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The YMCA of Tyler Helps Children and Teens in Need of a Safe Place to Go After School

When the bell rings at the end of the school day, children and teens need a safe and nurturing place to go when their parents are still at work or away from home. According to the Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit public awareness advocacy organization, 15.1 million children nationwide are left unsupervised after 3 p.m., responsible for taking care of themselves. As a leading nonprofit committed to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Y offers quality afterschool programs that not only help youth learn, grow and thrive, but keep them safe and surrounded by caring adults.

Combining play with academics, the Y's afterschool programs fill gaps in schools and in the Tyler community by offering enrichment through arts, music, physical education, sports and nutrition. Youth in the YMCA of Tyler's afterschool program receive homework assistance and tutoring on tough subjects and can engage in arts, children's Zumba, sports and more.

"When the school bell rings, learning does not have to end," said Stuart Gilpin, CEO, YMCA of Tyler. "The Tyler YMCA's afterschool program is a great way to keep children not only safe, but engaged in fun and productive activities."

Studies show that participation in afterschool programs helps boost school attendance and academic performance, and helps to alleviate achievement gaps among children from disadvantaged households. Youth who attend afterschool are known to perform better academically and develop skills such as self-regulation, communication, problem solving, team building, negotiation and critical thinking. It's also a healthy way for children to stay active and productive when the school day ends.

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 Tyler's afterschool program, please contact Debra Davis, Child Care Director, at 903-593-7327 or ddavis@tylerymca.org.