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The Nest and Project Impact Celebrate The Heart Of Afterschool Programs: AFTERSCHOOL PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK APRIL 23-27, 2018

Franklin County, Florida, April 2018– The Nest and Project Impact are joining with the National Afterschool Association (NAA) to celebrate the professionals that are at the heart of afterschool programs during “Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week” April 23-27, 2018.

Melonie Inzetta and Nadine Kahn believe, Afterschool professionals make a difference in the lives of young people. “We encourage everyone to join us this week in thanking the afterschool professionals in their lives.”

Why is it important to recognize Afterschool Professionals?

An estimated 10.2 million children participate in afterschool programs each year. Here in Franklin County over 300 students participate in afterschool programs. Today, afterschool programs are viewed as much more than just childcare. They are widely credited as the way to enhance education in STEM, literacy, the arts, social and emotional learning, health and wellness, and more. With that demand comes increased responsibility on the estimated 850,000 professionals, 50 here in Franklin County, who are making a difference in the lives of our children.

What is Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week?

Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week is a joint effort of community partners, afterschool programs, youth and child care workers, and individuals who have committed to dedicating time to recognize and appreciate those who work with youth during out-of- school hours. The week is marked by celebrations and public relations efforts to encourage people to thank afterschool professionals serving children in programs and organizations across the nation.