



Lights On Afterschool 2007 Local Events A Representative Sample

Alabama

Birmingham, Alabama: Gail Smith, Community Education South, 205-599-8719, communityedrocks@yahoo.com

Community Education South is hosting a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Avondale Elementary and Glen Iris Elementary from 3:30-6:00 PM on October 19th. Events at the different locations will showcase wellness programs, offer free glucose and blood pressure testing, and demonstrate physical education activities that involve students and parents. City Council members and School Board members may attend. Program participants, families, school staff, and community members are also invited, and more than 200 people are expected.

Birmingham, Alabama: Beth McCandless, Greystone YMCA, 205-981-0144, bmccandless@ymcabham.org

On October 18th from 4:30-6:30 PM, the Greystone YMCA will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. At the event, afterschool instructors will work with students to paint a mural, and afterschool providers will give parents program information.

Mobile, Alabama: Mary Cole, Hearin Chandler Family YMCA, 251-344-4856, mcole@ymcasalabama.org

The Hearin Chandler Family YMCA Afterschool site will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM. Mayor Samuel Jones may speak about afterschool programs, along with School Board members. Children will decorate the facility with their artwork, and share what they learn in and enjoy about afterschool. The event is open to the community and approximately 100 people are expected.

Montgomery, Alabama: Charlie Gibbons, Maxwell AFB Youth Center, Charlie.gibbons@maxwll.af.mil

On October 18th from 3:00-5:30 PM, the Maxwell Air Force Base Youth Center will host a carnival in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. It will include games, face painting, food and information on afterschool programs. The Flight Chief may attend along with the Service Wings Commander and Services Director. Children, families, teachers and the base media are invited. More than 100 people are expected.

Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska: Drew Hansen, 21st Century Community Learning Center at Wonder Park Elementary, 907-742-1730,

On October 18th, the Wonder Park Elementary School will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Carnival with a literacy theme. Program participants will enjoy academic bingo and book giveaways.

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.

Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska: Judith Jackson, Before and After School Program, judith.jackson@elmendorf.af.mil

This *Lights On Afterschool* celebration will take place October 18th. The Base Commander will speak to youth and parents about the importance of afterschool activities. Afterward, the children will read poems, sing songs and dance for participants. A tasting party will also be held for parents.

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

On October 18th the Fairbanks Community After School Partnership will host a bus tour of several area afterschool programs in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* from 3:45-7:00 PM. Area dignitaries and community members who join the tour will visit four afterschool programs – a school-based program, two community-based programs and one faith-based program. On the bus, participants will receive information about programming and about the need for strong quality programs in our community. Governor Palin has signed an Executive Proclamation declaring October 18, 2007 as “Lights On Afterschool Day” in Alaska.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Kelly McGuire, Tanana Middle School, 907-452-8145, kmcguire@northstar.k12.ak.us

On October 18th from 5:15-6:15 PM, the Eagle Wings Afterschool Program at Tanana Middle School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house. The event will include games that students and parents can play together, a student artwork showcase, and information for parents. Organizers will provide cookies and snacks.

Fort Richardson Army Base, Alaska: Lori Jarvis, Fort Richardson School Age Services, lori.jarvis@richardson.army.mil,

On October 18th, this *Lights On Afterschool* celebration will bring parents, military commanders and the community together for an open house organized by Fort Richardson School Age Services. Children and parents will participate in activities and enjoy healthy snacks.

Kenai, Alaska: Kimberly Dent, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula, 907-283-2682, kdent@positiveplaceforkids.com

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula will host an open house and Family Game Night on October 18th from 5:30-7:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents and program participants will play board games and organizers will provide chili. Mayor Pat Porter may attend. More than 100 people are expected.

Phoenix, Alaska: Aimee Lespron, Kids Club, 480-783-1200, alespron@kyrene.org

On October 18th, Kids Club will hold a multi-cultural open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. It will include cultural activities and a student artwork showcase. Children will bring in an ethnic dish to share. Parents, students, and staff are invited.

Arizona

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Fort Huachuca, Arizona: Donna Perez, School-Age Services, donna.r.perez@us.army.mil 520-533-6673

On October 18th, the School-Age Services program at Fort Huachuca will host a spaghetti dinner for families. The event will feature face painting, Gak making, a computer lab, paper bag puppets, Water-Wise (Rolling River), hair spraying, Kids on the Block, a Smoke House from Fire Department, Army Unit exhibits, popcorn, cooking activity and more.

Luke Air Force Base, Arizona: Estelle Grengs, Luke AFB Youth Center
estelle.grengs@luke.af.mil, 623-856-7471

October 18th will bring parents and families to the Luke AFB Youth Center for demonstrations in gymnastics and Tae Kwon Do from 5:30–7:30 PM. During this open house, parents will be shown the activities that take place during the after school hours, meet staff members and enjoy refreshments. The program will also offer a discount for newly registered members.

Phoenix, Arizona: Devon Casem: Valley of the Sun YMCA, 602-257-5125,
dcasem@vosymca.org

On October 17th from 4:00-6:00 PM, Valley of the Sun YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house. The event is open to the community and state representatives may attend.

Prescott Valley, Arizona: Cindy Craig, The Yavapai Afterschool Age Coalition,
youthvolunteers@cableone.net

On October 18th from 3:00-6:00 PM, the Yavapai Afterschool Age Coalition will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with open houses at each of its sites. Many of the events will feature refreshments, information about afterschool programs, and student-decorated light bulbs. Students will share why they enjoy afterschool and what they would be doing if they were not in the program. At each of the events, parents will fill out surveys about how they think afterschool programs in Prescott Valley can improve.

Tucson, Arizona: Afterschool Ambassador Martha Petty, Flowing Wells Extension Programs, Inc., Youth Enrichment Services, 520-887-2600, marthapetty@qwest.net

On October 18th, the Flowing Wells Extension Programs, Inc., will host its 3rd annual *Lights On Afterschool* Carnival. The event will take place at the Flowing Wells Junior High Cafeteria from 5:00-8:00 PM where parents and children from eight afterschool programs will join together to celebrate afterschool. Five to six hundred students are expected to attend. In honor of the Empire State Building being lit up for *Lights On Afterschool*, a local baker will donate a cake in the shape of the Empire State Building.

Arkansas

Eureka Springs, Arkansas: Afterschool Ambassador Barbara Dunnam, Eureka Kids Inc., 479-981-0574, BDeschner@youthfunding.com

On October 18th from 3:00-6:00 PM, Eureka Kids will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event at Harmon Park. More than 100 laptops and desktops will be distributed to school-aged youth from throughout Carroll County, program participants will highlight their afterschool advocacy, and organizers will recognize the sponsors who helped buy new flooring for the program. The event will also include barbecue, a pie eating contest, and clothing and school supply giveaways. The

Mayor will attend along with the County Judge, School Superintendents, and City Council members. More than 300 people are expected.

Jonesboro, Arkansas: Tracey Anderson, The Westside Consolidated School District, 870-926-7256, plsports@wcs.k12.ar.us

On October 18th at 3:30 PM, the Westside Consolidated School District will host the area's largest rally for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature music, games, and demonstrations of afterschool activities.

Little Rock, Arkansas: Cindy Covey, Little Rock Parks and Recreation, 501-565-0140, ccovey@littlerock.org

Little Rock Parks and Recreation will hold a Pep Rally at City Hall on October 18th from 3:30-4:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include cheerleading, music and readings from children. Several community members will speak about the importance of afterschool. More than 100 people are expected.

Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas: Jacqueline Russell, LRAFB Youth Center, jacqueline.russell@littlerock.af.mil, 501-987-6355

An art gallery is planned for the *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 18th in Little Rock. It will showcase the different activities that take place at the program, and children will then serve refreshments to parents and give them a tour.

California

Beale Air Force Base, California: Morag Petersen, Beal AFB School Age Program Youth Center, morag.petersen@beale.af.mil, 530-634-4719

Beal AFB School Age Program Youth Center will hold an open house and family fun night at which parents will participate with children in afterschool activities, to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Chino, California: Robin Crowder, City of Chino, 909-464-0792

The City of Chino will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on the City Hall lawn on October 18th from 5:00-8:00 PM. Chino Mayor Dennis Yates will speak and the event will also feature a raffle, youth exhibits, and entertainment from several afterschool providers, including the local YMCA. Approximately 800 people are expected.

Fresno, California: Rachel Tabrizi, 559-326-20055, lcallahan@centralvalleyafterschool.org

On October 18th, the Central Valley Afterschool Foundation (CVAF) will hold a press conference and carnival at Birney Elementary School for *Lights On Afterschool*. The press conference will begin at 3:00 PM and CVAF will release its report "Afterschool Programs in the Central Valley Addressing the Needs of Our Youth." The report details the need for adequate funding for afterschool programs. Following the press conference, there will be a carnival outside the school with games and fun activities. Numerous elected officials have been invited. 250 people are expected.

Hemet, California: Vicki Howe, Students Achieving in Fun Environments (SAFE), 951-663-5280, vhowe@hemetusd.k12.ca.us

The Students Achieving in Fun Environments will hold their *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 24th from 4:30-5:30 PM. All eight sites will host open houses. The main event will take place at Helen Hunt Jackson Alternative Education and it will feature student entertainment and demonstrations from a number of afterschool programs. The Chief of Police will attend along with students, family, staff, and community members. Approximately 75 people are expected.

Los Angeles, California: Dennis Stecchi, Beyond the Bell Branch, 213-241-3113, dennis.stecchi@lausd.net

On October 7th from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, Beyond the Bell Branch hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Birmingham High School in Van Nuys. More than 30 afterschool agencies and more than 5,000 students celebrated and raised awareness about afterschool programs. The Carney Drill Dance Team, the Woodcraft Drum Core and the A World Fit for Kids Dance Team performed for the crowd. Speakers included City Councilman Dennis Zine, LAUSD School Board President Monica Garcia, Assistant Superintendent for Extended Day Programs Al Cortes, Associate Superintendent for the Division of Special Education Donnalyn Jaque-Antón, City Councilwoman and President Pro Tempore of the Los Angeles City Council Wendy Greuel.

Los Angeles, California: Afterschool Ambassador Anna Araujo, Boys & Girls Clubs of East Los Angeles, 323-263-4955, elabgc@yahoo.com

The Boys & Girls Clubs of East Los Angeles in collaboration with Rapid Advancement Youth Services, and the City of Montebello, will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event. The event will take place on October 18th from 4:30-6:30 PM at Reggie Rodriguez Park Community and will feature a student talent showcase, arts and crafts, games, prizes and exhibits on youth education, employment, and health and safety. Rapid Advancement will showcase its new afterschool program that aims to improve career development in youth ages 12-18. In addition, all youth will receive red ribbons in support of being drug-free. Local, state, and federal elected government officials will attend. Some 500 people are expected.

Los Angeles, California: Afterschool Ambassador Cathie Mostovoy, Woodcraft Rangers, 213-388-6788, cmostovoy@woodcrafranger.org

Woodcraft Rangers and Garvey School District will host *Lights On Afterschool* on October 24th. Representatives from local businesses, city council and the school board will take a bus tour to experience, firsthand, a day in the life of an afterschool program. The bus will travel from Dewey Elementary School to Temple Middle School and arrive at Bitely Elementary School to have a presentation and see student performances. The day will begin with a tour Dewey Elementary School at 2:30 and depart by bus to visit Temple at 3:00 PM.

Oroville, California: Mary Ellen Garrahy, Butte County Office of Education, 530-532-5647, megarrah@bcoe.org

The Butte County Office of Education will hold their *Lights On Afterschool* event in conjunction with the annual community street fair "Family Fun". The event will take place on October 22nd from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM and will feature student performance, live music, and 33 booths showcasing afterschool programs. More than 6,000 people are expected to attend.

Riverbank, California: Angela Claassen, Riverbank Unified School District, 209-869-0468
On October 18th from 3:00–7:00 PM, the Riverbank Unified School District will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Rio Altura Elementary School. The event will feature pumpkin decorating, bounce houses, a dunk tank, and a showcase of local afterschool programs. Students, families and community members are invited. In conjunction with Bi-National Health Week, community organizations will provide free services to youth and families. All afterschool students are invited and more than 700 people are expected to attend.

Sacramento, California: Afterschool Ambassador Joe Hudson, Sacramento City Unified School District, 916-643-9235, hudsonj.co_po.scusd@sac-city.k12.ca.us
On October 18th from 3:00-5:00 PM, the Sacramento City Unified School District in collaboration with the California After School Network will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Genesis High School. Senator Darrell Steinberg will speak about afterschool programs and the California After School Network will present the Senator with the local afterschool program hero award.

Santa Clara, California: Jyoti Joglekar, Millikin YMCA, jjoglekar@scvymca.org
Millikin YMCA will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 5:30-7:00 PM. There will be a Kids versus Parents Flag Football match and light bulb decorating. Organizers will provide a healthy snack. Students, parents, and staff are invited. More than 40 people are expected.

San Diego, California: Candy Daniels-Snell, Loma Portal Klassic Kids, 619-523-1505, kklomaportal@harmoniumsd.org
On October 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM, Loma Portal Klassic Kids will host an event for *Lights On Afterschool*. A giant *Lights On Afterschool* light bulb will decorate the auditorium and Town Councilman Kevin Faulconer will address child care concerns in San Diego. Also, organizers will present a slide show of available community resources for parents and children. The event is open to the community and more than 100 people are expected.

San Francisco, California: Savannah Smith, Jump Prep, 415-359-0059, jumpprep@yahoo.com
Jump Prep will host a movie night for *Lights On Afterschool* at Rosa Parks Elementary School on October 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Students, parents and guests will wear pajamas, eat popcorn and pizza, and watch “E.T.” The school principal will attend and greet guests and community leaders as they enter and a representative from the school superintendent’s office will also attend. Johnny Clarke, a local community leader, is the guest speaker. More than 100 children and parents are expected to attend.

San Francisco, California: Megan Agee, Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center, 415-759-3690, magee@snbc.org
On October 18th from 3:30-5:00 PM, the Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center and PG&E will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event at A.P. Giannini Middle School. In addition to supporting afterschool programs, the event will also support a cleaner environment. PG&E will distribute free energy-efficient light bulbs to the entire Sunset community. Community members are invited to observe and participate in activities. At 4:30 PM there will be a short presentation.

San Francisco, California: Alice Tam, Sunset Elementary School, 415-531-3938, atam@snc.org

On October 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM, Sunset Elementary School will host an open house in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature a showcase of student work. Program participants, families, and staff are invited.

San Francisco, California: Growth and Learning Opportunities, Paula Maroon, 415-242-8640, afyd@gloinc.org

On October 18th from 4:00-5:30 PM, Growth and Learning Opportunities will host an open house at Alice Fong Yu Elementary School for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature projects from each grade, musical performances, and food from a variety of cultures.

San Francisco, California: Laura Grishaver, Embarcadero YMCA of San Francisco, 415-250-2432

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Embarcadero YMCA of San Francisco will host a Family Night on October 18th at 3:30 PM. The event will feature a potluck dinner and the World's Strongest Man who is known to pull kids in a school bus and roll a frying pan into a burrito. More than 100 people are expected.

San Francisco, California: Calen Perkins, Kids Club, 415-445-5481, cperkins@kidsclub.org

On October 18th from 2:00-6:00 PM, Kids Club will host open houses for *Lights On Afterschool*. Events will include a Halloween Monster Ball at Columbia Park, a Health Fair at Mission Club, and a parade in one of the site's neighborhoods. At all nine sites, students will decorate light bulbs. Program participants, families, staff and community members are invited and more than 100 people are expected.

San Jose, California: Stephanie Sanchez, Central YMCA, 408-265-3588, ssanchez@scvymca.org

On October 18th at 6:30 PM, Central YMCA will host a Family Bingo night at its Brooksin Elementary School site. Members from the Parent Advisory Committee will speak on the importance of afterschool programs. All Brooksin Elementary students and families are invited.

San Jose, California: Afterschool Ambassador Mary Hoshiko, YMCA of Santa Clara Valley, 408-351-6422, mhoshiko@scvymac.org and Michelle Jennings, Department of Parks and Recreation & Neighborhood Services, 408-793-5514, michelle.jenning@sanjoseca.gov

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the YMCA of Santa Clara Valley, the Department of Parks and Recreation & Neighborhood Services and partners in the Santa Clara Afterschool Collaborative will host a Breakfast of Champions on October 18th from 8:00-10:00 AM. Outstanding individuals will be recognized and receive a Wheaties box with their picture on the front. Afterschool programs will showcase the many activities they offer, and guests will decorate light bulbs which organizers will send to state legislators. The event is open to the community and will take place at the Rotunda at San Jose City Hall. More than 150 people are expected.

Sunnyvale, California: Lily Flores, YMCA West Valley, 408-245-6775, lflores@scvymca.org

The YMCA West Valley Child Care Center will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM. It will feature fun outdoor activities such as obstacle courses and hula hoops. Organizers will provide healthy snacks. Students and their families are invited. Approximately 100 people are expected to attend.

Whittier, California: Heather Davis, Southern California Teen Coalition (STC),
hkddavis@hotmail.com

On October 19th from 4:00-10:00 PM, the Southern California Teen Coalition will host the annual Teen Jam “Rocktober” for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will take place at Parnell Park and will feature a disk jockey, dance contests, sumo wrestling, a pie throwing booth, and DDR machines. Organizers will provide pizza and giveaways. Some 25 city agencies will participate along with 600 sixth through ninth graders.

Colorado

Aurora, Colorado: Becky Hoffman, City of Aurora, 303-326-8790

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the City of Aurora will host an Afterschool Rally at West Middle School on October 18th from 3:30-4:40 PM. At the event, youth will speak about their afterschool experiences, children will showcase what they learn after school, and organizers will recognize “afterschool heroes.” City Council Member Molly Market will speak along with Colorado State Board of Education member Karen Middleton and Aurora Public School Superintendent John Barry. Program participants, families and staff members are invited. More than 100 people are expected.

Boulder, Colorado: Kathryn Coleman, Boulder Valley Afterschool Network (BVAN), 303-441-3344, colemank@bouldercolorado.gov

On October 18th, the Boulder Valley Afterschool Network, the City of Boulder, and the Boulder Valley School District will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by bringing together more than 50 afterschool programs in the Boulder Valley School District. The event will take place outside on the Pearl Street Mall from 3:30-6:30 PM. Former Chairman of the Colorado State Board of Education Jared Polis, Boulder Valley School District Superintendent Chris King and Boulder Mayor Mark Ruzzin will discuss the importance of afterschool programs. The high school band will play and children will showcase what they learn after school, including robot making, African drumming, community service, singing and dancing. The event is open to the public.

Colorado Springs, Colorado: Afterschool Ambassador Joyce Reid, KLC School Partnerships, 719-329-0137, reidj@klcorp.com

For *Lights On Afterschool*, KLC School Partnership will celebrate literacy with “Lights On Rural Afterschool” on October 18th from 3:00–6:30 PM. Students will participate in a dictionary scavenger hunt and write essays on the importance of afterschool. Other activities will include a life-size Scrabble game.

Denver, Colorado: Afterschool Ambassador Sandy Baca-Sandoval, Denver Public Schools Extended Learning Department, 720-424-1475, sandy_baca-sandoval@dpsk12.org
Skinner Neighborhood Center will host an open house and ice cream social for parents and students and will honor two individuals parents and two students as afterschool heroes for *Lights*

On Afterschool on October 18th from 10:00-11:30 AM. Children will share their experiences with afterschool.

Connecticut

Enfield, Connecticut: Claire Hall, Educational Resources for Children Inc., 860-253-9935, chall@erfinc.org

On October 18th from 4:30-6:00 PM, Educational Resources for Children Inc. will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* and the grand opening of the Alcorn and Enfield Street Learning Center. Superintendent John Glacher will discuss afterschool programs. The event will include student demonstrations, raffles and hors d'oeuvres. More than 200 people are expected.

Hartford, Connecticut: Latonia Kendrick, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford, 860-724-0700, lkendrick@bgchartford.org

On October 18th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford and JCPenney will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at eight sites. Students, family, educators, and community members are invited. More than 200 people are expected, including city officials.

Hartford, Connecticut: Shannon Healy, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford, 860-922-3003, shannon.healy@bgchartford.org

On October 18th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford and Parkville Community School will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature a DJ, a kick ball game, and light bulb decorating. In addition, organizers will unveil the club's 30 new donated computers and students will sign the homework pledge and share what they enjoy about afterschool. The event is open to the community and more than 200 people are expected.

New Haven, Connecticut: Mariam Johnson, Eastern Seals Goodwill Family Learning, 203-691-2030, flcmartinez@esginh.org

Eastern Seals Goodwill Family Learning will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 18th from 3:30-6:00 PM. It will feature face painting, music, bracelet making, art, games, and a display of student work from the music club, art club, poetry club, and literacy club. Organizers will provide refreshments. The Superintendent may attend along with community agencies. Students, families, and staff are invited and more than 100 people are expected to attend.

New Haven, Connecticut: Catherine Sullivan-DeCarlo, New Haven Public Schools, 203-946-8450

New Haven Public Schools will host an open house at 3:00 PM on October 18th at John C. Daniels School for *Lights On Afterschool*. At the event, organizers will announce the new 21st Century Community Learning grant, and staff members will showcase the many afterschool programs available around the city. Mayor John DeStefano, Jr. is invited, along with Superintendent Reginald Mayo and Connecticut Principal of Year Gina Wells. Parents, students, and community partners are invited. More than 300 people are expected.

Delaware

Newark, Delaware: Carol Scott, Shue-Medill Middle School 4-H, 831-8965

On October 18th, Shue-Medill Middle School and 4-H will host a Family Night for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will highlight the new 4-H afterschool program and parents and youth will be able to sample the activities the program offers including, science, engineering, technology, healthy living, and citizenship.

Wilmington, Delaware: Virginia Lacy, Project C.H.A.N.C.E., 302-651-2615,
Virginia.Lacy@redclay.k12.de.us

On October 18th from 3:30-6:00 PM, Project C.H.A.N.C.E will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include a display table featuring information on afterschool and students will discuss their afterschool experiences.

District of Columbia

Washington, District of Columbia: Marcus Allen, Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy, 202-398-2230, marcus.allen@chavezschools.org

The Cesar Chavez PCS for Public Policy will host a Family Game Night for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 4:10-5:30 PM. The event will include a raffle, a checkers tournament, and other games, such as Scrabble, Clue and Uno. The organization will provide refreshments. Program participants and parents are invited, and more than 100 people are expected to attend.

Washington, District of Columbia: Ellen London, DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation, 202-939-1303, elondon@cityc.org

On October 18th from 3:30-4:30 PM, the DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event at Jefferson Junior High. There will be youth performances and special guests, including Deputy Mayor for Education Victor Reinoso, State Superintendent of Education Deborah Gist and Project My Time Director Meeta Sharma-Holt.

Washington, District of Columbia: Darlene Shelton-Epps, William E. Doar Public Charter School for the Performing Arts

On October 18th from 4:15-6:00 PM, the William E. Doar Public Charter School for the Performing Arts will host a Meet and Greet ice cream social for *Lights On Afterschool*. Council Member Harry Thomas may discuss the importance of after school programs. The event is open to the community and more than 100 people are expected.

Washington, District of Columbia: Timothy McKalip, IDEA Public Charter School Military Academy, development@ideapcs.org

On October 18th from 3:00-8:00 PM, the IDEA Public Charter School Military Academy will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. Families are invited to find out information on afterschool programs, and meet program providers. In addition, organizers will introduce the new computer laboratory they designed and constructed for a neighboring church. More than 200 people are expected.

Washington, District of Columbia: Jackson Aaron, Howard Road Academy, 225-517-3388, adrama1212@yahoo.com

On October 18th from 4:00-7:00 PM, the Howard Road Academy will host a carnival-themed *Lights On Afterschool* event featuring a DJ and performances from the high school band and dance team. Students, family, staff, and community members are invited.

Florida

Bradenton, Florida: Rosie Wiley, Volunteer Services of Manatee County, 941-761-3207, rosie@volunteermanatee.org

On October 18th, Harllee Middle School, a unique 21st Century Learning Community Center/Boys & Girls Club collaboration, will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with numerous local dignitaries reading proclamations about the importance of afterschool. A festive *Lights On Afterschool* rally and open house will follow featuring a special Light Bulb cookie project with more than 5,000 cookies. This event will also feature open houses at afterschool programs throughout Manatee County; it is sponsored, in part, by the Florida Afterschool Network.

Eagle Lake, Florida: Valla Fotiades, Polk County 21st Century Community Learning Center, 863-291-5355

On October 16th from 5:15-7:15 PM, Polk County School District's 21st Century Community Learning Center's afterschool programs "Building Bridges" and "Mi Casa, Su Casa" will hold a rally for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will take place at Lake Region High school and will feature student performances, hands-on activities, food, door prizes, and music. The Superintendent of Schools for Polk County is invited along with School Board members, and local police and fire department officials. The event is open to the community and 1,500 people are expected. Mayors from the surrounding cities of Bartow, Davenport, Lakeland, Lake Wales and Winter Haven will read proclamations. More than 42 local organizations have partnered for this featured Polk County event, which is sponsored, in part, by the Florida Afterschool Network.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Timothy Leistner, United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida, 954-315-4055, timothy.leistner@ucpsouthflorida.org

On October 18th, United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* Art Exhibit. The event will take place at the Art and Cultural Center of Hollywood and it will showcase the student's artwork. City, County, and State Officials may attend. United Cerebral Palsy parents, students, staff, and board members are invited. Altogether more than 100 people are expected.

Hialeah, Florida: Maria Gomez, City of Hialeah Creative Learning & Play, 305-818-9143, mgomez@hialeah.fl.gov

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the City of Hialeah Creative Learning & Play will host an open house at the Walker Community Center on October 18th from 5:30-7:30 PM. It will include a Proclamation from Mayor Julio Robaina, musical entertainment from the Filer Middle School Choir, and light bulb decorating. Organizers will provide pizza, and a helicopter will fly over the program with a *Lights On Afterschool* banner. Community leaders, including local elected officials may attend along with school administrators and board members. Approximately 200 people are expected to participate. This event is sponsored, in part, by the Florida Afterschool Network.

Homestead, Florida: Afterschool Ambassador Martha Garcia-Gardinali, Homestead Family YMCA, 305-248-5189, mgarciag@ymcamiami.org

On October 18th, the YMCA of Greater Miami will host *Lights On Afterschool* events at several of its afterschool sites. Its Colonial Drive Elementary site will hold an open house from 5:30-6:15 PM that will include science and cooking activities and student presentations. From 4:30-5:30 Pine Lake Elementary will host an event that will feature science and health presentations and Miami Heights Elementary will hold an open house from 5:15-6:00 PM that will include science activities, SPARK, and arts and crafts.

Jacksonville, Florida: Kristen Symons, TEAM UP, 904-346-5111, Kristen@hope-haven.org
On October 18th at 5:30 PM, TEAM UP will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and the program's tenth anniversary at the Matthew W. Gilbert Middle School. The event will focus on the program's Family Literacy initiative. The Mayor, City Council Chair, School Board Chair, and School Superintendent will attend. More than 300 people are expected to attend.

Jacksonville, Florida: Felecia Fredericks, Police Athletic League, 904-355-3308, ffredericks@jaxpal.com

On October 18th the Police Athletic League and its community partners will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* from 3:00-7:00 PM. Event activities will include storytelling, arts and crafts, and an autograph session by the Jacksonville Jaguar Players. Local Afterschool providers will showcase their programs. The Mayor may attend along with City Council Members, State Representatives and School Board Members. All youth attendees will receive a t-shirt and a book. More than 800 people are expected.

Kissimmee, Florida: Maria Rincon-Dwyer, 21st Century Community Learning Centers 407-870-4954, dwyerm@osceola.k12.fl.us

On October 18th from 3:00-6:00 PM, the School District of Osceola /SPIRIT (Students Participating in Recreation and Instruction Together) Program will hold a special *Lights On Afterschool* Block Party at Parkway Middle School featuring a flashback to the 70's, rekindling the sense of community and neighborhood pride. More than 1,400 guests are expected, including local and state dignitaries, business owners, politicians, school partners, school board members, and SPIRIT program attendees and their families. There will be a cook off, student performances, games, hula-hoop contest, kickball, and a balloon toss. Organizers will present the Proclamation, "Keeping the Lights On After School," and attendees will be encouraged to sign a petition in support of Afterschool for All: Project 2010. Students from 14 programs around the county will be bused to the event. This event is sponsored, in part, by the Florida Afterschool Network.

Miami, Florida: Jessica Sherman, America SCORES Miami, 305-446-9388, jsherman@americascoreres.org

America SCORES Miami will host a "Fall Frenzy" event in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* at Benjamin Franklin Soccer Park on October 18th from 3:00-6:00 PM. The event will feature tournament-style games, soccer clinics, and appearances from professional soccer players and mascots. Organizers will provide refreshments.

Orlando, Florida: Julie Graff, City of Orlando Department of Families, Parks and Recreation, 407-246-4303, Julie.Graff@cityoforlando.net

On October 18th from 5:30-7:00 PM, the City of Orlando Department of Families, Parks and Recreation will host an open house at 15 of its afterschool sites in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Community leaders may attend and program participants, families, and community partners will participate.

Orlando, Florida: Afterschool Ambassador Betsy Fulmer, Orange County Public Schools, 407-317-3383, fulmere@ocps.net

Afterschool students are decorating 12,000 light bulbs and Orange County Public Schools will use them to promote *Lights On Afterschool* by stringing them together to “light up” the county council chambers and other buildings. Orange County Mayor Richard Crotty has granted permission for decorated light bulbs to be displayed at the County Commissioners meeting on October 9th. Two middle school students will present a Proclamation to the Commissioners. On October 15th at 2:00 PM, two elementary school students will present a Proclamation from Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer at City Hall. On October 18, 73 afterschool sites will host open houses for *Lights On Afterschool*. In addition, organizers will distribute ribbons and stickers downtown and parents will be encouraged to wear light bulb pins on that day. Organizers will send 12,000 decorated light bulbs to state legislators with a letter emphasizing the need for more afterschool programs.

Tallahassee, Florida: Eric Banks, 21st Century Learning Community Center, 850-488-3124, bankse@leon.k12.fl.us

On October 19th, the 21st Century Learning Community Center, in collaboration with the Ounce of Prevention Fund and Downtown Get Down Festival, will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature fun activities for children, face painting, a student talent showcase, music, and food. From 6:00-8:00 PM in Kleman Plaza, a dozen 21st Century Learning Community Center programs from the Tallahassee area will showcase their afterschool activities. The event is open to the community and, altogether, more than 4,000 people are expected.

Georgia

Atlanta, Georgia: Vivian Davis, Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP), 404-817-6765, vdavis@atlanta.gov

On October 18th, all 33 Recreation Afterschool Program sites will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Ben Hill recreation Center, with a Quiz Bowl from 5:00-7:00 PM. The event is open to program participants, their families, city staff, and the media. More than 300 people are expected.

Atlanta, Georgia: Jill Riemer, Georgia Afterschool Investment Council, 404-527-7250
In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta along with Georgia Afterschool Investment Council, After-School All-Stars, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation will host an event on October 18th from 3:00-5:00 PM at Joseph Emerson Brown Middle School. Mayor Shirley Franklin and community and business leaders will attend. Singer Johnna Austin will perform, and Valerie Jackson of National Public Radio’s *Between the Lines*

will emcee. Student performances will include drum and dance, step and a jazz ensemble. More than 500 people are expected.

Columbus, Georgia: Afterschool Ambassador Ernestine Ramsey, A.J. McClung YMCA, 706-322-6775, ajmclung.ymca@att.net

On October 20th from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, the A.J. McClung YMCA will host a formal presentation and an Outdoor Carnival for *Lights On Afterschool*. During the formal presentation, Georgia State Senator Ed Harbison will discuss the importance of afterschool programs and the three winners of the “What Afterschool is to Me” essay contest will receive awards after reading their essays. The event will include a talent show with African and Spanish dancing, Karate, Double Dutch Jump Rope and Drum Line performances. Following the formal presentation, attendees will enjoy the Outdoor Carnival, complete with rides, bouncing activities, and competitions. There will be a fire truck demonstration and concession stands. The event is open to the community and more than 800 people are expected.

Macon, Georgia: Julie Holloway, Bibb County School District, 478-765-8660, jhalloway@bibb.k12.ga.us

The Bibb County School district will host a Fall Festival at Tattall Square Park, on October 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM. The event will feature activity booths set up by community partners. The event is open to all community members. More than 300 people are expected.

Hawaii

Fort Shafter, Hawaii: Brianne Harvest: Helemano Youth Center, 808-653-0717, alhoagurl1619@hotmail.com

On October 17th, from 4:00-5:30 PM, the Helemano Youth Center will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. It will feature a student art work display, parent-child dance revolution competition, and short skits from the children. Organizers will provide refreshments.

Honolulu, Hawaii: Dave Pablo, AMR School Age Services, 808-833-4932, pablodw@shafter.army.mil

AMR School Age Service will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Carnival. The event will take place on October 18th and will include bouncers, games, a dunking booth, and concessions. Program participants, parents and members of the military community are invited. Some 150 people will participate.

Honolulu, Hawaii: Jason Cerkan, Navy Moral Welfare Recreation Center, 808-421-1556, boysgirlsc002@hawaii.rr.com

On October 18th, the Navy Morale Welfare recreation Center will hold a *Lights on Afterschool* open house. Children will decorate light bulbs and parents will receive information on afterschool programs and observe the student’s daily activities.

Idaho

Blackfoot, Idaho: Sandi Reynolds: Snake River Community Center, 208-684-3420, reynsand@snakeriver.org

On October 18th, the program participants at Snake River Community Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by making a quilt with light bulb designs. Organizers will later donate the quilt to charity. The event will also include a hand made piñata.

Elk City, Idaho: Delise Denham, REACH Club, 208-842-2218, denhamd@jsd241.org
On October 18th, the REACH Club will host the Science Explorer Night in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* from 6:00-7:00 PM. Students and their families will work on a variety of science projects together. Attendees will enjoy a potluck dinner and the Program Director Delise Denham will speak on the importance of afterschool.

Grangeville, Idaho: Kristi Keeler, Kids Klub, Inc., 208-983-2285, keelerk@sd244.org
On October 26th from 6:00-9:00 PM, Kids Klub, Inc. will host a Spaghetti and Bingo Night in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* at Grangeville Elementary School. It will include a pumpkin decorating contest and a children's costume contest. Mayor Terry Vanderwall may attend along with the School District Superintendent. The event is open to the community and more than 300 people are expected.

Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho: Lissa Hall, Mountain Home AFB Youth Programs, lissa.hall@mountainhome.af.mil, 208-828-2501
On October 18th, Mountain Home Youth Programs has invited Flight Chiefs and Commanders to conduct parent/child interactive activities in conjunction with an open house. The program will recognize outstanding achievements by the youth in and out of the program. There will be a performance by the Trash Talk percussion group.

Pocatello, Idaho: Afterschool Ambassador Joyce Anderson, 21st Century Community Learning Center, 208-232-7119
On October 18th from 2:40-4:00 PM, the Pocatello 21st Century Community Learning Center will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* at its Ellis, Greenacres, Syringa and Washington Elementary school locations. The event will include student-led software demonstrations and a display of student work. Organizers will provide refreshments. Center coordinators will lead the group in an "I Can Achieve Pledge." Students, families, and school staff are invited, and local government officials may attend. Some 150 people are expected.

Worley, Idaho: Jacque Hoffman, Plummer-Worley Success Center, 208-686-2137, hoffman.jacque@lakesidesch.org
On October 25th from 5:00-7:00 PM, the Plummer-Worley Success Center will hold a Halloween carnival for *Lights On Afterschool* at Lakeside Elementary. A variety of afterschool programs will have information booths, including 4-H Club Scouts, Girls Scouts, and DARE. The event will feature a bean bag toss, pumpkin and cookie decorating, origami making, a candy corn relay race, Halloween bingo, face painting, a scavenger hunt, and a picture booth. Community leaders, teachers, and parents will speak about afterschool. Organizers will provide dinner. More than 250 people are expected.

Illinois

Buffalo Grove, Illinois: Robin Eisenstot, Champions School Partnership, 847-229-1258, reiseinstot@klcorp.com

On October 18th at 3:30 PM, the Champions School Partnership will host an event for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include a visit to the local library, story time and book making. The children will create their own books to take home and share with their families.

Carbondale, Illinois: Gene White, Teen REACH, 618-549-1288, ewhite@shsdc.org
Teen REACH will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 16th from 6:00-8:30 PM. The event will take place at Hopewell Church and it will include games, guest speakers, and refreshments. Students, parents, educators, and community members are invited.

Chicago, Illinois: Afterschool Ambassador Roslind Blasingame-Buford, Broader Urban Involvement and Leadership Development, 773-227-2880, rblasingame@buildchicago.org, and Afterschool Ambassador Mandee Polonsky, After-School All-Stars Chicago and Office of Extended Learning Opportunities at Chicago Public Schools, 773-553-1499, mpolonsky@cps.k12.il.us

On October 18th at 7:30 AM, the Chicago Public Schools Office of Extended Learning Opportunities and Broader Urban Involvement and Leadership Development (BUILD) will host a “Breakfast of Champions” for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will take place at the Holiday Inn and radio personality and former Chicago Bull Bill Wennington will speak along with afterschool partners across Chicago including representatives from the Department of Children and Youth Services, After School Matters, and the Chicago Park District. Special awards will highlight this year’s *Lights On Afterschool* Chicago Champions.

Chicago, Illinois: Afterschool Ambassador Roslind Blasingame-Buford, Broader Urban Involvement and Leadership Development, 773-227-2880, rblasingame@buildchicago.org
On October 18th from 4:30-7:00 PM, the Broader Urban Involvement and Leadership Development in collaboration with Casa Puertoricana and other community agencies will hold a parade for *Lights On Afterschool*. Youth, parents, and community will march from St. Lucas Church, through Humboldt Park, to Casa Puertoricana with lights to promote afterschool programs. Youth will showcase their afterschool projects and organizers will provide refreshments.

Chicago, Illinois: Princeton School, Afterschool Ambassador Mandee Polonsky, After-School All-Stars Chicago and Office of Extended Learning Opportunities at Chicago Public Schools, 773-553-1499, mpolonsky@cps.k12.il.us
The Princeton School will hold an open house in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* and Hispanic Heritage Month. The event will take place on October 18th and will feature student performances, prizes and refreshments. Students, teachers, staff, and family members are invited.

Chicago, Illinois: Yale Elementary, Afterschool Ambassador Mandee Polonsky, After-School All-Stars Chicago and Office of Extended Learning Opportunities at Chicago Public Schools, 773-553-1499, mpolonsky@cps.k12.il.us
On October 18, Yale Elementary will hold a community rally for *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will showcase what they learn afterschool. Parents, staff, teachers, community leaders, and businesses are invited.

Chicago, Illinois: Katya Nuques, Little Village Community Development Corporation, 773-540-8292, knuques@lvcdc.org

On October 18th at 6:00 PM, the Little Village Community Development Corporation will host Noche De Las Luminarias for *Lights On Afterschool* at the Manuel Perez Plaza. Families will walk from each community school with lanterns. Alderman Ricardo Munez will speak, and attendees will talk to local legislators about the need to support afterschool programs. The event will feature a celebration of Latino cultural food and traditions, student performances, and a recognition ceremony for the program's partners and generous contributors. In addition, there will be fun activity booths set up for the youth, including face painting, bingo, a photo booth, and balloons. Program participants, families, staff, and community partners are invited. More than 300 people are expected.

Chicago, Illinois: Karen Finstad, Greenview School Age Program, 773-472-1083, kfinstad@christopherhouse.org

On October 18th from 3:30-5:30 PM, the Greenview School Age Program will host a "Display of Cultures" for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will showcase family diversity in the community and it will include performances from members of the Joel Hall Dance Studio, sugar-skull making, and a variety of global foods. Program participants, families, and staff are invited. Approximately 100 people are expected.

North Chicago, Illinois: Tehran Fraazier, Off the Chain Youth Center, 630-606-1159, chaptf49@yahoo.com

On October 7th, Off the Chain Youth Center hosted a Gospel Concert and dinner at the Greenbelt Cultural Center for *Lights On Afterschool*. Mayor Leon Rockingham signed a Proclamation declaring North Chicago a *Lights On Afterschool* City. State Representatives, local law enforcement officials, and the media attended. More than 300 people participated.

Rockford, Illinois: Shelia Becker, YMCA of Rock River Valley, 815-489-1273, sbecker@rockfordymca

On October 18th, the YMCA of Rock River Valley will host an open house at each of its 25 sites for *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents and students are invited to participate in art projects and games. Organizers will provide refreshments.

Tremont, Illinois: Stacie Haley, Tazewell County Health Department, 309-925-5511, shaley@tchd.net

Tazewell County Health Department's 21st Century Community Learning Center Schools will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 18th from 4:00-6:30 PM. The event will take place at Dragon's Dome and will feature a disc jockey, face painting, and inflatable activities.

Indiana

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

The Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation, School Community Council, and Evansville community celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* on October 10th at Bosse Field. The event featured child performances, a huge fireworks display, and more than 30 community booths with games,

entertainment and food. It also served as the Red Ribbon Week kickoff event. Program participants, families and community member participated. All attendees received *Lights On Afterschool* t-shirts.

Fort Wayne, Indiana: Robin Robinson, Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, 260-424-0646
On October 18th at 10:00 AM, on the steps of City Hall, Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne and YMCA will hold a press conference to call for expanded afterschool programs. A representative from the Mayor's office, educators, local business leaders, and other local officials will attend. From 5:00-8:00 PM, Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Festival in collaboration with YMCA, the Boys & Girls Club, and Verizon. It will feature hands-on activities, student performances, and testimonials about the importance of afterschool from parents and program participants. Organizers will provide healthy food and beverages. The event is open to the community.

Indianapolis, Indiana: David Kinkose, Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis, 317-327-5527, dklinkos@indygov.org
On October 11th from 3:00-5:30 PM, the Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis hosted a celebration in Garfield Park for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event included fun outdoor activities for children, a Radio Disney Prize Pack giveaway, the Afterschool Art Project Gallery, and a youth talent show. Mayor Bart Peterson discussed the importance of afterschool programming. More than 300 people attended.

Iowa

Afton, Iowa: Tammy Ross, East Union and Murray Afterschool Program, 641-347-8777, tross@east-union.k12.ia.us

On October 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM, the East Union and Murray Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at East Union Elementary school with a family pancake supper. The event will have a nighttime theme and students will dress in pajamas. Partnering organizations will set up booths with a variety of family-oriented activities that focus on nocturnal animals, stargazing and other nighttime topics. The event will also include a fire safety display from the fire department, story time with the principal, and door prizes. It is open to the community, and approximately 200 people are expected.

Ames, Iowa: Nicole Evans, Youth Shelter Services' Kids Club, 515-232-4332, nevans@yss.ames.ia.us

On October 16th at 5:30 PM, the Youth and Shelter Services' Kids Club will host "Afterschool is Key to Kids' Success" for *Lights On Afterschool* in the Lincoln Elementary School Gym. Community leaders, policymakers, parents, community members, and students will join together to celebrate afterschool programs.

Clinton, Iowa: Loras Osterhaus, 21st Century Learning Community Center, 563-243-9600
On October 18th, from 5:00-7:00 PM, the 21st Century Learning Community Center and the Clinton Community School District will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Alliant Energy Field. The event will include fun games for children and their families, as well as a showcase of student

activities including dancing, singing, and martial arts. Students, parents, and community members are invited to participate.

Sioux City, Iowa: Afterschool Ambassador Brenda Hervey, Beyond the Bell, 712-252-3276, bhervey@siouxlandy.org

Beyond the Bell will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 4:30-6:00 PM. The event will feature student artwork, a Readers' Theater, percussion performances, and fun activities for students including arts and crafts, face painting, and gym games. All students will receive a free book. Organizers will serve dinner and share important facts about afterschool. The governance board will make a presentation about afterschool. On October 15th Mayor Bob Giese presented a *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation at the city council meeting to an afterschool youth.

Kansas

Chanute, Kansas: Afterschool Ambassador Deb Mikulka, Chanute 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 620-432-2506, mikulkad@usd413.org

On October 30th, Royster Middle School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Challenge night for program participants, their families, and the community. Guests will have the chance to use their math skills, paint pumpkins, browse community partner booths, make healthy snacks, and take part in other fitness, nutrition, drug education and technology-related activities. Organizers will give each participant a family portrait from the event to take home as a keepsake. There will be a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the school's brand new, state-of-the-art Fitness Center which students will use during afterschool hours.

Lawrence, Kansas: Janet Murphy, Lawrence Public Schools, 785-841-6854, jmurphy@sunflower.com

On October 18th at 6:30 PM, Lawrence Public Schools, in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club, will host a Talent Show for *Lights On Afterschool*. Performances will include dancing, skits, piano recitals, and tumbling. Approximately 700 people are expected.

Iola, Kansas: Afterschool Ambassador Angela Henry, SAFE BASE, 620-365-4770, angela.henry@usd257.org

On October 16th, SAFE BASE will host a party for its eighth birthday and *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will take place at County Square, and will include a birthday cake and fun activities for participants. The Mayor may read a Proclamation declaring October 16th, 2007 as SAFE BASE *Lights On Day*. Along with program participants and staff, family and community members are invited. Approximately 300 people are expected.

Shawnee Mission, Kansas: Rob Knaussman, Johnson County Park and recreation District, 913-236-1250, rob.knaussman@jocogov.org

On October 12th, from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, the Johnson County Park and Recreation District in collaboration with 25 afterschool programs, will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event at the Shawnee Mission Park Theater. The event will feature a DJ, hayrides, moonwalks, and a Human Light Bulb formation. More than 2,000 people are expected to participate.

Wichita, Kansas: Matt Martinez, Evergreen Recreation Center, 316-303-8036, mamartinez@wichita.gov (Janelle)

Evergreen Recreation Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Fall Festival. The event will take place on October 26th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Some 300 people are expected.

Kentucky

Brandenburg, Kentucky: Vicki Seabolt, Panther Place Afterschool Program, 270-769-3866, vicki.seabolt@etown.ky

On October 18th from 4:00-5:00 PM, Panther Place Afterschool Program will hold an open house that will allow community members to see program participants engaging in afterschool activities. Immediately following the open house, there will be a Festival for *Lights On Afterschool*. Organizers will serve chili, and youth will enjoy activities and games including a bounce house, air hockey and ping-pong. The event will include a resource fair where partner organizations will set up tables with information for families. In addition, there will be two 30-minute workshops for parents and community members on ADHD and parenting skills. More than 200 people are expected.

Independence, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Chris Francis, Kenton County YMCA, 859-356-3178, cfrancis@cincinnatiymca.org

Six regions in northern Kentucky will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* from October 22nd until October 30th. The regional events are geared to children and will feature a variety of student activities. One of the six regional events will take place at a JCPenney store and JCPenney will give gift cards to lucky students. A larger *Lights On Afterschool* event is being held on October 18th in nearby Cincinnati, Ohio.

Louisville, Kentucky: Melanie Cox, Berrytown Family YMCA, 502-244-6187, mcox@ymcalouisville.org

Berrytown Family YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th, from 4:30-6:00 PM with an open house. *Lights On Afterschool* light bulbs will decorate the facility, and the event will include a showcase of student work. The youth will serve as Ambassadors for the evening, giving tours of the afterschool facility and speaking on the importance of afterschool programs. Organizers will provide refreshments.

Louisville, Kentucky: Geraldine Woods, Louisville Central Community Centers, 502-583-8821, gwoods@llccnews.org

On October 18th from 5:00-7:00 PM, Louisville Central Community Centers will host the Lean Back with Afterschool Programs Rally, a citywide event, in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature a rap and dance contest, and a senior program participant will speak on which afterschool positively influenced her life. Organizers will serve chili.

Louisiana

Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana: Cora Jones-Davis, Barksdale AFB Youth Services, cora.davis@barksdale.af.mil, 318-456-1752

Barksdale Youth Services will hold a pep rally at its Youth Center on October 18th at 4:00 PM to bring awareness to the importance of afterschool programs. Participants have created an original cheer to show their support for afterschool.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Sheron Thomas, Big Buddy Program, 225-338-9737, sheron769@yahoo.com

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Big Buddy Program will host a Red Carpet open house on October 17th from 4:00-5:30 PM at Children's Charter School, Dufrocq Montessori Elementary, Highland Elementary, Polk Elementary and T-Steps-Middle School Program. School Board members, School District officials, business partners, church leaders and City Council members are invited. The event is open to the community, and more than 200 people are expected.

Houma, Louisiana: Alma Dark, Terrebonne Parish School Board, 985-851-1553, adark@tpsd.org

On October 18th, Terrebonne Parish School Board will host a Carnival at each of its four school sites in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Each site will feature choir performances, games and prizes, entertainers, and arts and crafts. Student essay contest winners will be recognized. Along with program participants and their families, local officials and school board members are invited.

Lake Charles, Louisiana: Alisa Stevens, City of Lake Charles, 337-491-8730, asweet@cityoflc.us

The City of Lake Charles will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a community-wide event at Central School on October 18th from 4:30-7:00 PM. It will include a student talent showcase and information booths set up by afterschool program providers. Members of the Lake Charles Riverkats minor league football team will attend. The event is open to the community.

West Monroe, Louisiana: Cynthia Holland, City of West Monroe Community Center, 318-387-4001, cynholland96@yahoo.com

On October 18th, the West Monroe Community Center will hold *Lights On Afterschool* press conference and open houses. At 10:00 AM, at the Community Center Gym keynote speaker, Ouachita Parish and School Board Superintendent Dr. Bob Webber will speak about afterschool. From 3:30-5:30 PM, organizers will hold open houses at the City of West Monroe and West Monroe Elementary School. West Monroe Mayor, Dave Norris may attend along with Mayor Royce Toney and State Representatives Francis Thompson and Paul Hargrove.

Maine

Augusta, Maine: Deb Chase, Maine Afterschool Network, 202-778-7576

On October 18th from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, the Maine Afterschool Network will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event. The event will take place in the Hall of Flags at the Augusta State Capitol and Chair of the Governor's Children's Cabinet and Maine First Lady Karen Baldacci will attend. Attorney General Steven Rowe and a student will emcee the event. Laura Fortman, the Commissioner of Labor will speak about afterschool programs. The event will include a showcase of youth posters and a parent letter-writing campaign. Organizers will later present policymakers with a bound book of letters.

Ellsworth, Maine: Kristina Braga, Project ASPIRE, 207-667-4722, kbraga@ellsworthschools.org

Project ASPIRE will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Parade and an open house. At 4:45 PM on October 18th, program participants from all four sites, staff, parents, and community members will parade from Bryant E. Moore Elementary School to Ellsworth High school where everyone will gather in the auditorium to hear the Ellsworth School Superintendent speak about afterschool. The event will feature a slideshow and a showcase of afterschool activities. The event is open to the community and more than 200 people are expected.

Rumford, Maine: Allie Burke, River Valley Community Learning Center, 207-364-7926
The River Valley Community Learning Center will host a Halloween party for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will take place on October 18th from 3:00-5:00 PM at the Greater Rumford Community Center and will feature gymnastics and martial arts demonstrations. Student, family, staff, and community members are invited.

Winthrop, Maine: Lonney Steeves, Winthrop Area YMCA Kids Club, 207-377-9686, winymca@aol.com
On October 18th from 3:00-5:00 PM, the Winthrop Area YMCA Kids Club, in collaboration with Winthrop Middle School Fun Afterschool, will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Winthrop Grade School and Winthrop Middle School. The community is invited to attend and observe afterschool activities.

Maryland

Baltimore, Maryland: Vanessa Diggs, Maryland State Department of Education, 410-767-0561, vdiggs@msde.state.md.us

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Maryland State Department of Education hosted a Luncheon Celebration on October 12th from 12:00-2:30 PM at the Maryland Historical Society. The event featured student performances and speeches. Awards were presented to individuals and groups who have made a difference in afterschool programs. State Superintendent Nancy Grasmick spoke on the importance of afterschool.

Baltimore, Maryland: Helen Shaw, Robert W. Coleman Elementary School, 443-956-7655
On October 17th from 5:30-7:30 PM, the Robert W. Coleman Elementary School and the YMCA will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. City Councilwoman Belinda Conaway will speak about afterschool. Adeline Hutchinson, Community Leader of the Robert Coleman Community Association will attend along with the President of the Greater Mondawmin Association, Sandra Almond Cooper. Students, faculty, families, and community members are invited. More than 100 people are expected to attend.

Frederick, Maryland, Sheila Kahler, Frederick 21st Century Community Learning Center, 301-696-6894, shelia.kahler@fcps.org
On October 17th from 4:30-6:30 PM, the Frederick 21st Century Community Learning Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Waverly Elementary School. The event will

include an art activity for parents and children, a student work display, and a tour of the facility. Organizers will provide refreshments.

Leonardtown, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Mark Smith, Dream Team Action Clubs, 301-475-5511, mgsmith@smcps.org

Dream Team Action Clubs will host an Outdoor festival, on October 18th from 4:30-7:00 PM at the Pavilion in Chancellors Run Park for *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will showcase their afterschool activities and organizers will serve dinner. There will also be a moon bounce and games for students. The event will culminate with awards to County Commissioners, the Local Management Board, and Kiwanis. More than 250 people are expected to attend.

Rockville, Maryland: Karen Rawlins, Kidz Club, 240-314-8633, krawlins@rockvillemd.gov
The Kidz Club is hosting *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations at three of its afterschool sites on October 18th from 3:00-6:00 PM. Events at the different locations will feature talent shows, a youth performance troupe, and student project displays. Organizers will also provide refreshments. Parents, community members and local officials are invited.

Massachusetts

Barnstable, Massachusetts: Kerry Bickford, Barnstable County 4-H Youth Development, 508-375-6695, kbickford@umext.umass.edu

On October 18th from 5:00-6:30 PM, the Barnstable County 4-H Youth Development and the Boys & Girls Club will hold an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* in collaboration with its community partners. Afterschool providers will showcase the many activities available to local youth. The event will include a light bulb decorating contest, prizes, a moonwalk, and a showcase of student projects. Organizers will serve hot dogs, pizza, and snacks. Attendees will decorate light bulbs, which organizers will later send to Congress.

Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts: Robyn McLeod, Hanscom AFB School Age Program, robyn.macleod@hanscom.af.mil, 781-377-2858

On October 18th, the Hanscom School Age Program will open its doors to the community for an open house. This will be held in conjunction with the Hanscom Youth Program, which will host an open house at the same facility.

Lynn, Massachusetts: Tania Buck-Ruffen, Greater Lynn YMCA, 781-581-3105, tbuck@lynnymca.org

Greater Lynn YMCA will host an open house from 3:00-5:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include decorating light bulb cookies and light bulb art, a read-a-thon/read-a-loud with board of the director members, and outdoor games on the facility's new playground. Program participants and families are invited to attend. More than 800 people are expected to attend.

North Attleboro, Massachusetts: Barbara Zimmer, Hockomock Area YMCA, 508-699-0919

On October 18th at 4:00 PM all six Hockomock Area YMCA afterschool sites will host an open house in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will focus on the Healthy Kids Initiative and will include demonstrations of Zumba, the new Latin fusion dance exercise. Children will decorate light bulbs to send to state legislators and parents will sign a petition

supporting afterschool. Program participants, family, and staff are invited. More than 350 people are expected.

Revere, Massachusetts: Afterschool Ambassador Jennifer Anderson, For Kids Only Afterschool, 978-740-5437, jen_anderson75@hotmail.com

On October 18, from 3:45-5:45 PM, For Kids Only Afterschool will host *Lights On Afterschool* at its Revere site at 300 Broadway (the Post Office Building), across the street from City Hall. Revere Mayor Thomas G. Ambrosino, chair of the Revere Afterschool Partnership, will speak. He and other members of the Partnership, including the Revere fire chief, chief of police, and superintendent of schools, will be honored for their work on behalf of afterschool. Participants will tour the program, and see children engaged in a variety of enrichment activities. A disc jockey will play music and lead the group in games.

Worcester, Massachusetts: Nancy Boland, Greendale Family Branch YMCA, 508-852-6694, nboland@ymcaworcester.org

The Greendale Family Branch YMCA will host a Family Pizza Party in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 3:00-6:00 PM. Afterschool staff will pass out program information to parents. Children will decorate light bulbs with why they afterschool is important to them and organizers will later send the light bulbs to congressmen and city council members. Program participants and their families will also enjoy a variety of arts and crafts and outdoor games. Approximately 100 people are expected.

Worcester, Massachusetts: Pamela Suprenant, YMCA of Central Massachusetts, 508-755-7969
On October 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM, the YMCA of Central Massachusetts will host open houses for *Lights On Afterschool* at KLC, Gates Lane, Alden, CM, and Lakeside. The events will feature student performances from the drama club and dance teams, arts and crafts activities, and food. Children will decorate light bulbs to send to state officials. Local and state officials may attend. Approximately 140 people are expected.

Michigan

Detroit, Michigan: Heather Egson, Youth Development Commission, 313-963-8916, hegson@ydcdetroit.org

The Youth Development Commission and Mayor's Time will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a citywide rally on October 18th from 3:30-5:30 PM. The event will take place at state-of-the-art youth center, YouthVille, and will feature a youth poster contest and youth-led tours. At the event, community members and leaders will judge a poster contest, learn more about the numerous programs available through the Youth Development Commission, observe young people engaged in afterschool programs, and discuss how public policies affect afterschool programs with providers, parents, and youth. The event is open to the community.

Flint, Michigan: Afterschool Ambassador Bonita Bingham, Flint Community Schools, 810-760-1478, bbingham@flintschools.org

The Flint Community Schools Bridges to the Future Before and Afterschool Program will host a city-wide *Lights On Afterschool* celebration and rally on October 18th from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Courtland Center Mall. Local partners include Flint Community Schools, the United Way of Genesee County, the Genesee Intermediate School District, and the JCPenney Store at Courtland

Center. The event will include a variety of activities for children – games, arts and crafts “make it and take it” projects, step show entertainment by the Delta Gems, the Alpha Esquires and the Kappa Leaguers. There will also be a “Bridges Idol and Poetry Café” showcase where students will perform. Parents will be invited to sign a light bulb chart which will be forwarded to federal, state and local political leaders to encourage them to continue to support afterschool programs.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Marcus Harris, Grand Rapids Public Schools, 616-819-3795, HarrisMar@grps.K23.mi.us

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Grand Rapids Public Schools will hold open house events at several afterschool sites. The events will take place on October 18th from 3:00-6:00 PM and will include student speakers and performers. Students, families, staff, business partners, and the media are invited. More than 600 people are expected.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Lynn Heemstra, Office of Children, Youth & Families, 616-456-4353
On October 18th, the Office of Children, Youth & Families and the Expanded Learning Opportunities Network will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The Expanded Learning Opportunities Network will launch its *3TO6-The Places You'll Go!* campaign and children will give guided tours of the new Harrison Park Elementary and Middle Schools. On October 8th, Mayor George K. Heartwell and City Commissioners passed a resolution that called on Grand Rapids residents to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*.

Hurley, Michigan: Gerry Traczy, Saxon STARS, 715-561-4900

Saxon STARS will hold two events for *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 16th from 4:30-6:00 PM, the program will host a Chinese New Year at the Saxon Community Center and on October 18th from 4:00-5:30 PM, there will be a Cultural Fair at Hurley K-12 School. Both events are open to the community.

Lansing, Michigan: Peggy Vaughn-Payne, Northwest Initiative, 517-423-4499, peggy@nwlansing.org

On October 18th from 3:30-5:30 PM, the Northwest Initiative will hold its *Lights On Afterschool* event at the North Neighborhood Center. It will showcase various afterschool programs available to the area's youth as well as information about available family resources. Organizers will provide refreshments. Parents, students, educators, and community members are invited.

Minnesota

Duluth, Minnesota: Lori Maly, Homecroft Elementary School, 218-722-4745, lmaly@duluthymca.org

Homecroft Elementary School and the Duluth Area YMCA will host a weeklong celebration for *Lights On Afterschool* and 10 years of afterschool programs. On October 15th, 16th and 17th beginning at 2:45 PM, Homecroft Elementary School will host “Take Your Parent to Play Day,” where parents will participate in games, arts and crafts and homework. On October 18th, parents of students in the program are invited to the Duluth Area YMCA for a luncheon and dessert reception.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Afterschool Ambassador Jenny Wright, Minneapolis Beacons Network, 612-371-8728, Jenny.Wright@YMCAmpls.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Minneapolis Beacons Network will bring together more than 200 afterschool youth leaders from eight Beacons Centers in Minneapolis for a Youth Leadership Retreat on October 18th. The event will include low/high ropes course team-building initiatives, leadership development workshops, and fun activities with other afterschool youth leaders. High school youth leaders will plan and lead workshops and activities for the youth in elementary and middle school grades. Youth will each be given a flashlight and will create action plans for service projects to do when they return home to their communities.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Russ Purdy, Bloomington Kids' SAFARI, 952-806-8807, Rpudy@bloomington.k12.mn.us

On October 25th from 6:30-8:30 PM, Bloomington Kids' SAFARI will hold a district-wide *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. The event will feature a kid-friendly DJ, dance contests, a crazy hair and face painting station, family board games, and student skits. Each afterschool program will design a display board highlighting their program. School Board members will judge display boards for prizes. More than 400 people are expected.

St. Paul, Minnesota: Audrey Kendig, YMCA of Greater St. Paul and John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School, 651-793-7320, audrey.kendig@spps.org.

The 21st Century Community Learning Center's Extended Learning Program is hosting a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School from 3:00-5:00 PM on Wednesday, October 17th. The event will feature displays of students' work, student performances, literacy and math activities that involve students and parents, and an ice cream social. City Council members, School Board members, and local business leaders may attend. Program participants, families, school staff, and community members are also invited.

St. Paul, Minnesota: Rachel Earl, Community Partners with Youth, 651-633-6464, rachel@cpymn.org

Community Partners with Youth will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th at Christ the King Lutheran Church. The event will include a presentation of the importance of afterschool, a Spaghetti Supper, bingo and prizes. Program Director, Rachel Earl will speak along with Executive Director Jennifer Mayotte. Students, parents, staff, and community members are invited. More than 75 people are expected to attend.

Mississippi

Jackson, Mississippi: Charlotte Taylor, Walton Elementary School, 601-987-3591, chataylor@jackson.k12.ms.us

On October 18th from 3:30-6:00 PM, Walton Elementary School will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents are invited to meet afterschool providers and learn what their children do afterschool. The event will feature a showcase of student talent including, art and music performances. More than 100 people are expected to attend.

McComb, Mississippi: Monique Gilmore, McComb School District, 609-684-4661, Gilmore@mccomb.k12.ms.us

The McComb School District celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* on September 27th from 5:00-7:00 PM. Mayor Zach Patterson and Mayor Frank Melton spoke on the importance of afterschool along with Miss Mississippi, and a former NBA player. The event featured student entertainment from the school choir, the dance team, and ROTC. Event activities included a pump pass and kick competition and a display by local firemen and policemen. Organizers provided refreshments and door prizes.

Meridian, Mississippi: Christy Grice, Boys & Girls Club of East Mississippi, 601-482-2544, christygrice1@yahoo.com

On October 18th at 6:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Club of East Mississippi will host an open house in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will perform the Wizard of OZ and discuss why afterschool is important. The event will also feature choir performances and a scarecrow-decorating contest. Mayor John Robert Smith may attend along with School Board and City Council members. More than 200 people are expected.

Meridian, Mississippi: Afterschool Ambassador Heather Goodwin, Peavey Electronics Corporation, 601-486-1093, heathergoodwin@peavey.com

On November 15, AX2 Dance Ministries and Peavey Electronics will host a talent contest, "Afterschool Not Idle," for *Lights On Afterschool* at MSU Riley Center. At the event, three finalists will compete in front a panel of judges for a free recording session in Nashville with top musicians.

Missouri

Kansas City, Missouri: Terri Shannon, YMCA School Age Services, 816-809-8729, dorotymoodymca@yahoo.com

On October 18th from 5:00-6:00 PM, the YMCA School Age Services will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event for program participants and their families. The event will feature parent-child relay races, fire safety lessons from local firefighters, dancing and a potluck dinner. Program participants, families and staff are invited. More than 100 people are expected to participate.

Springfield, Missouri: Sandra Pratt, Springfield-Greene County Park Board, 417-837-5707

On October 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM, the Springfield-Green County Park Board the Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA will host a Family Fun Night. The event will take place at the Musgrave Boys & Girls Club, and will include two bounce houses, carnival games, 16 vendors, door prizes, and chili dinner.

St. Louis, Missouri: Ronald Jackson, St. Louis for Kids, 314-241-0011, Jackson@stlious4kids.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, St. Louis for Kids and partnering organizations will host a Recognition and Awards Luncheon on October 16th from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM. The event will take place in the McDonnell Planetarium at the St. Louis Science Center, and will include a showcase of children's afterschool projects and a ceremony to honor outstanding youth workers, afterschool programs, and community supporters. President and CEO of Washington DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Greg Roberts will speak on the importance of afterschool programs. Some 150 providers, public officials, business leaders, and educators are expected.

St. Louis, Missouri: Maureen Chambers, South County YMCA, 314-849-5668, mchambers@ymcastlious.org

On October 18th from 3:00-6:00 PM, the South County YMCA will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* at Mehlville Cafeteria. The event will showcase student-decorated light bulbs and community members can learn what afterschool programs offer. The event is open to the public and approximately 400 people are expected.

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri: Lorri Lewis, Whiteman School Age Program, lorri.lewis@whiteman.af.mil, 660-687-3197

The Whiteman School Age program will host an open house and dinner theater for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will take place on October 18th from 4:00-8:00 PM and will feature a showcase of program activities and a play created by the students.

Montana

Bozeman, Montana: Carol Townsend, Greater Gallatin United Way, 406-587-2197, carol@greatergallatinuntiedway.org

On October 12th, the Greater Gallatin United way and its 16 afterschool sites celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* at Monforton Elementary School. The Local District Court Judge Mike Salvagni spoke about afterschool. Organizers served light bulb-shaped cookies and pizza.

Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana: Cindy Berg, Air Force Youth Programs, cynthia.berg@malmstrom.af.mil, 406-731-3505

Cup cake decorating will be the main attraction for this *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 18th from 3:00-5:00 PM. A membership drive will also help support the program.

Missoula, Montana: Afterschool Ambassador Rosalie Buzzas, Flagship Program, 406-532-9827, rbuzzas@wmmhc.org

On October 16 at 3:00 PM, the Flagship Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Lowell Elementary School. The Mayor will speak along with First Lady Schweitzer. All program participants will receive a copy of the book "First Dog," a book about Jag, the Governor's dog and First Lady Schweitzer will be on hand to autograph copies. Attendees will also send postcards pressing for more afterschool programs to the stat's Congressional delegation.

Nebraska

Columbus, Nebraska: Maria Kurtenbach, Communities Together Can , 402-563-4901, mkurtenbach2@unl.edu

On October 18th Communities Together Can will host a Family Night celebrating diversity. The event is open to the public and will feature food, games, and crafts from a variety of cultures. Program participants will perform the song "Don't Laugh at Me."

Lincoln, Nebraska: Chris Bryngel, Seal Club, 402-436-1509, cbryngel@lps.org

On October 18th, two Seal Club sites will come together at Stansky Park to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. At 4:30 PM, students and families from Prescott and Saratoga Elementary Schools will march with mascots and banners from their respective schools to Stransky Park. At the park, the principals from both schools will speak on the importance of afterschool, children will receive gifts, and everyone will enjoy a potluck supper.

Lincoln, Nebraska: Afterschool Ambassador Dayna Krannawitter, Arnold Elementary Community Learning Center, 402-310-3909, daynak@L-housing.com
Arnold Elementary will host a “One Book, One Family,” *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 18th from 6:00-7:30 PM. Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler will issue a proclamation that will be read by a City Council member. Organizers will ask community leaders to participate in book discussions with families using afterschool messages. The discussions will be followed by a catered dinner and entertainment.

Lincoln, Nebraska: Melissa Kirkland, Lincoln Parks and Recreation, 402-436-1150, mharris@lps.org
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Lincoln Parks and Recreation will host a Family Game Night at Jones Coffee Shop on October 18th from 5:00-8:00 PM. A student talent show will feature singing, dancing, and musical instrument performances. Afterschool providers will showcase their programs and Barb Baiers, a parent, will speak about the importance of afterschool. More than 250 people are expected.

Omaha, Nebraska: Niki Reed, Boys & Girls Clubs of Omaha, 402-342-1600, nmadisonreed@bgcomaha.org
On October 18th from 3:30-5:30 PM, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Omaha will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Program participants will decorate light bulbs and write about why they enjoy afterschool. More than 150 students are expected.

Nevada

Las Vegas, Nevada: Carol Santiago, Las Vegas-Clark County Urban League, 702-636-3949, csanti@cox.net

On October 18th from 5:30-6:30 PM, the Las Vegas-Clark County Urban League will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house in the Cirque Du Soleil Cafetorium at Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy. Program participants, families, and community members are invited.

Las Vegas, Nevada: Jodi Schroeder, City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services, 702-299-6995, jschroeder@lasvegasnevada.gov
On October 18th, the City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services and its 69 afterschool sites will come together for a Family Night in support of *Lights On Afterschool*. More than 3,000 people are expected to participate.

Reno, Nevada: Afterschool Ambassador Danielle Bowen, Washoe County Public Schools, 775-333-6038, DRBowen@washoe.k12.nv.us
On October 18th from 4:00-7:00 PM, the Washoe County Public School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include a Proclamation from the Governor, enrichment classes for students and performances, and remarks from the District Superintendent. All students will receive t-shirts. The Food Bank of Northern Nevada will provide dinner. Local, state and federal representatives may attend. More than 1,500 people are expected.

New Hampshire

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.

Center Ossipee, Hew Hampshire: Jennifer Remmetter, Schools Out, 603-539-4589, schoolsoutocs@yahoo.com

On October 13th from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM, Schools Out hosted a Fall Community Festival Fundraiser for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event took place at Center Ossipee Elementary School and featured carnival games, a pie throwing contest, cake wakes, face painting, and pie throwing contest. Comedian Bucky Lewis gave a special children's comedy show. The Chief of Police attended, along with more than 250 community members.

Laconia, New Hampshire: Martina Green, Project EXTRA!, 603-528-8442, mgreen@laconia.k12.nh.us

Project Extra will host three events for *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM, all five Laconia afterschool sites will come together at Rotary Park for a children's musical showcase and food. On October 20th at 9:30 AM, the program will host a 5K race at Opechee Park, and on October 21st, Project Extra and Patrick's Pub and Eatery will hold a fundraiser. Restaurant patrons will be able to ask to have 100 percent of their food purchases donated to Project Extra.

Manchester, New Hampshire: Beth Falconer, PlusTime NH, 603-798-5850, bfalconer@plustime.org

PlusTime NH held a rally for *Lights On Afterschool* On October 15th from 4:00-6:00 PM at McLaughlin Middle School. Speakers discussed the new report, "New England After 3PM: Spotlight on New Hampshire." The event includes arts and crafts as well as fun activities and game for students. Special guest included: Jodi Grant, Executive Director of the Afterschool Alliance; Nicholas Donohue, President and CEO of Nellie Mae Education; Cynthia Billings, PlusTime NH President and CEO; and Donna Mostovy, Program Manager of Manchester 21st Century Community Learning Centers. More than 400 youth, parents, New Hampshire State Legislators, educators, and afterschool staff attended.

Manchester, New Hampshire: Holly Bildeau, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 603-624-6363, hbilodeau@mansd.org

On October 18th the 21st Century Community Learning Centers of Manchester will join together for an open house. Providers will showcase local afterschool programs. Activities will include African drumming, comic book design, board games, mock homework for adults, mask making, theatre games, and dance classes.

Nashua, New Hampshire: Debbie Kundalis, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 603-345-7056, kudalisd@nashua.edu

The Nashua 21st Century Learning Community will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Carnival on October 18th from 4:30-6:30 PM. Organizers will serve food and children will receive glow sticks and reflective trick-or-treat bags. Children will enjoy carnival games, a bounce house, arts and crafts, clowns, music, and face painting. The event is open to the public.

Plymouth, New Hampshire: Jill Hancock, A+ Plus Afterschool Programs, 603-536-1152, aplusjill@yahoo.com

On October 18th from 4:00-5:00 PM, A+ Plus will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Carnival at Plymouth Town Common. It will feature a bounce house as well as a variety of fun kids'

activities. Local officials and administrators are invited. The event is open to the community, and more than 100 people are expected.

New Jersey

Brick, New Jersey: Kate Dwyer, Police Athletic and Activities League, 732-477-0144, k8d2@aol.com

The Police Athletic and Activities League will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th at the Brick Township PAL. The event will begin at Veterans Elementary School with a tour at 4:00 PM, and include a Mad Science program, a magic presentation dealing with bullying, and a presentation on PAL's new pilot program that helps to mainstream special needs students. The formal program will feature proclamations and speeches by state and local officials and a ceremony at which grant recipients who have support the programs will receive plaques.

Jersey City, New Jersey: Elizabeth Phillips Lorenzo, Liberty Science Center, 201-252-1437
On October 18th from 2:00-5:00 PM, the Liberty Science Center will host a *Lights on Afterschool* rally. It will feature a showcase of afterschool programs and services. Parents, media, community members, students, and state official are invited to attend.

Newark, New Jersey: Debbie Kim, New Jersey After 3, 732-246-7925
New Jersey After 3 will host its *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 19th at 3:00 PM at the New Prudential Arena, the new hockey arena built for the New Jersey Devils. Mayor Cory Booker will discuss the importance of afterschool and an official from Prudential Arena will speak. One thousand students from afterschool programs across Newark will help with "systems testing" to prepare for the grand opening of Prudential Arena later in this year.

Trenton, New Jersey: Tina Blackledge, Trenton After School Program (TASP), 609-947-4679, tinabl@comcast.net
The Trenton After School Program will hold an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will take place on October 18th from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Trinity Cathedral. Children will showcase their talents and afterschool activities. The event is open to the community.

Trenton, New Jersey: Linda Johnson, Fort Dix School Aged Services, 609-562-3873, Linda.jean.johnson@us.army.mil
For *Lights On Afterschool* and Hispanic Heritage Month, Fort Dix School Aged Services will host "Supper and A Book" for program participants and families. The celebration will take place on October 18th from 5:30-6:30 PM. Organizers will provide Pernil and Spanish rice, and parents will bring potluck dishes to share. Following dinner, several parents will read stories aloud and children will have the chance to sign a book out for the week.

New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Michael Lujan, New Mexico Forum for Youth in Community, 505-821-3574, mlujan@nmforumforyouth.org

On October 18th the New Mexico Forum for Youth will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with several events across the state. The program and its partnering organizations will host both a

Pueblo Feast Day and a Halloween Carnival in Albuquerque. In addition there will be events in Santa Fe, Taos, Gallup, and Portales. Altogether, 5,000 people are expected to participate.

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Native American Community Academy, 505-908-1305, choguerjr@msn.com

On October 18th from 3:00-7:00 PM, the Native American Community Academy will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with “A Community Celebration-Recognizing Our Strengths.” Local Youth programs and organizations will showcase their afterschool programs. The event is open to the community.

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Afterschool Ambassador Cindy Davies, Urban 4-H, New Mexico State University, 505-243-1386, csdavies@nmsu.edu

Urban 4-H had a booth at the Children’s Day event, where organizers distributed blinky bulbs and other materials on *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 18th New Mexico is hosting twelve *Lights On Afterschool* events throughout the state, and the Albuquerque event will be held at a new Native American charter school in conjunction with Feast Day activities. The event will feature Native American dancing, drumming, a hot air balloon, and more. Urban 4-H also held a *Lights On Afterschool* day at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta the first weekend in October.

Holloman, New Mexico: Rhonda Copeland, HA FB School Age Program, 505-572-1136, Rhonda.suter@holloman.af.mil

The HA FB School Age Program will host a sports-themed *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Activities will include a cake walk, golf ball painting, cheerleading workshops, a putting contest, floor hockey, a free throw contest and sports stamp art. Each staff member will dress in a different sports uniform, and organizers will serve a variety of finger foods. Each child will receive a goodie bag. Major Madrid will attend along with Deputy Commander Cleavann Demotta, and Family Member Program Flight Chief Carol Ward. More than 150 people are expected to attend.

Taos, New Mexico: Jennifer Hallstorm, Discovery Afterschool Program, 505-758-7243, jenntaos@taoschools.org

On October 20th, the Discovery Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting a carnival. The event will feature fun activities for children, face painting, and a showcase of Discovery’s afterschool programs. Program participants, families, and community members are invited.

New York

Albany, New York: Beth Doris, Capital District YMCA, 518-449-7196, bdoris@cdymca.org

On October 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM, the Capital District YMCA will hold its *Lights On Afterschool* event at Arbor Hill Elementary School. The event will feature a student talent show and make-your-own Ice Cream Sundaes. Student, families, staff, and community members are invited.

Albany, New York: Beverly Bunch, YMCA, 518-365-9162, beveseed06@yahoo.com

On October 18th from 4:30-5:30 PM, the YMCA Afterschool Program will hold an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* at Sheridan Preparatory Academy. The event will include a showcase

of student projects, artwork, and stories written by students about why they enjoy being in the YMCA afterschool program.

Astoria, New York: Jan Vazquez, Sports Arts Champions Club, 718-728-6210,
jvazque3@schools.nyc.gov

On October 18th from 3:00-6:00 PM, the Sports Arts Champions Club will host “Bring Your Family Member to School Day” in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Family members of program participants are invited to experience what it is like to be an afterschool student. Approximately 25 people are expected.

Astoria, New York: Nicole Lupinacci, Goodwill Industries Beacon 141, 718-777-9200,
NLupinacci@goofwillny.org

On October 18th from 4:00-8:00 PM, Goodwill Industries Beacon 141 will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event. Special guests will include Goodwill Industries Representatives, the Hofstra University Basketball Team, and local firefighters and police officers. The event will feature a showcase of Brazilian art and student essays about why afterschool is important. At the event, program participants will launch more than 100 yellow balloons containing messages about afterschool.

Buffalo, New York: Rachel Fazoli, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns, 716-873-9842,
rfazoli@bgcnt.net

On October 18th, from 6:00-7:30 PM, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns will hold an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* at the Charter School for Applied Technologies. It will include a student-writing display, a dance team performance, and refreshments. Program Director Rachel Fazoli will speak about the social and academic benefits of afterschool. Program participants, school administrators, staff, and families are invited to attend. More than 100 people are expected.

Glen Cove, New York: Sandra Potter, Glen Cove Youth Bureau, 516-671-4600,
sandrapotter27@yahoo.com

The Glen Cove Youth Bureau and the Boys & Girls Club will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Fall Festival on October 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Village Square. It will include speeches from students about their afterschool experiences, pumpkin painting, face painting and cotton candy. In addition, the Glen Cove Youth Bureau and the Boys & Girls Club will host open houses at their afterschool sites from 5:00-6:00 PM at which staff will showcase program activities, and students will decorate light bulbs to send to state legislators. Some 150 people are expected.

Jamaica, New York: Kathleen Degyansky, Queens Library, 718-990-0887, queenslibrary.com

On October 18th, Queens Library will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration for teens. Susan Hale will demonstrate to teens how to design their own t-shirts using a white shirt, stencils, stamps, 3-D paint, and glue on stones.

New York, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Megan Demarkis, Harlem RBI’s Real Kids Program, 212-722-1608, mdemrkis@harlemrbi.org

On October 17th from 4:30-6:30 PM, Harlem RBI’s Real Kids Program and Nike will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event at Roberto Clemente Elementary School. A celebrity athlete, a

community leader, and a parent will receive a Roberto Clemente Afterschool Hero Award, and students will discuss why afterschool is important. Hispanic Heritage Month will be incorporated into the theme. The event will conclude with a family meal and Nike giveaways. Students, parents, staff and the media are invited. More than 250 people will attend.

New York, New York: Katha Cato, Henry Street Settlement, 212-766-9200,
Kcato@henrystreet.org

The Henry Street Settlement will hold a letter-writing campaign at all five of its afterschool sites on October 18th from 4:30-5:30 PM. Children, parents, school staff and community members will draw or write messages to about the importance of afterschool. Parents will also sign individual letters and postcards about the great need for these programs. Organizers will send messages and letters to elected officials in an effort to bring greater awareness about the importance of afterschool. More than 700 people are expected.

Oneonta, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Lisa Merrihew, Creating Rural Opportunities Program (CROP), Ostego Northern Catskill BOCES, 607-436-3247, lmerrihew@oncboces.org
CROP afterschool programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th with afterschool providers, students and parents expressing gratitude to state assembly members who were instrumental in preserving afterschool funding during a recent budget squeeze. Assembly members will receive awards, and then participants will caravan to two neighboring programs for a tour – one is fully funded for two years and will be open to the entire community; the second program lost funding this year. A representative from Governor Spitzer’s office will attend along with State Assembly Members Clifford Crouch and Peter Lopez.

Syracuse, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Frances Howard, Dunbar-Hughes 21st Century Learning Center Afterschool Program, 315-476-4269, ext. 232, franhow53@yahoo.com
The Dunbar Afterschool Program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at 5:45 PM on October 18th. Children and parents from the community will advocate for more afterschool programs.

Syracuse, New York: Denise Cole, Salvation Army School Age Program, 315-479-1334,
Denise.Cole@USE.SalvationArmy.Org
On October 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM, the Salvation Army School Age Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house. Senator DeFrancisco may speak about the importance of afterschool, along with parents and children. Program participants, families, staff, community leaders and the media are invited. Altogether, more than 150 people are expected.

White Plains, New York: Byron Smalls, White Plains Youth Bureau, 914-422-1378,
bsmall@ci.white-plains.ny.us
On October 12th from 4:30-6:30 PM, the White Plains Youth Bureau will host an international potluck dinner at all ten of its afterschool sites. The event will feature an art contest, music, dancing, games and a showcase of student art and essays explaining why afterschool is important to them and their families. Local government officials including Mayor Joseph Delfino and members of the City Council are invited. Program participants, families, school staff and community members are invited. More than 500 people will attend.

North Carolina

Ceero Gordo, North Carolina: Frankye Boone-Newkirk, S.C.H.O.L.A.R.S, 910-654-5057
On October 18th, S.C.H.O.L.A.R.S will host a fundraiser in honor of their grand opening and *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include a book fair, art activities, concessions and performances from the middle school band, cheerleading team and step team. The Director of S.C.H.O.L.A.R.S will speak on the importance of afterschool and what the program offers.

Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Patricia Thompson, School Age Care Program, 919-918-7165, pathompson@chccs.k12.nc.us
On October 18th the School Age Care Program will host a Fall Festival at Mary Scroggs Elementary School for *Lights On Afterschool*. It will feature games, art and crafts projects, and a healthy snack station.

Charlotte, North Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Claire Tate, Partners in Out-of-School Time (POST), 704-973-4567, ctate@postcarolinas.org
Three Middle School Matters afterschool programs will host open houses on October 18th from 4-5:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. Each event will highlight three significant contributions that afterschool programs make to Charlotte: keeping kids safe and healthy, inspiring them to learn, and helping them develop 21st Century skills. The events are at the afterschool programs at: Albemarle Road Middle School, which is operated by Citizen Schools; Coulwood Middle School, which is operated by Athletes United for Youth; and Quail Hollow Middle School, which is operated by the Boys and Girls Clubs.

Charlotte, North Carolina: Gerald Talley, First Ward Recreation Center, 704-336-3538, Gerald.talley@mecklenburgcountync.gov
The First Ward Recreation Center, in collaboration with the YMCA, will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at the Community Recreation Center on October 18th. The event will include tie-dyed style light bulb decor and information on afterschool programs for parents. Students, parents and staff are invited.

Fayetteville, North Carolina: Lula Baker, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 910-4536, lulabaker@ccs.k12.nc.us
On October 18th from 6:00-7:00 PM, the 21st Century Community Learning Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Cumberland Mills Elementary School. The event will feature a proclamation by a community partner and a fair with math and science activities. Organizers will provide refreshments. Parents, students and staff members are invited.

Monroe, North Carolina: Angela Jordon, Benton Heights Elementary School, 704-296-3103, Angela.Jordan@ucps.k12.nc.us
On October 18th Benton Heights Elementary School will host a community open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. Children will perform the song "Don't Stop Never Give Up." Students, family, staff, and community members are invited.

Morganton, North Carolina: Gail Percy, Liberty Middle Childcare, 828-432-2184, gpercy@burke.k12.nc.us

Liberty Middle Childcare will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Skate Party at Pavilion Skating on October 18th from 4:30-6:30 PM. The event will include a light bulb-decorating contest and the top five winners will receive special prizes. Organizers will provide pizza and all students will receive door prizes. Program participants and their families are invited.

Nags Head, North Carolina: Samantha Brown, Dare County Schools, brwonsa@dare.k12.nc.us
On October 18th from 5:30-6:30 PM, the Dare County School District and its four afterschool sites will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Nags Elementary School. The event will feature a student-led skit and the afterschool choir. Organizers will provide refreshments. The event is open to the public.

Raleigh, North Carolina: Kathryn Corey, Explorers Afterschool Club, 919-857-1062, kacorey@exploris.org

On October 29th Exploris and Moore Square Middle Schools will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Exploris Museum with a Halloween Party. The event will include student discussions on how afterschool programs bring youth together and offer youth opportunities to engage in new experiences. Participants will enjoy fun Halloween activities such as baking treats, bobbing for apples, arts and crafts, and face painting.

Sparta, North Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Bricca Sweet, Educational Leadership Beyond Excellence, 828-297-9204, bricca@Ed-LBEX.org

To kick-off a multi-day celebration, on October 13th the program held Mountaineer Millennium's First Annual Jean Sparks Memorial 5K Run with the Alleghany Wellness Center. Runners and walkers of all ages participated, from Silver Striders to parents pushing carriages. The Board of Education, Town Council and County Commissioners and Town Police and County Sheriff personnel participated. Jean Sparks directed Sparta's innovative Mountaineer Millennium afterschool and summer enrichment program since it began in 1999 until she unexpectedly died in January. The run was organized to celebrate her life and build the sustainability of the afterschool program. On October 18th, program youth will serve dinner to families, staff, teachers, local businesses including the Chamber of Commerce President, and partners from the 5K Run. Run participants and partners will receive certificates, with categories and awards designed by youth.

North Dakota

Fargo, North Dakota: Pam Erickson, Fargo Moorhead YMCA, 701-364-4166, erickson@fmymca.org

On October 23rd, Fargo Moorhead YMCA will hold open houses at all of its afterschool sites for *Lights On Afterschool*. Events will include a showcase of afterschool programs, educational activities, light bulb decorating, and refreshments. A local author will visit each afterschool site to talk to the kids. All events are open to the community.

Grafton, North Dakota: Lori Zahradka, the North Valley Extended School Project, 701-352-371
Governor Hoeven issued a Proclamation on September 21st declaring October *Lights On Afterschool* month in North Dakota. In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, North Valley Career-Tech Center will host an open house at each of its 17 afterschool sites.

Grafton, North Dakota: Sandra Maher, Extended School Program, 701-360-0956, sandy.mahar@sendit.nodak.edu

On October 18th, the Extended School Program will advertise *Lights on Afterschool* in the business community and light bulbs colored by children placed in windows of local businesses.

Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota: Rachel Miller, Minot AFB Youth Programs, rachel.miller@minot.af.mil, 701-723-2838

Minot Youth Programs will have a variety of hands on projects as well as large motor games and prizes during its *Lights On Afterschool* rally on October 17th at 4:00 PM. A healthy snack will be provided for the participants, and the event is open to the community.

Roseglen, ND: Ranie White, Boys & Girls Club of Three Affiliated Tribes - White Shield Unit, 701-743-4003, rwhite@mhanation.com

Boys & Girls Club of Three Affiliated Tribes will host an afterschool art show on October 18th to demonstrate activities that take place in the program. Three Affiliated Tribes will sponsor a meal and invite the public, parents, and other community leaders to come. Attendees will tour the Club and join youth in coloring light bulbs and hanging them at the facility.

Ohio

Canton, Ohio: Robert Dent, North Canton YMCA, 330-305-5437, rdent@ymcastark.org

On October 18th from 3:30-5:30 PM the YMCA will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature a skit from the third through sixth grade program participants, arts and crafts projects, and a showcase of the various afterschool clubs North Canton YMCA offers. The Mayor of North Canton, David Held, will issue a Proclamation declaring October 18th "Lights On Afterschool Day at North Canton YMCA". The event is open to the public and more than 100 people are expected to attend.

Dayton, Ohio: Andrea Kritzer, Montgomery County After School Collaboration, 937-220-6610, akritzer@uhs-dayton.org

On October 9th from 4:00-7:00 PM, the Montgomery County After School Collaboration held a rally for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event took place at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds and showcased the many local afterschool programs. The event was open to the community and more than 700 students attended.

Cincinnati, Ohio: Afterschool Ambassador Jorge Perez, YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, 513-651-2100, jperez@cincinnatiymca.org

There will be a region-wide *Lights On Afterschool* at the Music Hall downtown on October 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM. All of the city's 21st Century Community Learning Center sites will be represented. Mayor Mark Mallory will present a Proclamation, and the event will feature a bicycle give away, resource fair, face painting, MadCap puppets, double-dutch, ArtWheels, Discover Health and D.A.R.E. Well-known comedian, singer and television talk show host Wayne Brady will appear and attend a pre-event reception. A JCPenney official will present a check. One thousand children are expected to attend.

Cleveland, Ohio: Afterschool Ambassador Megan Henkel, Young Rembrandts, Greater Cleveland-West, 440-979-1278, megan.henkel@youngrembrandts.com
Young Rembrandts the Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland, Mad Science, Girl Scouts, YMCA of Cleveland and JCPenney will hold a variety of events from noon to 4:00 PM at the Center Court at Great Northern Mall in Westlake. Activities will include a *Lights On Afterschool* fashion show, Young Rembrandts art show and demonstration classes, face painting and science demonstrations. JCPenney is sponsoring “give-aways” and Torani Italian Sodas will be featured.

Delaware, Ohio: Afterschool Ambassador Karen Jackson, SACC Programs, Delaware City Schools, 740-833-1851, JacksonKa@dcs.k12.oh.us
Delaware City Schools School Aged Child Care is holding events at all five of its elementary schools on October 18th for *Lights On Afterschool*. Each site will host a family dinner or breakfast that will include information-sharing and light bulb art. Local public officials and decision makers have been invited. The program at Schultz Elementary will bring local police to fingerprint all the children and give their parents Child ID cards. Some 400 people are expected at the five sites.

Lancaster, Ohio: Paul Young, Healthy Living for Kids, 740-653-5678, pyoung@westafterschoolcenter.org.
More than 150 people are expected at an event featuring Ohio First Lady Frances Strickland at the West After School Center in Lancaster at 4:00 PM on October 18th. After the program, students will participate in the taping of a cable access program on healthy recipes, eating habits, moderation and exercise. Mayor David Smith will be among the speakers, as will Ohio Department of Education and Lancaster City school officials.

Toledo, Ohio: Afterschool Ambassador Becky Spencer, YMCA/JCC of Greater Toledo, 419-729-8135, bspencer@ymcatoledo.org
This year the YMCA/JCC of Greater Toledo’s *Lights On Afterschool* event will coincide with the dedication of a newly rehabilitated building that the afterschool program will soon inhabit. From 4:30-6:30 on October 18th, the new building will be dedicated to a local businessman and community leader who was a strong supporter of afterschool and who recently passed away. Memorial funds were used for the rehab. At the events, students will give speeches about what they have learned at their afterschool program. City and state legislators as well as business and civic leaders will participate.

Oklahoma

Lawton, Oklahoma: Martha McCartney, Lawton School Aged Club House, 580-355-0814, mccartneym@aol.com
On October 18th from 3:00-8:00 PM, the Lawton School Aged Club House will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event. Light bulbs will decorate the facility, and children will bake chocolate chip cookies to deliver to City Council members. Organizers will read a Proclamation from Mayor John Purcell and community members are invited to observe program activities.

Norman, Oklahoma: Amy Fleske, Neighborhood Center for Children and Families, Inc., 405-364-1420, afleske@ccfi.csbi.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Neighborhood Center for Children and Families, Inc., in collaboration with the Cleveland County Family YMCA and the Community After School Program, will have program participants decorate paper light bulbs to be displayed in public locations around town. On October 9th, the City of Norman presented the Neighborhood Center for Children and Families, Inc. with a Proclamation for its outstanding efforts in afterschool programming. On October 15th, all three organizations presented a Proclamation from Norman School Board. The week of October 18th, members of the Neighborhood Watch Association will leave their front porch lights on.

Muskogee, Oklahoma: Phelisha Thompson, Tony Goetz Schools Out, 918-684-3816, evankik@hotmail.com

School Out will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event at Tony Goetz Elementary School on October 18th. It will feature a student art show and an afterschool carnival. Mayor Wren Stratton will issue a Proclamation highlighting the City's successful afterschool programs and its continued support for those programs. In addition, children will petition for more afterschool programs and local education channels will cover the event.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: Bobbie Henderson, Campfire USA-Green County Council, 918-592-2267, behenderson@tulsacampfire.org

On October 18th, Campfire USA-Green County Council will host several events for *Lights On Afterschool*. From 11:00-5:00 PM at Veterans Park, Tulsa high school students will hold the 8th Annual Recycle Olympics where youth will participate in recycled-themed Olympic Style Games. At 11:00 AM, State Representative Jabar Shumate will visit the Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League's "Read and Rise". At 6:00 PM, organizers will bring six afterschool students, ages four to seven, to the City Council meeting where a Representative from the Mayor's office will read a Proclamation, and the children will sign an afterschool petition.

Oregon

Portland, Oregon: Helen Vank, School Uniting Neighborhoods, 503-408-2892, helenv@metfamily.org

Schools Uniting Neighborhoods will host "Pumpkin Lights On" in the gym at Shaver Elementary School for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Activities will include pumpkin decorating, gourd bowling, a cake walk, face painting, and glass blowing. Organizers will hold a bake sale with proceeds going to the Parent Association. The event is open to program participants, families and staff. More than 300 people are expected to attend.

Salem, Oregon: Beth Unverzagt, IKE Box, 503-540-4481, beth.unverzagt@wesd.org

On October 19th at 6:30 PM, IKE Box will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event, A Magical Evening, in celebration of afterschool programs in Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties at IKE Box, a local coffee shop and concert venue. Brad Barton, Master Magician and Prevention Specialist will perform at 7:00 PM. This event is open to the community.

Salem, Oregon: Linda Perry, Salem Child Development Center, 503-363-9821, lindascdc@hotmail.com

On October 18th, the Salem Child Development Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an international-themed event. The event will include games, projects, and food from different countries. Students, school staff, parents, and grandparents are invited and the media may attend. More than 1,600 people are expected.

Pennsylvania

Carbon County, Pennsylvania: Jeanne Yaho Miller, SHINE, 570-669-7010, jmiller@lccc.edu
SHINE will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Celebration on October 18th from 4:00-4:45 PM at the Panther Valley High School Gymnasium. The event will feature a student performance of “This Little Light!” and Senator James Rhoades will speak along with the President of Carbon Community College and three students. Organizers will provide cookies and milk. Administrators from six school districts will attend along with more than 120 students and parents.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Kristin Wyka, Philadelphia Safe and Sound, 215-568-0620, kwyka@philasafesound.org
On October 17th at 6:00 PM, Philadelphia Safe and Sound and the Franklin Institute will host a Kick-Off Rally for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will kick-off all events occurring across Philadelphia on October 18th.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Darryl Bundrige, Center for Afterschool Education at Foundation, Inc., 856-533-1600
On October 18th three Foundations Schools – Christopher Columbus Charter School, Broad Street Head Start, and NIA Head Start – will hold *Lights On Afterschool* events. On October 16th, 17th, and 18th from 5:00 PM-5:00 AM, a special message from Foundations will be displayed in lights on top of the PECO tower in Center City Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: JuWanda Thurmond, The Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, 414-322-5058, Thurmond@pittsburghkids.org
On October 18th from 3:30-5:30 PM, the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. Student-decorated paper light bulbs will decorate the facility. Jatara McGee, Miss Black Teenage America will emcee and perform a gymnastics routine. The event will feature an original puppet show, based on an African creation myth called “How the Animals Came.” Organizers will provide refreshments.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Ellen Botkin, Wireless neighborhoods, 412-363-1910
For *Lights On Afterschool*, Representative Jake Wheatley, Wireless Neighborhoods, Mayor Luck Ravenstahl, and Pittsburgh Public Schools will host *Lights On Afterschool Pittsburgh* at Peabody High School. The event will take place on October 18th from 3:00-5:30 PM and will include a guest reception, performances from the step team and musical groups, and a showcase of afterschool programs available to area youth. State Representative Wheatley will give a special presentation which will include a book reading, and School Superintendent Mark Roosevelt will discuss the importance of afterschool programs. More than 600 people are expected.

State College, Pennsylvania: Afterschool Ambassador Robin Foltz, Child Development and Family Council, 814-238-5105, rfoltz@cdfc.org

On October 20th from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, the Child Development and Family Council of Centre County, Inc. and several local afterschool providers will host “Spotlight on Afterschool Fun” for *Lights On Afterschool* at the Nittany Mall. It will feature performances by local afterschool students, activities, refreshments, door prizes and more fun to highlight three of the significant contributions that afterschool programs make to the community: keeping kids safe and healthy, inspiring them to learn, and relieving working parents of worries about their children's activities during the afternoon hours.

Puerto Rico

Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico: Mara Clemente, CYS-YS, 787-707-3783, mara.clemente@us.army.mil

On October 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM, CYS-YS will host an open house in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. It will feature an art display from each age group and a talent show. The Middle School Youth will sing “We’re All in this Together” and the high school students will give a step demonstration. The Youth Unity Pledge, a promise made between the parents and the Youth staff to keep the children staff, will be read. Organizers will provide snacks and cake. More than 100 people are expected to attend.

Rhode Island

Pawtucket, Rhode Island: Tracy Cheney, Kids Club, 401-723-2277, tcheney@kidsclubri.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Kids Club will host an open house and potluck dinner on October 18th with parents, school administrators, and town council members.

Providence, Rhode Island: Afterschool Ambassador Sarah Cahill, Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance, 401-331-2869, sarah.cahill@afterschoolri.org

On October 18th from 3:30-5:00 PM, the Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance will host a *Lights On Afterschool* rally with a special focus on health and wellness. The event will showcase youth talent, and health and wellness activities. Representative Patrick Kennedy and the Bank of America will receive awards. State House Majority Leader Gordon Fox will deliver a call to action on the importance of afterschool, and Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts, General Treasurer Frank Caprio and the state Attorney General will offer remarks. More than 300 parents, students and elected officials are expected at the event, at Exchange City at Johnson and Wales University Harborside Campus, Paramount Building.

Providence, Rhode Island: Keisha Frost, The Education Partnership, 401-331-5222 ext. 118, keishaf@edpartnership.org

This *Lights On Afterschool* evening event at D'Abate Elementary will allow the community to see and take part in interactive activities and look at various exhibitions organized by afterschool students, including Karate, Break Dance, Dance Alliance, and more.

Smithfield, Rhode Island: Tracy Cheney, 401-723-2277, ext. 225, tcheney@kidsclubri.com
Kids Klub, Inc. will host open houses and potlucks for parents, school administrators and town council members at several of its locations.

Warwick, Rhode Island: Karin Kavanagh, Boys & Girls Club of Warwick, 401-739-4515, Karin@wbcgclubs.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Warwick will host its *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 18th. The event will feature a spelling bee where students and adults in the community will compete for prizes and awards.

Warwick, Rhode Island: Erica Saccoccio, Rhode Island School Age Child Care Association (RISACCA), 401-738-7813, saamc02889@yahoo.com

RISACCA School Age Awards Night: This is the third consecutive year for this large *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 18th which will acknowledge the professionals who work and support quality afterschool programs in Rhode Island.

Woonsocket, Rhode Island: Maliss Men, Woonsocket 21st Century Community Learning Center, 401-766-73384, mmen@ccfcenter.org

On October 16th from 5:00-7:00 PM, the Woonsocket 21st Century Community Learning Center will hold its largest *Lights On Afterschool* event yet. Special guests will include city officials, the school superintendent, principals, and school administrators. The event will begin with a speech from the project director about the importance of the afterschool programs and will be followed by several key speakers. Organizers will recognize and present an award to their greatest supporter. A student showcase will feature a performance from the Double Dutch League, two songs from the student theater program, and a poem from the students in the Woonsocket Middle School Academic Lab Program. After the student performances, guests will have the opportunity to talk to students and staff about the different afterschool programs. Students, parents, staff, educators, and community members are invited.

South Carolina

Charleston, South Carolina: Sharon Dale, Stiles Point Kaleidoscope, 843-762-2770

On October 18th, Stiles Point Kaleidoscope will host an open house event from 4:30-6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. Hot dogs and cake will be served, and children will showcase afterschool activities. Students, families, and school staff are invited.

Charleston, South Carolina: Sarah Inman, C.E. Williams Middle for Creative & Science School, 843-763-5950, sarahinman@chraleston.k12.sc.us

On October 18th, from 6:00-7:30 PM, the C.E. William Middle for Creative & Science School will host a carnival-themed event for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature fun family games, karaoke, arts and crafts, prizes and a popcorn machine. Students, families, staff, and community members are invited.

Charleston, South Carolina: Nathan Deas, Kaleidoscope, 843-709-9887, ndeas36@bellsouth.com

On October 17th from 5:30-8:00 PM, Kaleidoscope Afterschool Program, Charleston Progressive Academy and Mitchell Elementary School will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event at Charleston Progressive Academy. The Director of the Food Bank will speak about afterschool, and program participants will share their experiences and perform a skit. The event will include door prizes from JCPenney and organizers will provide refreshments. More than 100 people are expected.

Columbia, South Carolina: Javana Lovett, South Carolina Afterschool Alliance, 803-254-5454, jlovett@scafterschool.com

On October 5th, from 5:00- 6:00 PM, the South Carolina Afterschool Alliance hosted a statewide rally on the steps of the South Carolina State House. Special guest and speakers included Senator Hillary Clinton's representative, Congresswoman Yvette Clark; John Edwards' representative, Chris Hart; Barack Obama's representative, Danielle Holley; and Mitt Romney's son and daughter-in-law. Organizers recognized the "Champions of Afterschool." More than 1,000 people attended.

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

On October 18th at 8:00 AM, Richland School District One and the City of Columbia will host a breakfast at the Drew Wellness Center. Adam Dorsey, the Manager and Researcher for the National School Boards Association, will discuss the importance of quality afterschool programs. The event will include student performances, videos of afterschool programs, and testimony from program participants and their parents. The breakfast will culminate with recommended action steps to support afterschool initiatives.

Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina: Sophia Johnson, Shaw AFB Youth Programs, sophia.johnson@shaw.af.mil, 803-895-2252

On October 18th at 3:30 PM, the Almost Grown Zone will present a program on the importance of afterschool. Carnival games will follow as well as displays of youth talents in each core area. Throughout the afternoon, light refreshments will be served for family and friends.

South Dakota

Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota: Nonie Watkins, Ellsworth AFB School Age Program, noie.watkins@ellsworth.af.mil, 605-385-2277

On October 18th, the Ellsworth School Age Program will provide an open house with refreshments made by the children. Parents and children will participate in volleyball games, relay races and crafts. Children will organize two projects to take to the Veterans Hospital the following week.

Rapid City, South Dakota: Michelle Falcon, YMCA Kidstop Afterschool Program, 605-431-0465, michellef@ymca.org

On October 18th from 2:30-6:00 PM, the YMCA Kidstop Afterschool Program will hold a family games and potluck dinner in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Students, families, staff, and teachers are invited. More than 100 people are expected to attend.

Watertown, South Dakota: Jana Chandler, Watertown Boys & Girls Club, 605-886-6666, chandlej@boysandgirlsclubofwatertown.org

On October 18th, the Watertown Boys & Girls Club will host an open house at its Center for *Lights On Afterschool*. Current afterschool students will be able to bring a non-club member for

free. Activities will include an essay contest, light bulb decorating, and a light bulb word contest where students will see how many words they can make from “light bulb”.

Tennessee

Maynardville, Tennessee: Afterschool Ambassador Cathy Kitts, Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, 423-581-5420, cathykitts@aol.com

For the second year in a row, the Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, in conjunction with Union County Schools, will host a *Lights On Afterschool* rally on October 31st in an effort to provide a safe and fun alternative to traditional Halloween activities. Mayor Larry Lay and Director of Union County Schools Charles Thomas will attend. Activities will include presentations from afterschool students, face and pumpkin painting, contests and competitions with prizes and food and treat bags for guests. Parents and community members will have an opportunity to see first-hand some of the activities students participate in during afterschool programming hours. The rally will be open to the public and will be from 5:00–7:00 PM at Union County High School’s Commons Area. Some 600 to 800 people are expected.

Millington, Tennessee: Angela Johnson, Navy Mid-South Youth Teen Center, angela.johnson@navy.mil, 901-874-5155

Navy Mid South will host an open house at the Youth Center and the Teen Center on October 18th from 4:00-5:00 PM to give guests the chance to see what goes on daily at the program. Students will have special events and activities planned for the hour.

Woodbury, Tennessee: Afterschool Ambassador Angela King, Cannon County R.E.A.C.H. Programs, 615-563-4032, reachofcc@yahoo.com

On October 18th Cannon County R.E.A.C.H Programs will host *Lights On Afterschool* open houses and celebrations at nine of its sites. At 11:00 AM, children from the Woodbury site will perform at a luncheon for parents and community leaders including the mayor, State Representative Stratton Bone, and State Senator Mae Beavers. The remaining sites will host open houses and carnivals from 3:00-6:00 PM. Each site will also celebrate Red Ribbon Day in conjunction with *Lights On Afterschool*.

Texas

College Station, Texas: Amanda Poehl, Kids’ Club, 979-764-3831, apoehl@cstx.gov
Kids’ Club, the City of College Station and the College Station Independent School District will host a Family Concert on October 20th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater in celebration of 20 years of programming and *Lights On Afterschool*. It will feature Rotel and the Hot Tomatoes, fun family activities, and concessions. The first 1,500 children will receive a special gift.

College Station, Texas: Cheletia Johnson: Boys & Girls Club of Brazos Valley, 979-764-3779
On October 18th at 5:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Club of Brazos Valley will host a rally for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature entertainment from program participants and staff, games, a membership drive, and information booths from local agencies. The event is open to the public.

Dyess School-age Program, Texas: Lisa Leinneweber, Dyess School-Age Program, lisa.leinneweber@dyess.af.mil, 325-696-8562
October 18th will be a day of afternoon games with parents and youth from the program.

Fort Worth, Texas: Carol Brown, Como Community Center, 817-871-5030, carol.brown@fortworthgov.org
On October 18th at 5:00 PM, the Como Community Center will host an open house in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include dinner and a slide show presentation on afterschool programs. Program participants and families are invited. More than 100 people are expected.

Houston, Texas: Shannon Bishop, The Greater Houston Lights On Alliance, 713-696-1332, sbishop@hcde-texas.org
In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Greater Houston Lights On Alliance will host a “call to action” breakfast on October 18th from 7:30-8:30 AM at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Downtown Houston for corporate citizens in Harris County. Harris County Judge Ed Emmett will speak on the importance of Afterschool, leaders in the Afterschool field will be recognized, and organizers will give attendees the opportunity to join the Afterschool for All: Project 2010 effort. Also on October 18th, from 4:00-7:00 PM, various Afterschool sites around Harris County will hold Lights On events including: the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Houston, the YMCA of Greater Houston, the United Way of Greater Houston, and many more.

Houston, Texas: Jennifer Tobelman, Bay Area YMCA, jennifert@ymcahouston.org
In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Bay Area YMCA will host open houses at its Falcon Pass and Whitcomb Elementary School sites. The events will take place on October 18th from 5:00-6:00 PM. Parents, students, and community members are invited to learn more about the Bay Area YMCA afterschool program.

League City, Texas: Jennifer Tobelman, Bay Area YMCA, 281-486-9622, jennifert@ymcahouston.org
On October 18th from 5:00-6:00 PM, the Bay Area YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with open houses at its Glemore, Goforth, and League City Elementary Schools sites. Students, parents, and community members are invited to learn more about Bay Area YMCA afterschool programs. Also on October 20th from 4:00-7:00 PM, the Bay Area YMCA will host an open house at its new League City facility.

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas: Renea Learst, Sheppard AFB Madrigal Youth Center, Reneaann79@yahoo.com, 940-676-5437
Madrigal will host its *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th with the introduction of a new program called Power Hour, which is a program where youth can do their homework and earn points and prizes for it. Along with Power Hour, relays and activities for youth and families will be provided.

Utah

Clearfield, Utah: Katrina Gray, Hill Field After-School Program, 801-389-3975, katnipp23@yahoo.com

On October 18th, the Hill Field After-School Program will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* Halloween Carnival. The event will include student-designed carnival games, a showcase of artwork, face painting and a magician. Organizers will serve a spaghetti dinner.

Provo, Utah: Alexandria Monahan, Wastach Elementary School, 801-374-4910, alexm@provo.edu

On October 18th, the Wastach Elementary School and Brigham Young University will host an open house at the elementary school in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. First and second graders will offer a theatrical presentation of a poem, after which all program participants will display flags representing the country they are from, while reciting the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States. Following the student presentation, there will be a slide show on the importance of afterschool. Organizers will serve refreshments. Students, families, school administrators and staff are invited.

Vermont

Bellows Falls, Vermont: Sarah Chamberlin, Meeting Waters YMCA, 802-463-4769, sara@meetingwatersymca.org

Meeting Waters YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house on October 18th from 5:00-6:00 PM. The event is open to the community and local government representatives and community stakeholders are invited.

Bennington, Vermont: Katie Shutts, Bennington Elementary School, 802-442-5256, kshutts@svsu.org

On October 18th, Bennington Elementary School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* from 3:30-6:00 PM. The event will include a scavenger hunt, arts and crafts, and snacks. Governor Jim Douglas and City Council and School Board members have been invited. More than 100 people are expected.

Burlington, Vermont: Rose Garrintano, University of Vermont Extension, 802-656-5422, rosemarie.garrintano@uvm.edu

On October 17th at 4:00 PM, the University of Vermont Extension, in collaboration with its community partners, will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Parade at Church Street Market Place. Mayor Bob Kiss is invited. More than 100 people are expected.

Middlebury, Vermont: Anne Gleason, Mary Johnson Children's Center, 802-388-2853, schoolage@mjcvt.org

On October 18th, the Mary Johnson Children's Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event in collaboration with Starsboro School Age Program, Monkton School Age Program, and Middlebury SAC. Program participants will prepare one of their families favorite dishes to share, organizers will major afterschool contributors, and students will showcase their music talents.

South Londonderry, Vermont: Maryann Morris, The Collaborative, 802-824-4200, fbcc3@sover.net

On September 30th, the Collaborative held a Harvest Festival for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event featured a chili and apple pie-making contest, scarecrow-making, pumpkin decorating, dancing, music, and games. Organizers read a letter from Senator Bernie Sanders. The event was open to the community and more than 230 people attended.

Rutland, Vermont: Diana Pfenning, Tapestry Program of Rutland Public Schools, 802-786-1935.

On October 11th, from 3:00-5:30 PM, the Tapestry Program of Rutland Public Schools and its community partners held *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations. Events took place at the Rutland Intermediate School, Northeast Elementary, Northwest Elementary, West Rutland School, and Rutland Town School. All events included baked goods, games, and information on afterschool programs. The events were open to the community.

Virginia

Alexandria, Virginia: Wesley Robinson, School Age Tutoring, 703-888-5794

On October 18th, for *Lights On Afterschool*, the staff of School Age Tutoring will focus on bringing more attention to the funding needs of afterschool programs by going to Capitol Hill and asking Members of Congress to pledge support for afterschool programs.

Alexandria, Virginia: Stacy Blackwell, Gum Springs Community Center, 703-360-6088, stacy.blackwell@fairfaxcounty.gov

On October 18th from 5:00-7:00 PM, the Gum Springs Community Center will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include refreshments, dance performances, a multimedia presentation, and a parent information session. Students, parents, and community members are invited.

Herndon, Virginia: Patricia Lee, Rachel Carson Middle School, 703-925-3631

On October 18th from 3:00-4:30 PM, Rachel Carson Middle School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature physical activity demonstrations such as karate, basketball, ping pong, and dance. Various afterschool clubs will have informational displays and students will be able to sign up for programs. Several hundred students are expected to attend.

Newport News, Virginia: Afterschool Ambassador Karen Washington, Newport News Parks, Recreation and Tourism, 757-926-1449, kwashington@nngov.com

On October 18th from 5:00-7:00 PM, Newport News Parks, Recreation and Tourism will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Midtown Community Center. Twenty-two afterschool programs will join together for a variety of afterschool activities, student performances and carnival-style entertainment. Mayor Joe Frank will discuss the importance of afterschool. Organizers will provide dinner for program participants and their families. Seven hundred students are expected.

Virginia Beach, Virginia: Margaret Sullivan-Rucka, Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation, 757-385-0418, mrucka@vbgov.com

On October 18th from 3:30-5:30 PM, Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Strawbridge Elementary School. Mayor Meyera Oberndorf will issue a proclamation and organizers will discuss afterschool programs and upcoming trends. Staff and

youth serving afterschool programs will be recognized. The event will include arts and crafts, contests, competitions and refreshments.

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

On October 18th from 3:00-5:15 PM, the Navy MWR Mid-Atlantic will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. The carnival-themed event will include face painting, games, prizes, and a fire truck demonstration. The event will also feature information booths from Fleet and Family Support, Navy Health, the Navy Credit Union and Bank of America, Red Cross, Lincoln Housing and Family Fitness, and Kool Smiles, a local Dentist. This event is open to the military community and more than 100 people are expected.

Washington

Belfair, Washington: Billie Schmidt, Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound, 360-275-7805, billies@bg-clubs.com

On October 18th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with open houses at Bremerton Branch, Port Orchard Branch, North Mason Teen Center, and Sandy Hill Elementary. Events will include carnival like games and educational activities. Organizers will provide refreshments. Students, families, staff, and community members are invited.

Curtis, Washington: Shari Watt, Boisfort 21st Century Community Learning Center, 360-245-3343, dswatt@yahoo.com

The Boisfort 21st Century Community Learning Center will host *Lights On Afterschool* events on October 16th, 23rd and 30th. All three events will include workshops for parents to learn ways to make reading more enjoyable for their young readers, and fun activities for children including literacy games and arts and crafts. Program participants, families and staff are invited.

McChord Air Force Base: Carol Lane, McChord School Age Program, carol.lane@mcchord.af.mil, 253-982-9056

For *Lights On Afterschool*, this school age program will host an open house on October 18th from 4:00-5:30 PM with local agencies that focus on deployment and separation of military families. It will include an arts showcase, family games, and popcorn. Representatives from the Family Support Center will talk about deployment. More than 300 people are expected.

Seattle, Washington: Danielle Baer, Schools Out Washington, 206-323-2396, dbaer@schoolsoutwashington.org, Afterschool Alliance Ambassador April Bowman, Garfield Community Center, 206-684-0933, april.m.bowman@gmail.com

On October 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM, School's Out Washington will host a Hall of Fame Award Ceremony at Pacific Science Center for *Lights On Afterschool*. The Center will open all exhibits to children, with some 400 children and youth from afterschool programs expected to attend. Snack and goodie bags for all participants will include special *Lights On* t-shirts. All guests will have special after-hours access to tour the "Colossal Fossils" exhibit. The Hall of Fame Awards will be given to several local supporters of after school, including the Medina Foundation, T-Mobile, State Senator Tracy Eide, City of Spokane Mayor Dennis Hession, Billie Young, and educators Rick George and Wendy Bleecker. A youth and a parent from the Garfield

Community Center will speak and other students will perform. Presenters include Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske, Senator Rosemary McAuliffe, State Representative Fred Jarrett, and Seattle City Council member David Della. Local community leaders are invited.

Tacoma, Washington: Sierra Raynor, Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound, 253-502-4631, sierra@bg-clubs.com

On October 18th, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM, the Boys & Girls Club of South Puget Sound will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house at the Al Davies Branch. The event will include gym activities, face painting, jeopardy and pool and pin pong tournaments. One student will speak about afterschool. Local teachers, police, and firefighters are invited and Mayor Bill Baarsma may attend along with other community leaders. More than 300 people are expected.

West Virginia

Charleston, West Virginia: Jan Hange, West Virginia Statewide Afterschool Network, 304-720-9882, jane.hange@mail.wvu.edu

The West Virginia Statewide Afterschool Network will host a celebration for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 4:00-7:00 PM. The event will take place at the lower level rotunda of the State Capital and will include student performances, speeches, art displays, refreshments and prize giveaways. West Virginia First Lady Gayle Manchin, Miss West Virginia and the State Superintendent of Schools will attend.

Morgantown, West Virginia: Afterschool Ambassador Lynn Sobolov, Kaleidoscope Community Learning Centers, 304-284-9385, lsobolov@access.k12.wv.us

On October 18th from 6:00-7:30 PM, Afterschool for All of Monongalia County will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Morgantown Mall. WVAQ will have a live remote and elected officials, school officials, parents, students and leaders from the Greater Morgantown Youth Commission will discuss the importance of afterschool programs to the local community. Activities will include: hands on science, mask-making, t-shirt and cookie decorating, and prize giveaways. The event is open to the community.

Wisconsin

Green Bay, Wisconsin: Afterschool Ambassador Trina Lambert, Wequiock Elementary School, 920-448-2477, tlambert@greenbay.k12.wi.us

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program is hosting a *Lights On Afterschool* Breakfast of Champions on October 18th from 8:00-9:00 AM at the District Office Building, 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304. This event will celebrate the efforts of many individuals who support afterschool programming, a presentation from students, and speeches by State Representative James Soleski; President and CEO of the Green Bay YMCA Steve Harty; and School Superintendent Dr. Dan Nerad.

Hayward, Wisconsin: Heather Peterson, Boys & Girls Club of Lac Courte Orielles, 715-634-4030, heatheripeterson@yahoo.com

On October 12th from 5:00-7:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Club of Lac Courte Oriells hosted an open house in for *Lights On Afterschool* in conjunction with the Club's grand opening. The event included fun cultural activities and a community dinner. Program participants and alumni

discussed their afterschool experiences. Students, families, staff and community members were invited. More than 200 people attended.

Madison, Wisconsin: Jean Gascho, Madison School Community Recreation, 808-204-4082, jgascho@madison.k12.wi.us

On September 25th from 6:00-7:30 PM, Glendale Elementary School and Madison School Community and Recreation hosted an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event included a picture and light bulb display, and students wrote about what they like about afterschool on paper light bulbs.

Madison, Wisconsin: Jean Gascho, Madison School Community Recreation, 808-204-4082, jgascho@madison.k12.wi.us

Hawthorne Elementary School and Madison School Community Recreation will hosted an open house Picnic on September 25th from 5:30-7:00 PM. The event included a Giant Basketball Shoot and a light bulb display.

Madison, Wisconsin: Jean Gascho, Madison School Community Recreation, 808-204-4082, jgascho@madison.k12.wi.us

On October 9th from 6:00-8:00 PM, Madison School Community Recreation and Mendota Elementary hosted an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event featured face painting and a light bulb display where afterschool students either wrote or drew about why they like Madison School Community Recreation.

Madison, Wisconsin: Jean Gascho, Madison School Community Recreation, 808-204-4082, jgascho@madison.k12.wi.us

Allis Elementary School and Madison School Community Recreation hosted a Family Meet and Greet for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event took place on October 9th from 6:30- 8:00 PM and included refreshments and a light bulb display with writings and drawings from afterschool students about why afterschool is important to them.

Madison, Wisconsin: Jean Gascho, Madison School Community Recreation, 808-204-4082, jgascho@madison.k12.wi.us

On October 18th, Madison School Community Recreation will host open houses at three of its afterschool sites – Lake View, Midvale and Falk Elementary Schools. Events will feature a family Meet-and-Greet, Safe Haven performances, and adult versus student kickball games. Afterschool students will write or draw to describe what they like about Madison School Community Recreation.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Lynn Greb, Milwaukee Public Schools, grebla@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

On October 23rd from 6:00-8:00 PM, twelve student groups from various Milwaukee Public Schools will host a student talent showcase called “Turn on the Talent.” Performances will include choreographed dance routines, cheerleading and singing. Audience members will vote on their favorite performances. In addition, organizers will collect letters of support for afterschool programs from students, staff, parents and community leaders which they will later deliver to the Governor’s Office. Approximately 850 program participants, family members, staff and community leaders are expected.

Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin: Nicole Bessey, Boys & Girls Club of Wisconsin Rapids, 715-424-2582, nbessey@bgcrapids.org

On October 18th from 5:00-9:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Club of Wisconsin Rapids will host a Family Night for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature a family meal, bingo, a movie and popcorn, and raffle prizes. Mayor Mary Jo Carson may attend along with Board Members and the Chief of Police.

Wyoming

Cody, Wyoming: Amy Tripe, Cody Parks and Recreation, 307-587-2550, ampt@cityofcody.com
On September 18th, the Cody Parks and Recreation celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* one month early at Eastside Elementary School. Community members who attended learned more about innovative afterschool programming and SMILES, the new development program designed to improve children's self-esteem.

F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming: Jean Sall, F.E. Warren Air Force Base Youth Center, 307-773-2564, jean.sall@warren.af.mil

On October 15th from 4:00-5:30 PM, the F.E. Warren Air Force Base Youth Center hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* event featuring a storyteller and snacks.

Lander, Wyoming: Afterschool Ambassador Linda Barton, Program Director of Lights On in Lander, 307-332-4240, lbarton@fre1.k12.wy.us

On October 18th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, Lights On in Lander is sponsoring a family social and dance at North Elementary School. Organizers will read a Proclamation from the Governor. The event will feature a disk jockey, door prizes from local businesses, and sandwiches and dessert. The Mayor and the Chief of Police will speak about the importance of afterschool.

Rock Springs, Wyoming: Lisa Plant, Community Connections, 307-352-3210, plantli@rock.sw1.k12.wy.us

On October 18th from 3:00-4:30 PM, Community Connections will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Read-a-Thon at North Park Elementary school. All students are invited and approximately 50 people are expected to attend.

Germany

Spangdahlem APO, Germany: Gira Christian-Booker, Spangdahlem Youth Programs, gira.brooker@spangdahlem.af.mil

On October 18th, Spangdahlem Youth Programs will hold an open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. Students from the program and staff members will make a presentation, after which organizers will serve dinner and staff will showcase afterschool activities. The event is open to program participants, family, staff and the military community. More than 100 people are expected to attend.

Spangdahlem APO, Germany: Helen Reeves, Bitburg School Age Program
helen.reeves@spangdahlem.af.mil

On October 18th, Bitburg School Age program will hold a parent and child scavenger hunt. Each clue will lead to a different area of the program and highlight what is offered to the students. The last clue will lead to a buffet dinner.

Japan

Misawa, Japan: Kayline Hamilton, Youth Programs, kayline.hamilton@misawa.af.mil
On October 19th from 3:00-5:00 PM, the Youth Programs at Misawa Air force Base will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an outdoor festival. 35 SVS Commander Major Patrick Sollami will issue a Proclamation and Edgren High School Principal Michael Johnson will speak on the importance of afterschool and of staying in school and off drugs. The event will include a bounce castle, carnival style games, prizes and food. It is open to the Misawa Air Force Base and approximately 300 people are expected to attend.

Sasebo, Japan: Christina Sparks, MB School Age Care and Hario School Age Care, Christina.sparks@sasebo.navy.mil
MB and Hario School Age Care will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event featuring fun activities for parents and children, including games, art projects, and cooking. Parents are invited to attend and find out about the afterschool program.

South Korea

Osan, South Korea: Theodore Morris, Osan Youth Center, Theodore.morris@osan.af.mil
On October 11th from 4:00-6:00 PM, the Osan Youth Center celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house for children, parents and the Air Force Base community. Program providers showcased many of the activities they offer including art, career development, character and leadership development, health and life skills, and sports and recreation. The event included remarks by the Youth Leadership Club Members and fun activities such as tricycle relays, basketball, DDR dance competitions and pool challenges.