



**NEWS RELEASE**  
April 21, 2010

**CONTACT:** Gretchen Wright  
202/371-1999

## **American Savings Foundation President and CEO Honored as an Afterschool Champion in Nation's Capital**

*Parents, Educators, Students, Afterschool Leaders  
Urge Congress to Increase Afterschool Funding*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Afterschool Alliance today honored David Davison, President and CEO of the American Savings Foundation for his support for afterschool programs at the “Breakfast of Champions,” a gala event in Washington, D.C. that featured performances by Mark Bryan, lead guitarist and founder of Hootie and the Blowfish and afterschool youth. Davison is a powerful advocate for youth and a champion of afterschool programs that help them succeed. He was one of just ten individuals from around the country honored at the “Breakfast” for supporting and working on behalf of the afterschool programs. The Connecticut After School Network nominated him for the honor.

Davison’s career began at the Hamilton Madison House Settlement on the Lower East Side of New York where he spent seven years working in community-based programs for children, youth and families. While on the national staff of Boys and Girls Clubs of America, he created and directed a nationwide drug prevention and education program. He later served as Assistant National Executive Director for Development for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America.

As President and CEO of the American Savings Foundation, he has championed afterschool in the 64-town service area served by the organization. Davison is on the Connecticut After School Advisory Board and just completed a term as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy. His leadership has resulted in greater coordination between providers by creating the New Britain Youth Network, a local intermediary organization which serves as a model for other Connecticut cities.

The “Breakfast of Champions” is part of the ninth annual *Afterschool for All Challenge*, sponsored by the Afterschool Alliance, which brings together hundreds of parents, educators, children, program directors and advocates from around the country for a series of events and meetings with Members of Congress. It is being held this year in conjunction with Be the Change, the National AfterSchool Association’s annual convention. At these events, afterschool advocates are urging Congress to safeguard federal funding for these programs and reject Administration proposals to cut funding by \$13 million in Fiscal Year 2011 and to allow non-afterschool programs to compete for federal afterschool dollars.

“This year, federal support for afterschool programs is in serious peril,” said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. “The Obama Administration is proposing making non-afterschool programs eligible for the already limited federal dollars available through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) initiative, which is the principal federal funding stream for afterschool. It is more important than ever that advocates speak up and speak out to ensure that every child who needs afterschool has access to the programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families.”

Other state champions honored at the *Afterschool for All Challenge* are: William Byars, State Director of the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice; Jerry Ellis, Mayor of Farmington Hills, Michigan; Wendell Maddox, President and CEO of the United Way of Wyandotte County, Kansas; Thierry Malley, State Director of the Pennsylvania Area Council of Boys and Girls Clubs; Chuck Oberlie, Mayor of Michigan City, Indiana; Rhode Island State Representative Edwin Pacheco; Renee Rider, Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Child Care Services, New York State Office of Children and Family Services; Carla Sanger, President and CEO of LA’s BEST in Los Angeles, California; and Ronnie Steine, Councilmember-at-Large, Metro Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee.

The 2010 “Breakfast of Champions” is sponsored by: United States Tennis Association, Bright House Networks, Quaker Chewy, Torani, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Open Society Institute, Peavey Electronics, NAMM, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, D.C. Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation and Cable in the Classroom.

# # # #

*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](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org).*