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Dear Melanie,

Registration is NOW open for Arizona’s largest gathering of out-of-school time programs and professionals!

The 2014 Arizona Statewide Out-of-School Time Conference and Awards of Excellence Luncheon is an unparalleled experience where out-of-school time professionals can learn about the newest activities, curricula and strategies for youth in after school, before school and summer programs!

Attendees have the opportunity to network with over 600 other out-of-school time professionals, receive up to four hours of professional development and enjoy lunch while fellow programs, staff and leaders are recognized during the Awards of Excellence Luncheon.

The cost to attend is $90 per person or $85 per person when registering groups of 10 or more. Visit www.azafterschool.org for Conference updates including keynote speakers and workshop offerings.

What are you waiting for? Click here to register today, or visit this link to reserve your spots today, and submit attendee information in the fall!

Questions? Call 602.496.3308

Arizona 4-H Wins National Science Day Experiment "Rockets"
An engraved award, presented at the 2014 Awards Luncheon

Click here for more information, including Rules and Guidelines, Nomination Forms, and Tips for Writing a Successful Nomination.

**Funding Opportunity - Dollar General Literacy Award**

Does your afterschool program provide outstanding literacy support? Apply for a $10,000 Dollar General Literacy Award!

For the first time, the Afterschool Alliance has partnered with the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to recognize outstanding afterschool programs providing literacy support to middle school students. Nominate a program by Aug. 15! Click here for more information!

**Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service Learning - Proposal Request**

Are you an expert in the field of volunteerism or service learning? Are you a Volunteer Manager with great resources to share with others in your field?

The Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service Learning is requesting workshop presenter proposals.

Deadline for submission is July 15. Summit dates are December 5th & 6th, 2014.

For more information, click here.

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**to the Rescue**

AzCASE congratulates Arizona 4-H for winning a national competition to design a science experiment for the 4-H National Youth Science Day, October 8th, 2014.

This year’s winning project, called "Rockets to the Rescue", was "truly a cross-campus, cross-community collaboration" said Kirk Astroth, director of Arizona 4-H Youth Development. For the Science Day experiment, 4-Hers across the country will be presented with a fictional scenario: People are starving on a remote, isolated Pacific atoll called Ceres (named after the Roman goddess of agriculture) and the kids are asked by NASA to build a rocket that can be launched from mainland, travel over the ocean and deliver high-energy food to the starving population.

Sound far-fetched? Not really. In November, just one month after Astroth and his team contributed to the project submitted their proposal for the national competition, Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines, virtually isolating the islands from foreign aid. John Whiteside, winner of the Western region Volunteer of the Year Award, said, "An experiment like this can inspire and motivate youth in their future studies."

Congratulations Arizona 4-H! Keep up the great work! Along with national recognition, the Arizona 4-H team received a $20,000 cash prize.

To read the original article, click here.

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**AzCASE Meetings Result in New Co-Sponsors for Afterschool for America's Children Act**

On May 22nd, Executive Director Melanie McClintock, Board Vice President Kirk Astroth, and Program and Outreach Manager Franny Sharpe met with Arizona's Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C. to discuss the importance of out-of-school time programs. Their visits were held in conjunction with the national Afterschool for All Challenge.

AzCASE was thrilled to be able to share the new Arizona Quality Standards for Out-of-School Time programs with our federal representatives. We are grateful to the following Members and their staff for their time and attention:

- Senator John McCain
- Senator Jeff Flake
- Representative Ann Kirkpatrick
- Representative Ron Barber
- Representative Raul Grijalva
As a result of these meetings, both Representatives Kirkpatrick and Grijalva signed on as co-sponsors of the Afterschool for America’s Children Act, an important bill that will fund and strengthen the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, which currently serves over 25,000 Arizona youth in 330 communities across the state.

Learn more about the bill here: bit.ly/1n2FSXM

We would like to recognize and thank Representatives Kirkpatrick and Grijalva for their leadership on this important issue.

Thank you for your support of AzCASE happenings and all you do for Arizona’s youth!

Sincerely,

Melanie, Franny, & Angelica
The AzCASE Team