to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house hosted at the site from 4:00-5:00 PM. Parents will have the opportunity to register their children for activities offered by the afterschool program and they will receive more information about the center and future programs. Students will participate in games and enjoy an inflatable bouncy house. This is the fifth year the Air Force Base Youth Program has held a *Lights On Afterschool* event and more than 75 people are expected.

Gillette, Wyoming: Sam Clyde, Boys & Girls Club of Campbell County, 307-685-1050, sammyj327@live.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Campbell County will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 21st from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Boys & Girls Club. The open house will welcome parents, students, community members, teachers and members of the local Sheriff's Department. Visitors will get tours of the Club and participate in "light" themed activities like shadow puppets, learning about the invention of electricity, making *Lights On* posters, and coloring lightbulbs. Parents will have an opportunity to register their children for the program and associated activities and receive information about afterschool programs in the Gillette area. A complementary sloppy-joe dinner will be served and roughly 60-90 people will attend. This is the first year the Campbell County Boys & Girls Club has participated in *Lights On Afterschool*.

Lander, Wyoming: Afterschool Ambassador Linda Barton, Lights On in Lander, 307-335-9922, L.Barton@landerschools.org

On October 21st, 300 people will attend a large community celebration and family night to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at North Elementary School from 4:30-6:30 PM. It will feature music, dinner, door prizes and more. Lander's Mayor Mick Wolfe, Fremont County School District Superintendent Dr. Kathy Hitt and Chief of Police Fred Cox, along with School Resource Officer Chuck Carr, are among the local dignitaries who will attend.

Laramie, Wyoming: Laura Megginson, Greater Wyoming Big Brothers, Big Sisters 307-742-2227, laura@wyobbbs.org

The Greater Wyoming Big Brothers, Big Sisters program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration to raise awareness for the program and build a strong relationship with local Laramie teachers. All Albany County School District 1 teachers, grades k-12, will be invited to attend regular program hours to see the daily activities and meet students who attend the program. The purpose is to inform local teachers of the many services offered including, one-on-one tutoring, homework help, career counseling, and advanced enrichment activities. The open house will be held on October 21st at The Hub from 5:30-7:00 PM. More than 25 teachers from five school sites are expected. This is the first year the Greater Wyoming Big Brother, Big Sisters program in conjunction with 21st Century funding has hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* event.

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

On October 21st, the Hub Big Brothers Big Sisters will invite local business leaders and school staff to a *Lights On Afterschool* event showcasing its latest program entitled, “Wild Horses of the Red Desert.” Following the program, youth will participate in a painting project, where they will each be given a piece of a big wild horse picture to paint, and later students will piece the picture back together to create a collage. The event is at the Saratoga Hub site from 4:00-6:00 PM and more than 30 kids and 30 adults are expected.