



## ASAS North Texas Receives \$15,000 Grant from The Dallas Foundation

*Funding to support comprehensive afterschool programs at three Dallas area schools*

**Dallas, TEXAS (October 2015)** – After-School All-Stars North Texas, a local chapter of the national nonprofit organization, After-School All-Stars, is pleased to announce that they have received a \$15,000 grant from The Dallas Foundation to support comprehensive afterschool programming in three local schools.

ASAS North Texas works to close the opportunity gap and provide students with the skills and experiences necessary for success in and out of the classroom. Programs range from mentoring and homework help to performing arts and hands-on STEM learning. ASAS's vision is for students to be safe and healthy, graduate high school and go on to college, find careers they love, and give back to their communities.

The Dallas Foundation grant will enable ASAS North Texas to provide students with the opportunity to try new enrichment classes every quarter, such as the recently launched DJ Music Production and computer coding classes at all school sites. 90% of ASAS North Texas students qualify for the free and reduced lunch program, a standard indicator of poverty. The Dallas Foundation grant will enable ASAS to offer even more classes like these to students that need them most. "We know there is a great need for quality after school programming in the community, especially for middle school students," said Helen Holman, Chief Philanthropy Officer for The Dallas Foundation. "We are pleased to support After-School All Stars North Texas in bridging this gap."

"There are over 22,000 middle school students at risk for dropping out of high school in Dallas," said Executive Director of ASAS North Texas, Marissa Castro Mikoy. "Thanks to this incredible grant from The Dallas Foundation, 250 North Texas students will have the opportunity to participate in our program, allowing us to address this pressing local need."

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### **About After-School All-Stars**

Founded in 1992, After-School All-Stars (ASAS) is a leading national provider of year-round, school-based, 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 offer academic support, enrichment opportunities, and health and fitness activities. Nearly 90,000 children from 15 U.S. regions benefit: ASAS serves Atlanta, Chicago, Hawaii, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Newark, New York, North Texas, Ohio, Orlando, Philadelphia, San Antonio, San Diego, South Florida and Washington, D.C. For more information, visit [www.as-as.org](http://www.as-as.org).

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