



Teddy & Friends Inclusive Playground



Hi friends, family, the St. Louis community, and supporters! Thank you for all your help so far. Because of you, we have been able to raise \$1.9 million of our \$3.2 million goal to build the Teddy & Friends Inclusive Playground. This playground will truly be a place where ALL kids, with or without limitations, can play together. The positive response and excitement from the community have been tremendous. We appreciate the several large donations we received in the past 6 months. We would like to highlight and give a huge thanks to the local business owner, Kevin Beckmann, whom we've named our angel donor. He is featured on the next page of this newsletter, so you can learn more about his generosity. Kevin's generous donation helped us take a huge step in our fundraising initiative and has encouraged others to contribute.

We want to share with you a snapshot of where our project currently stands and highlight key milestones and major donors. You can see on the following page that we have \$1.3 million to go before we can break ground. If you are able to continue to contribute, we would greatly appreciate it. Remember, our fundraising initiatives are for 2023 and 2024. Sharing is caring! Please reach out if you have any suggestions for community grants we can apply for or if you know of any other potential companies or individuals that may be interested in supporting. It will certainly take a village to get this completed.

With the biggest hugs,
Erin & Teddy Gooch
Natalie MacKay - Unlimited Play Executive Director



Erin Gooch



Teddy Gooch



The Gooch Family
Erin, Teddy, and Craig



Natalie MacKay
Unlimited Play Executive Director



Overhead view of Teddy & Friends
Inclusive Playground at Queeny Park

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

Rise Martial Arts hosted a board break-a-thon with all funds raised to go towards Teddy & Friends Inclusive Playground. Teddy has been practicing Martial Arts at Rise for the past three years. We are extremely thankful for the community we have gained through Rise and we appreciate their hard work in teaching their students the important of community involvement and inclusion. Rise MA raised a total of \$3,486 at their board break-a-thon.



KEY DONORS TO DATE

Title Sponsor:

- Kevin Beckmann Charitable Trust
- Don & Nancy Ross
- Clark Family
- Crawford Taylor Foundation

Advocate Sponsor:

- Craig & Erin Gooch
- Saint Louis Chess Club

Inclusion Sponsor:

- Kyle & Lauren Kerner

Equality Sponsor:

- Chris & Carolyn McKee
- Scott & Katie Bitney
- Tracy Foundation

Awareness Sponsor:

- Gus & Kelly Gast
- Mary & Tim Ney
- Eric & Kelli Schaefer
- Olive & Oak
- Genovese Jewelers

Acceptance & Community Sponsors:

- With gratitude we have too many to list

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

The McFetridge family was so gracious in having Teddy & Friends Inclusive Playground be one of the benefactors for their 4th Annual Lilly Cup. We are so grateful for their support in helping us reach our goal and spread awareness.



DONOR HIGHLIGHT

Mr. Kevin Beckmann, Kevin Beckmann Charitable Trust

We would like to highlight our project's guardian angel, Mr. Kevin Beckmann. With his generous donation of \$450,000 we took one large leap towards our goal. Not only did he give a generous donation, but he also pledged to match any additional funds that come in. We are forever grateful for Kevin and his family and their passion for making the St. Louis Community a better place for kids.

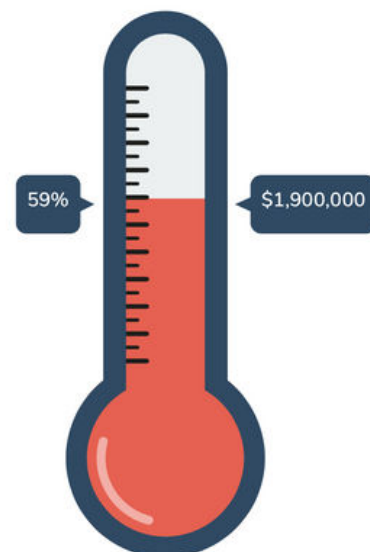
DONOR HIGHLIGHT

Saint Louis Chess Club has become one of our Advocate Level Sponsors. We are thrilled to have them be part of our project and to be a host as one of their "pocket parks". They will be providing adaptable chess tables and free chess lessons for kids come next Fall.



GOAL TRACKING

GOAL: \$3,200,000

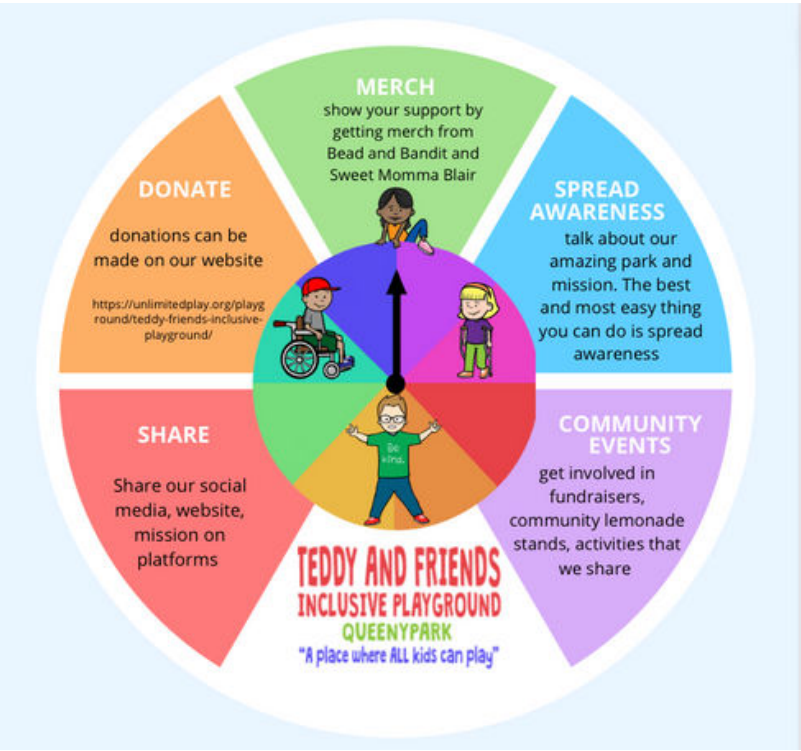


LEMONADE STANDS

STL kids truly stepped up for their community on Sunday, July 16th. STL Kids all the way from Cottleville to the Central West End and many neighborhoods in between came together to host lemonade stands in their neighborhood. With over 30 lemonade stands, the kids raised an astonishing \$42,350!!! This truly shows how much positive support Teddy & Friends Playground has in the community. This playground is for kids, and the kids are stepping up to make this happen.



WAYS TO SUPPORT



NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS

TEDDY & FRIENDS INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND IN THE MEDIA

- Show Me STL feature
- Ladue News Article
- National Public Radio interview
- Girl Talk 550 strs with Julie Buck & Nicole Genovese
- Social Media Highlights



Scan to view articles and interviews



TEDDY & FRIENDS INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

PARK PICTURES



We can't wait to see this park come to life and provide a place where ALL kids can play! Be sure to follow us on social media to stay updated. We are extremely grateful to our sponsors for helping make this inclusive park soon a reality. Thank you for helping Teddy & Friends with our inclusive mission.



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