Dear Program Provider,
Welcome to the After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter! This monthly newsletter will help to share updates, resources and instructional strategies, as well as celebrate the successes of our teens and build community among our program providers. Enjoy!

Program Updates
Targeted Request for Proposals (RFP)

After School Matters is seeking new independent instructors and community organizations interested in providing after-school and summer programs during the Summer 2017, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 program sessions. These program providers will mentor and share their expertise with Chicago high school teens by delivering a wide range of program opportunities across the city in the arts, communications, science, sports, and technology.

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a program provider, please share this information with them. Note that this year, After School Matters is targeting programs in specific content areas and specific...
neighborhoods/community areas. Anyone interested in applying must complete the Intent to Apply form to determine if you meet After School Matters' target areas for the full year.

For more information, including how to access the Intent to Apply form, click here. The Targeted RFP for New Program Providers is due on Friday, November 4, 2016 by 5:00pm.

Opportunities & Resources for Teens
Please see below for great teen opportunities.

Jack Kent Cook Foundation College Scholarship

The Jack Kent Cook Foundation College Scholarship program is the largest undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best 4-year colleges and universities. College Scholars have access to generous financial support for up to 4 years, college planning support, ongoing advising, and the opportunity to network with the larger JKCF Scholar community.

For information on eligibility requirements, and to access the scholarship application, visit the JKCF website or click here for the program flyer. Applications are due on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 by 12:00pm EST.

WorldChicago Youth Diplomats

WorldChicago Youth Diplomats is an 8-month experiential learning program that will explore global issues, build leadership and cross-cultural communication skills, and introduce students to college and career options in international affairs, development and diplomacy. Participants will also serve as Peer Ambassadors to WorldChicago's international youth exchange students from Southern Asia, the Middle East, Cuba and the United Kingdom.

There is no fee to participate in Youth Diplomats; participants will be selected through a merit-based application and interview process. Click here for the Youth Diplomats program flyer and click here for the application. Visit worldchicago.org/youthdiplomats for more information. Applications are due by Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

Walgreens Expressions Challenge

The Walgreens Expressions Challenge (Expressions) is an incentive based contest for high school teens to showcase their creative perspective on healthy lifestyle choices. Entrants may submit their perspective in three categories:
For more information, visit www.expressionschallenge.com, review the educator toolkit, or review the contest brochure. All entries to the contest must be submitted by Wednesday, November 30, 2016.

Paid NORC Research Study

On behalf of the Center for Disease Control & Prevention, The National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago is seeking individuals to participate in a survey about sexual identity, behavior, and HIV prevention. Participants should be 13 - 18 years old and must be a male who is sexually attracted to men or a transgender youth 13 - 24 years old. Participating in this study involves answering a series of questions, and discussing answers with interviewers. For more details, click here or contact NORC at 877-346-7151 or teen-health@norc.org.

For additional opportunities and resources for teens, please visit the teen resources section of our website.

Program Provider Highlight: Harold Chapman
Growing Power @ Roosevelt Square Community Youth Farm

Harold Chapman has been the instructor for Growing Power @ Roosevelt Square Community Youth Farm for the past three years. Prior to Growing Power, Harold was an
instructor for carpentry and set design programs. He has incorporated these skills into his Growing Power program through a project where teens build a shade structure which will collect water for irrigation, provide trellises for vertical crops, and give shelter to an outdoor meeting space. The teens in this program learn about urban agriculture, healthy eating, cooking, and dignity in working with their hands. Once a week, the teens hold a farmer's market, where they share the efforts of their hard work with the community.

Thank you, Harold, for all you do for After School Matters and our teens!

If you would like to submit a highlight to this newsletter, click here.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to teens!

Sincerely,

After School Matters