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**Foundation Leaders, State Legislators and Education Leaders
to Be Honored for Championing Afterschool**

***2013 “Breakfast of Champions” to Feature Middle School Assistant Principal and
Afterschool Chess Coach from Award-Winning Documentary “Brooklyn Castle”***

John Galvin, who has become known to movie audiences across the country as the chess coach for the winningest middle school chess team in the nation, will be honored for his commitment to afterschool programs at the Afterschool Alliance’s 2013 “Breakfast of Champions,” along with 18 State Afterschool Champions, and several Members of Congress. The Alliance will present its “Afterschool for All” Champion Award to Galvin for his dedication to his students and the afterschool chess program which has helped so many children at I.S. 318 in Brooklyn succeed and thrive. The chess team is the subject of an award-winning documentary film, “Brooklyn Castle,” which will soon be released on NetFlix.

Following the “Breakfast,” participants will meet with their U.S. representatives and senators to discuss the importance of afterschool programs to children, families and communities.

The “Breakfast of Champions” is organized by the Afterschool Alliance as part of the 12th annual *Afterschool for All Challenge*. The “Breakfast” will be at:

**8:30 AM Thursday, February 7
Kennedy Caucus Room, Russell Senate Office Building**

WITH

I.S. 318 Assistant Principal John Galvin

Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant

Members of Congress, including:

***Senator Barbara Boxer (CA), Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK) and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)
(confirmed)***

Invited:

***Senator John Boozman (AR), Senator Joe Manchin, III (WV), Senator Robert Menendez (NJ),
Senator Barbara Mikulski (MD), Senator Patty Murray (WA), Senator Jack Reed (RI), Senator
Chuck Schumer (NY), Senator Jean Shaheen (NH), Senator Tom Udall (NM) and
Representative David Cicilline (RI)***

The Afterschool State Champions being honored are:

- **Arkansas:** Tammie Cloyes, 21st CCLC Program Coordinator, Department of Education
- **California:** Michael Funk, Director of the After School Division, Department of Education
- **Florida:** Modesto Abety-Gutierrez, President and CEO, The Children's Trust
- **Georgia:** N. Jean Walker Ph.D., Vice President of Education, United Way of Greater Atlanta
- **Iowa:** Dave Welter, Principal, Holmes Junior High School
- **Indiana:** Willis Bright, Former Director of Youth Programs, Lilly Endowment
- **Kansas:** Laura Kaiser, Family Engagement Chair, Kansas Parent Teacher Association
- **Massachusetts:** The Honorable Thomas McGee, Massachusetts State Senate
- **North Carolina:** Carr Thompson, Senior Program Officer, Burroughs Wellcome Fund
- **Nebraska:** Kristin Williams, Director of Community Initiatives, The Sherwood Foundation
- **New Jersey:** The Honorable Connie Wagner, New Jersey General Assembly
- **New Mexico:** Laurie Mueller, Former 21st CCLC State Coordinator, Department of Education
- **Oklahoma:** General Ben Robinson USAF (Ret.), President, Sentry One LLC
- **Pennsylvania:** Leslie Roesler, Associate Director, Pennsylvania Key – Berks Intermediate Unit
- **Rhode Island:** The Honorable Frank Ferri, Rhode Island House of Representatives
- **Texas:** Jennifer Esterline, Independent Nonprofit Consultant
- **Virginia:** Kathryn Johnson, Executive Director, Alternatives, Inc.
- **West Virginia:** Gayle Manchin, Vice President, State Board of Education.

The event comes on the heels of the national meeting of the Statewide Afterschool Networks, which work to expand quality afterschool programming at the state level. Statewide afterschool networks exist in 41 states, with plans to expand to all 50 states. On Tuesday, the Networks will participate in the release of a first-of-its-kind compendium of studies, reports and commentaries on the academic and other benefits of afterschool and summer learning programs.

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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.