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## **SUBJECT: 5.32 MILLION DOLLARS RAISED FOR AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS AT THE 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER–WESTIME CHARITY NIGHT**

**Monday, June 17, 2019** — On Saturday, June 15, 2019, After-School All-Stars founder Arnold Schwarzenegger welcomed over 150 philanthropic guests to his private Los Angeles home for the seventh annual Arnold Schwarzenegger - Westime Charity Evening benefitting After-School All-Stars.

John Simonian of Westime, a luxury watch brand retailer, sponsored the Western-themed event. Through the unwavering commitment of Schwarzenegger and Westime, the annual event has raised 12.8 million dollars over the last seven years, which has gone to support free, comprehensive afterschool programs for low-income, underserved students across the nation during the hours of 3-6pm, hours that can be detrimental to students. At After-School All-Stars, students are given the opportunity to receive tailored support in five areas: Academic Readiness, Career Exploration, Health and Wellness, Visual and Performing Arts, and STEM.

“I started After-School All-Stars because I saw the need for programs to keep our kids safe and learning between 3 and 6pm,” said Arnold Schwarzenegger. “I couldn’t be prouder about how we’ve grown to be a premier program provider recognized as the best in the business — but we couldn’t have done that without a lot of generosity. I am so thankful to John Simonian, Westime, and the many fantastic and generous donors and partners that came to give back and support our students. You’re the wind beneath their wings that allows them to soar!”

“Seven years ago we wanted to create a really fun, laid-back Westime event with Arnold, in his home, as a new fundraising event supporting the charity he founded,” said John Simonian of Westime. “Every year the event has brought in more money for charity while keeping its relaxed style. This year was the most successful ever, and a real testament to everyone’s belief — from Arnold, to the ASAS staff, to guests and Westime friends who donate — that this organization is making a vital difference in the lives of kids throughout the country.”

The program was chock-full of exciting moments, including musical acts and an exceptional performance by the award-winning After-School All-Stars Bell Gardens Intermediate (BGI) dance team.

A standout moment was the live auction, hosted by Matt Iseman and Tom Arnold. The American Ninja Warrior host and comedian, respectively, had the audience laughing the

whole time, and generous donors gave back while winning priceless experiences and memorabilia. The night had a surprising twist when Alex and Leila Hormozi pledged to donate \$1 million on the spot!

Winning bidders also went home with stunning art from world renowned National Geographic photographers, donated by the National Geographic Fine Art Galleries. Other contributing artists included Fabian Perez, Niclas Castello, Alexander Hoeller, Jin-Woo Prensena, Fidia Falaschetti, Arthur Williams, Danielle Weber, Joe Everson, Greg Williams, Brady Matthews, Nick Moss, and Francesco Clemente.

“I’m incredibly grateful to Governor Schwarzenegger and John Simonian, as well as the many brand partners and generous donors who participated this year,” said Ben Paul, President and CEO of After-School All-Stars. “Through this event, committed people from around the world have joined us in support of our youth and made a clear commitment to invest in the next generation. We truly can’t thank them enough for being a part of our work.”

Attendees, brand partners, and donors provided more than just financial support — they demonstrated their critical role of partners and champions for youth, carrying forward the mission to keep children safe and help them succeed in school and life.

To learn more about after-school programming for youth through After-School All-Stars, visit [www.afterschoolallstars.org](http://www.afterschoolallstars.org)

For photo selects from the event, please visit: [bit.ly/WesttimeCharityNight2019](http://bit.ly/WesttimeCharityNight2019)

#### **ABOUT AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS:**

Founded in 1992 by Arnold Schwarzenegger, After-School All-Stars (ASAS) is a leading national provider of year-round, school-based, free, comprehensive afterschool programs. The organization’s mission is to keep children safe and help them succeed in school and in life. Every school day, students in low-income communities have access to free programs that allow them to increase academic readiness, explore career opportunities, implement regular health and wellness habits, practice visual and performing arts, and build STEM skills. 90,000+ children from 19 U.S. locations benefit: Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Hawaii, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Newark, New York, North Texas, Orlando, Philadelphia & Camden, San Antonio, South Florida, Tampa Bay, Toledo, Washington D.C., Bay Area and Puget Sound. For more information, visit [afterschoolallstars.org](http://afterschoolallstars.org)