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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WHAT: Lights On Afterschool Event Celebrating Youth Success at the Lee Barta Community Center

Join United Way of Broome County in an evening for residents, representatives of nonprofits, government agencies, and community organizations to connect with more than 8,000 communities in celebrating afterschool programs.

The event will call attention to the importance of afterschool programs and the resources required to keep the “lights on” and the doors open. The Lee Barta Community Center is proud to be a Lights On Afterschool Partner. The event will also engage with youth and their families to learn more about expanded learning opportunities in their community. The Lee Barta Community Center currently serves youth in our community, providing them a safe place to go after the school day ends.

“We are proud to support our partners and the community in making quality, affordable afterschool opportunities available for all children and youth in Broome County” said Lori Welch, Executive Director United Way of Broome County.

WHO: The event is hosted by the United Way of Broome County’s Healthy Lifestyles Coalition housed at the Lee Barta Community Center and will include a family friendly event including music, healthy fall snacks, youth activities, crafts and information from youth serving organizations.

- United Way of Broome County
- Local elected officials, including Mayor Rich David, County Executive Jason Garner, Congressman Brindisi representative
- Youth and their families
- Community-based organizations

WHEN: ***Wednesday, October 30, 2019 | 3:00-5:30pm***
Lee Barta Community Center | 108 Liberty St, Binghamton, NY 13901
***** Media availability 4pm*****

All community members are invited to attend. For more information about Lights On Afterschool or about afterschool programs in general, visit www.afterschoolalliance.org.

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The Healthy Lifestyles Coalition formed in mid-2012 to help improve the health of children and families in our community, beginning with the *Eat Well. Play Hard. Binghamton!* pilot project which focuses on neighborhoods within the Roosevelt Elementary School district in Binghamton. The Coalition represents local government, local school districts, higher education, media, nonprofits, for-profit companies, and neighborhood residents who are all interested in working collaboratively to address barriers to healthy living and support many initiatives for students including afterschool sports clinics, cooking, wellness, and nutrition programs as well as academic support.

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