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## Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle Celebrates Lights On Afterschool

The Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle will be celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities the week of October 23 – 27, 2023. Launched in October 2000, *Lights On Afterschool* is a nationwide event to raise awareness of how afterschool programs support students by offering opportunities to learn and develop new skills in areas such as science, community service, and the arts in a safe and supportive environment.

"Each of our Clubs is opening its doors to the public so community members can see the difference we make in the lives of the youth we serve," said Amber Glennon, Director of Grants and Operations. "We want to highlight that we focus on many areas of youth development. In addition to providing educational support, we focus on character development and positive decision making, arts, recreation and more."

The Morgan County Club invites the public to join the staff and kids celebrate on Wednesday, October 25, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at 261 Berkmore Place Suite 2A in Berkeley Springs. To RSVP, contact Morgan County Unit Director Sandy Mellott at (304) 258-6741 or smellott@bgcepwv.org.

The Jefferson County Club will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Lights on Afterschool on Thursday, October 26, from 4:30 -6:30 at 334 N. Lawrence Street Charles Town. To RSVP, contact Jefferson County Unit Director at Monica Addison at 304-728-3143 or <a href="maddison@bgcepw.org">maddison@bgcepw.org</a>.

The Martinsburg Club will be recognizing Lights On Afterschool on Friday, October 27, from 5:00 – 7:00 at 105 W. John Street in Martinsburg. To RSVP, contact Amber Glennon, Director of Grants and Operations, at berkeley@bgcepwv.org or 304-263-2696.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle strives to enable all young peopleto reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens with a goal that all youth graduate from high school and have a plan for their future. Membership costs \$15.00 a month is open to youth ages 6 - 18.

For more information, contact Amber Glennon, Director of Grants and Operations, at the Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle at 304-263-1832 or berkeley@bgcepwv.org.