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T-Mobile Sponsors Milwaukie Youth At Afterschool Alliance Event in Washington, D.C. Next Week

Alder Creek Middle School Student to Address Members of Congress on the Importance of Afterschool Programs

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 9, 2008 --- Alder Creek Middle School student and Juvenile Assistance Corporation EXCEL Club participant Brandon Brown will spend May 13 and 14 in our nation's capital learning about advocacy and urging lawmakers to increase funding for afterschool programs, the Afterschool Alliance announced today. T-Mobile USA is sponsoring the eighth grader's trip to participate in the Afterschool Alliance's seventh annual *Afterschool for All Challenge*.

"T-Mobile is proud to support afterschool programs, which keep children safe, inspire them to learn and help working families," said Glenn Zaccara, T-Mobile senior manager, corporate responsibility. "We are so happy to give a young leader like Brandon the chance to come to Washington, D.C. and speak out for the afterschool programs that inspire him and millions of other students in Milwaukie, in Oregon and across the country."

Brown will join hundreds of parents, children, educators and advocates from around the country at the two-day "Challenge." On Tuesday, he will participate in a special youth leadership training to prepare to meet with Members of Congress. On Wednesday, he will attend a "Breakfast of Champions," at which the Afterschool Alliance will present awards to afterschool champions and innovative afterschool programs.

"My afterschool program has really helped me raise my grades and actually enjoy school and now my mom and I don't argue about school work," said Brown. "I'm looking forward to telling my senators and representative about how important these programs are to me, my family and other kids and their parents all over the country. I also want to thank T-Mobile for giving me the opportunity to come to Washington, D.C. and for supporting programs like mine."

After the "Breakfast of Champions," Brown will join other afterschool advocates as they fan out across Capitol Hill to meet with Members of Congress and congressional staff. In the meetings, advocates will discuss the benefits offered by afterschool programs and urge Congress to reject the President's proposal to cut the 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative (21st CCLC) and convert it to a voucher system. The 21st CCLC is the chief federal funding stream for afterschool.

“Parents, children and communities rely on afterschool programs to keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families,” said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. “But federal funding isn’t keeping up with the demand for afterschool, and President Bush proposes to cut federal afterschool funding even further. Next week advocates will remind lawmakers that these cuts are short-sighted and counterproductive. All kids need the opportunities that afterschool programs provide. I’m delighted that Brandon will be with us to talk with his elected officials about how important afterschool programs have been in his life. We are enormously grateful to T-Mobile for making his trip possible.”

This year, President Bush proposed cutting the federal budget for afterschool programs by \$281 million and converting the successful 21st Century Community Learning Centers afterschool initiative (21st CCLC) into a risky voucher system. If Congress agrees to his proposal, 300,000 students would lose access to afterschool programs.

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About the Afterschool Alliance

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.

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About T-Mobile Huddle Up

T-Mobile Huddle Up is T-Mobile USA’s community outreach program connecting kids, primarily from single-parent families in high-need, urban communities to positive people, places and programs. T-Mobile Huddle Up focuses on addressing the need for quality afterschool spaces and programs for youth to grow and stay connected to positive people and places. To help kids reach their potential and improve communities nationwide, T-Mobile has established long-term partnerships with two leading national non-profit organizations – City Year and the Afterschool Alliance.