

# The Village Playground in New Baden, Illinois

A UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND PROJECT



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Where **limitations** are forgotten, and  
**differences** are celebrated.



## Why do playgrounds matter?

Play is a critical part of the social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of every child. Unfortunately, the vast majority of playgrounds deny children with disabilities and critical illnesses the opportunity for exercise, entertainment and social interactions which other children enjoy. In fact, only a small percentage of fully accessible playgrounds exist within our nation and these are insufficient to serve 43 million Americans with disabilities.

An **Inclusive Playground** is specifically designed to remove physical and social barriers so ALL children, with and without disabilities and/or critical illnesses, can play side by side with their peers and families.

To be located in New Baden, Illinois this playground will be an Unlimited Play inclusive playground — a place where limitations will be forgotten and differences are celebrated!

## THE VISION

Driving into New Baden, you find yourself traveling past the family homes and decades-old businesses, where pedestrians on their morning walk wave at passing commuters heading toward the city to start their workday. A line forms early at Berkemann's Bakery, and parents sweep through The Red Porch for their morning coffee after school drop-off. Generation after generation, people choose to raise their families in New Baden because of the supportive hearts and caring nature of the residents. It is a community where we celebrate each other's successes and lift each other up in times of sadness or need. But reaching the community park at the heart of New Baden, you pass by a playground which is beginning to rust, difficult to access, and uninviting. While the New Baden community is open and welcoming, we are lacking a playground that exemplifies that spirit. Recognizing that not all disabilities can be seen, our mission is to build a playground that reflects the heart of this community: uplifting, exciting, and supportive of individuals of all ability levels. We acknowledge that this is a challenging task for a community of only 3,300 people, and we are driven by the passion to provide an equal opportunity to every child who wishes to play freely. The CDC cites that 17% percent of children have an identified developmental disability, which is 1 in 6. And this statistic does not consider the number of parents or other caregivers who may avoid taking children to use playground facilities due to their own physical limitations and mobility. Play not only allows for a time for enjoyment, but promotes social-emotional communication skills, problem solving, and self-regulation which carries over into a child's day to day activities.

We have designed a playground which utilizes different forms of play to stimulate varied developmental needs. The components of this playground allow for direct interactive play, and there are also structures to promote parallel play amongst children with different physical capabilities. Quieter areas allow children who are feeling overstimulated to decompress and self-regulate without having to leave the playground. There is something for every child, just as it should be. We hope that other like-minded individuals will join us in our journey to make this dream a reality.



## YOUR COMMUNITY'S **UNLIMITED PLAY PLAYGROUND**

- Safe, smooth, spongy surfacing
- Quiet Area
- Transfer stations throughout
- Specialized seating and handholds
- Slanted/graduated climbing elements
- Dish swing
- Roller and molded slides
- In ground Merry Go Round
- Parallel play
- Lots of shade
- Fun, educational play panels
- Imaginative Play



Join us in the efforts to build this universally accessible playground.

Your generous support will enable ALL children and caregivers of all abilities the opportunity to experience the joys and benefits of play. This destination playground will truly impact 10,000 people each year.



Double Monkey Bars  
\$3,500



Double Slide  
\$15,000



Disco Ball Party Panel  
\$5,000



Quiet Grove  
\$12,000



Dish Swing  
\$18,000



Tree Climber  
\$6,000



Roller Slide  
\$12,000



7 Stone Climbers \$7,000



Scramble Scales Panel  
\$5,000



Sensory Safety Rails - two sets  
each set - \$10,000



Surface Spinner  
\$15,000



Spiral Slide  
\$7,000

“PLAYGROUNDS  
MAKE ME FEEL  
POWERFUL.”

Brendan, Age 10



Inclusive playgrounds are for everyone!  
Come join us.







From individuals making donations, businesses sponsoring playground equipment, corporations contributing grants and volunteers offering gifts of time, we welcome your involvement.

- Make a monetary donation using the attached form.
- Donate your time to a fundraising event or Community Build Day. Complete and mail the contact information on the attached form to be contacted about upcoming volunteer opportunities.
- Donate goods/services such as concrete, fencing, shrubs, etc. Complete and mail the contact information on the attached form, noting what goods/services you would like to donate.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE  
A DESTINATION  
PLAYGROUND. WHERE  
EVERYONE BELONGS!**





## What is Unlimited Play?

Unlimited Play is an award winning nonprofit organization that builds universally inclusive playgrounds to promote health and wellness and change communities by providing freedom of play for ALL children. The transformational power of an inclusive playground brings kids and adults of all abilities together to play and learn from each other.

Unlimited Play is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that helps to plan, design and build fully accessible playgrounds. Unlimited Play playgrounds allow all children – regardless of their abilities – to play together. A valuable resource in our community, Unlimited Play has unique expertise in this area and is available to assist in the development of inclusive playgrounds that promote dignity, understanding and respect among children. In 2016, Little Tikes Commercial and Unlimited Play announced a partnership to help provide the magic of outdoor play to children of all abilities.



New Partners in Inclusive Play

## Step 1: Complete Donor/Volunteer Information: (please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization (if applies): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are only wanting to be contacted about volunteer opportunities such as community work days, leave the next sections blank.

## Step 2: Choose Your Donation

### ☑ Donor Wall

Leave a legacy... Put your name on our playground! Donor Wall Sponsorships are \$1,000. The donor wall will be located at The Village Inclusive Playground.

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Limited to 20 characters (spaces are considered a character)

### ☑ Equipment Sponsorship

Please note that item quantities are limited and may no longer be available. Unlimited Play will confirm sponsorship upon receipt of both this application and the gift amount. Equipment may not be identical to photos in this catalog (color variance, etc.) Sign size and color may vary and be placed either on or near the piece of equipment in compliance with safety standards.

Unlimited Play is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, which makes your donation tax deductible.

**SELECT EQUIPMENT ITEM FROM THIS CATALOG:**

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## Step 3: Payment

**PAYMENT METHOD**

☐ Credit Card ☐ Check ☐ Pay Online at [www.unlimitedplay.org](http://www.unlimitedplay.org)

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to Charge to Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

**Unlimited Play, 5988 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Peters, MO 63304**

Please write **The Village Playground** in memo line

**Any questions, please contact any of the following:**

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