



MEDIA ADVISORY
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October 20: Houston ‘Energy Superheroes’ to Join in *Lights On Afterschool* Celebration at Ridgemont Elementary

Women Highlighted in New Book to Lead Students in Building Wind Turbines

Houston, Texas – Several Houston area “Energy Superheroes” will join students, parents, and afterschool providers at the YMCA of Greater Houston’s ACE 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool program at Ridgemont Elementary School on October 20, part of the nationwide celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* that day. The “energy superheroes” – women who all work for local energy companies – aim to spark excitement among students about energy careers by sharing their stories and leading students in a wind-turbine-building exercise.

The women are each highlighted in a new children’s book, *Energy Superheroes: Women in Energy Careers*. The women’s participation is the result of a partnership between the Afterschool Alliance and the *Everyday Superheroes* book series, which connects local women leading the nation’s energy transition with the future workforce.

The Superheroes will meet with afterschool students and their families to discuss careers in energy, sign free copies of the book, then lead students in a sustainable energy exercise – building small wind turbines on the back of the pencil. The afternoon’s activities will also include Superhero Mask crafting station, a Read Aloud with a Superhero activity, a performance by the Lady Roadrunners Dance Club, and more.

Similar celebrations with other local superheroes are scheduled in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Boston, Mass.; and Oklahoma City, Okla. Copies of *Energy Superheroes* and wind turbine kits for the Houston event are contributed by Pattern Energy and Stem Superheroes Erin Twamley.

WHEN: October 20, 5:00 to 6:30 PM

WHERE: Ridgemont Elementary School, 4910 Raven Ridge Drive, Houston

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The ACE 21st Century Program is a federal Nita M. Lowey 21st CCLC Program grantee, partnering with the YMCA of Greater Houston to provide quality afterschool programming. This partnership allows the organization to have access to a wide range of resources that are passed along to families. The YMCA puts Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

Organized by the [Afterschool Alliance](#) and launched in October 2000, *Lights On Afterschool* is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families, and communities. The effort has become a hallmark of the afterschool movement and generates media coverage across the country each year. Thousands of afterschool programs across the nation will be celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on or around October 20, with open houses, rallies, parades, and more.

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