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‘Energy Superheroes’ to Join *Lights On Afterschool* Events in Charlottesville, Denver, Houston – and Mons, Belgium Next Thursday

Book Signings, Solar Bug Exercises Set With Afterschool Students

“Energy Superheroes” – women who work for local energy companies – will share their experience in the energy professions and promote reading with afterschool students on Thursday, October 26 as part of the 24th annual *Lights On Afterschool*, the national rally for afterschool programs organized by the Afterschool Alliance. The women are each highlighted in the children’s book, *Energy Superheroes: Women in Energy Careers*. Their participation is the result of a partnership between the Afterschool Alliance and the *Everyday Superheroes* book series, which connects local women leading the nation’s energy transition with the future workforce. The goal is to spark excitement among students about energy careers by sharing their stories and leading students in a solar bug exercise.

The events, which are open to media, will all be on Thursday, October 26 in:

- **Charlottesville, VA** at 4:00 pm when “superheroes” from Apex Clean Energy will visit students at the STEAM Discovery Academy, 206 Albemarle Square, Charlottesville, VA 22901. RePowering Schools and KidWind will be part of this STEAM learning celebration. Afterschool students will learn about the importance of renewable energy by interactively learning and meeting women with cutting-edge careers in STEAM.
- **Denver, CO** at 4:30 pm when “superheroes” from national laboratories will build solar bugs and share their energy careers with 4th - 6th graders at Colorado Dream Foundation, 1836 Grant Street in Denver. Group14, a local consulting firm, is a sponsor of this event.
- **Houston, TX** at 4:00 pm when “superheroes” support GROW’s Literacy Day at BakerRipley Gulfton Sharpstown Campus, a community center and elementary school at 6500 Rookin Street in Houston. Youth will engage in storytime, STEM education, and a book signing in this diverse neighborhood.
- **Mons, Belgium** at 5:30 pm local time when *Energy Superheroes* co-author Erin Twamley celebrates with U.S. military families at the SHAPE school-age center operated by the United States Army Garrison, Army Child & Youth Services. Families will participate in STEM activities including building robots and receive free, signed copies of the book.

Organized by the [Afterschool Alliance](#) and launched in October 2000, *Lights On Afterschool* is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children,

families, and communities. The effort has become a hallmark of the afterschool movement and is expected to include 8,000 events around the United States and at U.S. military bases worldwide this year.

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