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The YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee Helps Kids Play & Excel, Before & After the Bell with School Age Education Program

MILWAUKEE – (August 13, 2018) - A new school year is filled with potential - a chance to build new friendships and discover new possibilities and interests. However, at the end of the school day, 1 in 5 kids do not have someone to care for them after school, according to Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit public awareness organization. The YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee is offering programs to school-aged children throughout Milwaukee to keep youth active, busy and engaged during out-of-school time.

Through a well-rounded approach to youth development, the Y's programs offer activities in a caring and safe environment during the critical hours after school. Whether through sports, mentorship, or academic support, the Y nurtures the potential of youth throughout the school year.

"Approximately 318,000 Wisconsin children and youth are unsupervised between 3 and 6 pm, an essential time to help increase children's success in school," said Carrie Wall, President and Chief Executive Officer for the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee. "Afterschool at the Y is an opportunity for families to ensure their kids are receiving additional support, continued learning and a chance to participate in meaningful activities that can inspire children's motivations and help them reach their potential."

The Y is a leading nonprofit committed to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, supporting their social-emotional, cognitive and physical development from birth to career. The YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee's afterschool program supports growth in literacy, math, and science and your child can also receive help with their homework, participate in games and activities and grow their creativity through a variety of projects.

Careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) are projected to grow 17 percent over the next few years, and the Y is helping youth develop strong problem-solving, planning, analysis and decision-making skills to succeed in the classroom and in high-demand careers.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee also helps children from low-income communities challenged with meeting math and literacy proficiency as well as important developmental milestones. These children fall significantly behind their middle and upper middle-class peers on test scores and graduation rates, creating a "gap," known as the achievement gap. The Y helps bridge that gap daily.

Financial assistance is available to those in need, to ensure every child and teen has the opportunity to learn and grow at the Y.

For more information about the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee's Before and After School Program, please contact Jen Warren, Marketing Director at 414-313-9622, jwarren@ymcamke.org or visit ymcamke.org.

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About the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee

For 160 years, the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee has strengthened the foundations of our community by "Putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all." There are five locations throughout the Milwaukee area, as well as YMCA Camp Minikani in Hubertus, along with over 50 program sites where we're committed to being advocates for healthy families and partnering with others to improve the greater good in Milwaukee County.