Boys & Girls Club of America Government Relations Director
Honored as an Afterschool Champion at
Special Event in Nation’s Capital

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Afterschool Alliance today recognized Joyce Glasscock, Boys & Girls Clubs of America Government Relations Director, for her exemplary support for afterschool programs and the youth who participate in them. Glasscock was named a State Afterschool Champion at the “Breakfast of Champions,” a gala event in Washington, D.C. featuring Members of Congress and national afterschool champions. Glasscock has been a strong supporter of expanded learning opportunities and afterschool programs for many years, including spearheading a successful capital campaign to build a new neighborhood-based Club facility in Manhattan. She was one of 11 state champions honored at the Breakfast for helping to support and expand innovative approaches to expanding learning that close opportunity gaps, build student skills and create pathways for lifelong learning. The Kansas Enrichment Network nominated her for the honor.

As Government Relations Director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Glasscock leads and supports statewide funding initiatives and state legislative efforts for Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Club alliances in New York, New Jersey, Missouri, Colorado and Kansas. While working on the local level at the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan, she managed the main facility and seven school-based program sites and raised funds for a new building. Glasscock serves on the Advisory Board of the Beach Museum of Art at Kansas State University, is a Founding Member of the K-State Women’s Studies Advisory Council; and is a graduate of Leadership Kansas.

“Joyce has been a strong supporter of expanded learning opportunities for many years,” said Marcia Dvorak, Kansas Enrichment Network Program Director. “From working to finance and build a new Boys & Girls Club site in Manhattan to increasing statewide support for afterschool programs in Kansas and beyond, Joyce’s dedication to youth development work is unparalleled. Her efforts have positively impacted countless children in Kansas and beyond. She is truly a champion for youth.”
The “Breakfast of Champions” is part of the 13th annual Afterschool for All Challenge, sponsored by the Afterschool Alliance. The event brings together hundreds of educators, parents, afterschool leaders and advocates from around the country for a series of events and meetings with Members of Congress. Following the Breakfast, participants met with their senators and representatives on Capitol Hill to talk to about how important afterschool programs are to children, families and communities. This year, the Alliance is also encouraging advocates for afterschool to participate in the Challenge at home by calling Congressional district offices to urge their representatives in Congress to co-sponsor the Afterschool for America’s Children Act.

“Quality afterschool programs give our children and youth a chance to engage in hands-on, experimental learning in a safe and structured environment after the school day ends,” said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. “But they also do much more. Not only are they a lifeline for working parents, afterschool programs expose students to possible careers in the sciences or other fields, teach them the value of community service, and provide them with mentors, meals, physical activity and more. The champions we honor today not only support these programs, but the kids, parents and communities that benefit from them.”

The State Champions being honored at the Afterschool for All Challenge are:

- **Florida**: Michael Lannon, Retired Superintendent, St. Lucie County Schools;
- **Kansas**: Joyce Glasscock, Director, Government Relations, Boys & Girls Clubs of America;
- **Massachusetts**: Jennifer Benson, Representative, Massachusetts State Legislature;
- **Michigan**: Peter MacGregor, Representative, Michigan State Legislature;
- **Michigan**: Rashida Tlaib, Representative, Michigan State Legislature;
- **Nebraska**: Rick Kolowski, State Senator, Nebraska State Legislature;
- **New Mexico**: Christine Trujillo, State Representative, New Mexico State Legislature;
- **Ohio**: Gayle Manning, State Senator, Ohio State Legislature;
- **Pennsylvania**: Nancy Peter, Founder and Director, Out-of-School Time Resource Center at the University of Pennsylvania;
- **Tennessee**: Karl Dean, Mayor of Nashville; and
- **Wyoming**: Karen Bierhaus, 21st CCLC State Consultant, Wyoming Department of Education.

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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.