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MEDIA ADVISORY

NAZA TO CELEBRATE 15 YEARS OF IMPACT

Celebratory event is Thursday, Dec. 11, at Adventure Science Center

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – [Nashville After Zone Alliance \(NAZA\)](#), housed within [Nashville Public Library](#) (NPL), will mark 15 years of transforming the lives of more than 30,000 Nashville middle schoolers through partnerships with 30+ after-school and out-of-school programs at a private reception at Adventure Science Center on Thursday, Dec. 11.

The [event](#) will include interactive exhibits by NAZA-funded partner organizations and youth participants, remarks by special guests, and an awards ceremony. The event will be [livestreamed](#).

WHAT: NAZA 15-Year Anniversary Celebration

WHERE: Adventure Science Center, 800 Fort Negley Blvd, Nashville

WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 11, 3:45 – 6:00 PM

- 3:45 – 4:30 PM Reception and Partner Showcase
- 4:30 – 5:30 PM Program and Awards in Planetarium
- 5:30 – 6:00 PM Post Reception

MEDIA: Text Joan Brasher at 615-438-8475 or [Watch the livestream](#).

About NAZA

[Nashville After Zone Alliance \(NAZA\)](#), housed within [Nashville Public Library](#), is the central coordinating agency for Metro Government to fund and support youth development organizations. Founded in 2010 under Mayor Karl Dean, NAZA was created to establish a citywide out-of-school time system to support middle school students in Nashville. Since then, NAZA has provided funding for more than 30 nonprofit youth development organizations, provided training for thousands of youth development professionals, and has enabled more than 30,000 young people to access free, high-quality out-of-school time youth programming. Originally focused on afterschool programs, NAZA has expanded to support year-round youth programming with a focus on priority schools and underserved communities, ensuring equitable access for all young people to out-of-school time learning. In recent years NAZA expanded access to more vulnerable youth through partnerships with MDHA, Juvenile Court and MNPS Alternative Learning Centers.

About Nashville Public Library

With more than 2 million books, movies and music items to choose from — plus exceptional programming and resources to improve early and adult literacy, STEAM, ESL and other key skills — [Nashville Public Library](#) is Nashville's gateway to some of the best resources the city has to offer. Every year, across 21 locations, thousands of visitors discover how NPL lives up to our philosophy: books are only half the story.

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