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**Lights On Afterschool Showcases the Many Ways Afterschool Programs Across the Country Keep Kids Safe, Help Working Families, and Inspire Learning. Georgetown's Afterschool Alliance partners are also committed to improving program quality, and building Developmental Assets youth need to thrive!**

In America today, [11.3 million children](#) are alone and unsupervised after school. Afterschool programs keep kids safe and healthy; help working families; and inspire learning. And they provide opportunities to help young people grow into successful adults.

Communities across the nation will celebrate the 20th annual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 24th, with more than [8,000 events](#) in cities and towns across the country and at U.S. military bases worldwide. More than [1 million](#) people are expected to participate in *Lights On Afterschool* rallies, open houses, fun runs, and other celebrations.

*Lights On Afterschool* is also an opportunity to celebrate the [15,000](#) children and youth served annually in afterschool programs provided by partners in Georgetown's Afterschool Alliance, a collective of 10 local organizations dedicated to ensuring that all children and youth have access to high-quality, affordable afterschool programs.

"Partners in Georgetown's Afterschool Alliance offer programs that challenge growth; provide support; and expand possibilities for young people through a variety of skill building, leadership, service, and academic enrichment opportunities," said Leslie Janca, Chief Executive Officer of The Georgetown Project, "Social-emotional development, health and wellness and executive functioning strategies are also common among partners. Positive intergenerational relationships have the power to mitigate challenges in a young person's life, so we are intentional about empowering youth with caring adults in the community who are devoted to their success. Wrap that up in a whole bunch of fun, and afterschool is the perfect setting to make a real difference for kids and families.

"No one program can serve the need for all families in our growing community. Afterschool Alliance partners are committed to improving youth outcomes by ensuring afterschool programs are available for youth from all walks of life across Georgetown. The odds for youth success improve exponentially when we work together toward a common vision."

# Georgetown Afterschool Alliance

*Keeping the Lights On Afterschool!*



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Georgetown Family YMCA  
Georgetown ISD After School Action Program (ASAP)  
Georgetown Palace Theatre  
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Southwestern University Upward Bound  
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*Serving a combined 15,000 children and youth annually.*