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**City of White Plains Youth Bureau After School Programs Celebrates
*Lights On After School***

White Plains, NY – October 18, 2017. More than 15 million "latchkey children" go home after-school each day to a house with no adult supervision, and without the opportunities to learn what after-school programs can provide. Studies show that the hours between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. are crucial for our children. After-school programs not only keep our children safe, they can also boost school success and graduation rates.

Lights On After School is a nationwide celebration of after-school programs that attracts over 1 million Americans to 8,000 events across the country and U.S military bases around the world. On October 26th people across the country will be joining together to rally for after-school programs that keep our children safe, inspire them to learn, promote positive youth development and help working families. It seems that providing our children with the best quality after-school programming is something we can all agree on.

This year the White Plains Youth Bureau's After School Program is partnering with White Plains Public Library to host a concert featuring the children from the Ridgeway and Slater Center after school programs! **The program will be held on October 26th at 4:00 p.m. on the Library Plaza, located at 100 Martine Avenue in White Plains,** and will also include guests from local government, the Youth Bureau, White Plains Library, White Plains School District, after-school program participants, and parents. At each of the other elementary, middle school and community based programs the children will work on essays expressing the importance to them, their families and their community of quality after-school programs.

All White Plains Youth Bureau after-school program children, their families and invited guests will also celebrate the month with a pot- luck family night on October 18th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at each of the after-school programs. Additionally, youth will showcase their artwork,



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essays, talents and projects and participate in activities geared towards educating parents and families about the importance of after-school programs as well as other Youth Bureau and City of White Plains services.

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