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Diverse Stars Come Out to Support Afterschool Programs

Afterschool Alliance's "Leadership Circle" Includes High Profile Afterschool Supporters from Government, Philanthropy, Entertainment

The Afterschool Alliance today announced its Leadership Circle, comprised of celebrities, journalists, actors, performers and other leaders who are working to help ensure that, one day soon, every child will have access to a safe, stimulating afterschool program. The program honors a select group of high profile individuals who are helping to promote or support afterschool programs.

The Afterschool Alliance Leadership Circle currently includes:

- Kevin Sorbo, actor, the Afterschool Alliance's national spokesperson;
- William White, president of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation;
- Joey Altman, award-winning celebrity chef;
- Steve Azar, country music artist;
- Alana De La Garza, actor, "Law and Order;"
- Tyler Florence, Chef and TV Personality;
- Judge Glenda Hatchett, host of the television show, *Judge Hatchett*;
- Glenda Hood, former Florida Secretary of State;
- Richard Riley, former United States Secretary of Education;
- Stephanie Robinson, CEO & President, Jamestown Project, and commentator, *Tom Joyner Morning Show*; and
- Joel Stein, *Time* Magazine contributor and *Los Angeles Times* columnist.

"We are honored to work closely with such an esteemed and dedicated group of afterschool champions," said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. "Each member of our Leadership Circle has donated time and talent to supporting the afterschool programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families. In the United States today, there are 15 million children who are unsupervised after the school day ends. It will take the effort and commitment of everyone who cares about children to help us achieve afterschool for all."

Members of the Afterschool Alliance's Leadership Circle have participated in national events like *Lights On Afterschool* and the *Afterschool for All Challenge*, signed letters in support of afterschool programs, testified before Congress and much more.

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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.