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Afterschool Alliance Announces New VP of Development

Alice J. Gallin-Dwyer Takes on Lead Fundraising Role

Washington, DC – Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant today announced the hiring of Alice J. Gallin-Dwyer as the organization’s first Vice President of Development. The 15-year veteran advocate for women, children and families joined the organization in April. She will develop, manage and evaluate the organization’s revenue goals as it works to give all children and youth access to afterschool programs by the year 2010.

Before joining the Afterschool Alliance, Gallin-Dwyer worked for two organizations that advocate for low-income women and their families – the Washington Area Women’s Foundation and the National Women’s Law Center. During her tenure as Director of Development & Partnerships for the Washington Area Women’s Foundation, the organization had its best fundraising year in its eight-year history. As Deputy Director of Development and Director of Foundation & Corporate Relations for the National Women’s Law Center, she developed and implemented fundraising strategies that led to significant growth in funding for the Center’s Family Economic Security and Employment programs. Before becoming a fundraiser, she practiced family law and commercial litigation at law firms in Washington, D.C. and New York. Gallin-Dwyer also clerked for the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

“We’re absolutely delighted to have Alice on board,” said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. “She has tremendous skills and energy, and the perfect background for the organization and the task at hand. With Alice leading our development work, we look forward to years of healthy expansion that will allow the Afterschool Alliance to become an even more powerful advocate for the millions of children and families who need afterschool programs.”

The Afterschool Alliance has taken on an increasingly ambitious agenda in recent years. Its flagship event, *Lights on Afterschool*, is marked every October by afterschool programs across the nation. Last year saw more than 7,500 local, regional, statewide and national events involving more than half a million people.

The organization’s May 24, 2006 *Afterschool for All Challenge*, jointly sponsored this year with the National League of Cities, will bring more than 500 afterschool advocates to Capitol Hill to press for full funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative, the federal government’s principal funding stream for afterschool programs.

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The organization's *Afterschool for All: Project 2010* brings together individuals and organizations from across the nation who support the vision that all children and youth deserve access to quality, affordable afterschool programs by the year 2010. Some 3,000 partners have signed on, including governors, mayors, police chiefs, prosecutors, parents, educators, colleges and universities, and organizations representing a broad array of sectors including IBM, the National PTA, Children's Defense Fund, NAACP, National Council of La Raza, Time Warner, the NBA, NFL, MLB, NHL, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization supported by a group of public, private and nonprofit entities working to ensure that all children have access to afterschool programs by 2010. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

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