

Hamilton County Inclusive Playground in Aurora, Nebraska

A UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND



Aurora, NE

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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 Aurora, Nebraska this playground will be an Unlimited Play inclusive playground — a place where limitations will be forgotten and differences are celebrated!

THE VISION

To create an inclusive place in Hamilton County for intergenerational play where children and people of all ages and of all ability levels, can explore, engage, learn and have fun side by side.

This playground will celebrate the everyday heroes that make communities thrive. From the hardworking farmers who feed us, to the dedicated teachers who shape us, to the brave firefighters, medical professionals and police who keep us safe – this playground is a tribute to their invaluable contributions and will empower all children to dream big!

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.



Meet a Couple of our Inspirations Bringing Our Community Together

Our daughter Aven has been diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and uses a variety of equipment to help with her posture, balance, and mobility. This means when our family goes places, like playgrounds, we have to consider things that many people don't because she is not able to access or use many pieces of equipment on traditional playgrounds without support or being carried.

Even though inclusivity and accessibility should be the norm, so many aspects of our world are still neither accessible nor inclusive. When we have visited inclusive playgrounds, it brought tears to our eyes seeing Aven play and experience the world more like other kids. Inclusive playgrounds have given Aven the opportunity to just be a kid like her peers, and we are so grateful to be a part of this project to bring more inclusivity to families in Hamilton County.



Aven

Building this inclusive playground in our community will provide a space where ALL kids and families can play together, grow together, and learn to embrace each others' differences.

“Creed is 4 years old and was born with Down syndrome. When Creed was born, a concern for us was if he was going to be included, accepted and welcomed by his peers. The answer has been overwhelming YES to all of the above! Seeing our son interact with his peers in inclusive environments has shown us how important inclusion is for both typical children and those with disabilities. To have an inclusive playground in our community will provide a safe place for my son and his fellow friends with varying disabilities to learn, grow and share experiences with their typical peers. My son doesn't speak, but when I see him being able to utilize each piece of equipment and have the freedom to explore independently in a safe and secured inclusive playground, you don't need words to see the immense happiness this independence brings to him. We will continue to shout the worth of those with disabilities and the importance inclusion brings to our world. A great place to start, is on the playground.”



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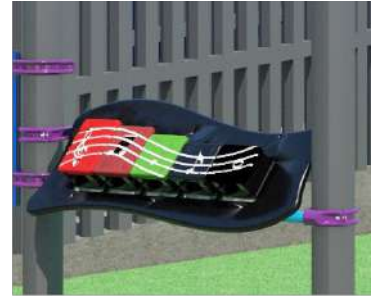
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YOUR COMMUNITY'S UNLIMITED PLAY PLAYGROUND

- Safe, smooth, spongy surfacing
- Quiet Area
- Fully ramped to the top play element
- Specialized seating and handholds
- Slanted/graduated climbing elements
- Large Swing Set
- Roller and molded slides
- In ground Merry Go Round
- Parallel play
- Lots of shade
- Fun, educational play panels
- Imaginative Play
- Inclusive seats on swingset and Rail Rider
- Generation Swing

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 everyone in Hamilton County and beyond.



Beat Box Musical Panel \$3,500.00



Scramble Scales x2
\$2,500.00 each



Tots Builder Truck
\$6,000.00



Quiet Grove
\$12,000.00



Team Swing
\$10,000.00



Inclusive Swing
\$1,800.00



Zoomtwist with deck
\$15,000.00



Inclusive sensory safety railings \$15,000.00 each set
2 sets are available for sponsorship



Sign Language Panel
\$3,000.00



Police Station and Canopy \$24,000.00



Disco Ball Panel
\$2,000.00



Braille Panel
\$2,500.00



School Apple
Climber \$6,000.00



Community Panel
\$1,800.00



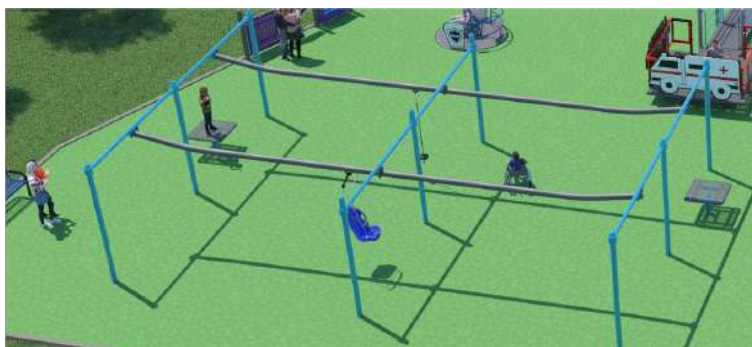
Post Players
\$800.00



Chicken Coop w/climber
\$6,300.00



Post Players
\$800.00



Rail Rider Zipline with Inclusive Seat
\$27,000.00



Corn or Stop Light
Post Toppers
\$2,200.00 each set



Picnic Tables and Canopies \$18,000.00



Benches \$800.00 each
6 available



Silo Climber \$6,000.00



Living Art Electronic
Sounds Panel \$2,800.00



Stair Climber \$4,500.00



Swinging Bridge
\$3,800.00



Generation Swings
\$3,000.00 2
available



Tunnel Slide
\$3,000.00



Rock Me Totter \$11,500.00





Tots Builder Playhouse \$18,000.00
Let your imagination play!



70 sq. ft. Inclusive Glider
\$32,000.00



Surface Spinner
\$17,000.00



Spiral Slide
\$7,000.00



“ My daughter Addie is autistic, and this type of playground, with its various areas—sensory-rich, sensory reduction zones, etc.—would allow her to play with and around other children, becoming more social while feeling comfortable and included. It would also bring together kids who aren't used to interacting with a child with a disability. I can hardly explain what that would mean to our family and her. This would be such a blessing for families in our smaller towns! ”

- Maggie Cates



Big Red Fire Truck
Imagination in full throttle!
\$30,000.00



Custom Tractor
Let's get planting!
\$30,000.00



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Roller Slide, Teacher's Books Panel
and Pencil \$20,000.00



“Traditional playground equipment has been on the challenging side for Laykin. An inclusive playground will give Laykin and her peers the opportunity to connect on multiple levels. It will bring togetherness and equality, while embracing differences.”

- Sarah and Heath Enderle Jr.



Two Ticket Booths with Talk Tubes
\$4,800.00



Gears Panel \$1,400.00



Swing Set with Awning \$30,000.00



Inclusion is not bringing people into a space that already exist. It is making a new space, a better space for everyone.”
 ~ George Dei

The Hamilton County Inclusive Playground is striving to create such a space in Hamilton County; a place where people of all ages and abilities will engage in healthy habits through outdoor play. The endeavor will require the support of Hamilton county communities, churches, businesses, foundations, clubs and families.

The playground will be located on Aurora city property on Old Creek Road, East of Highway 14 and north of Highway 34 in Aurora. We encourage you to drive by and see the space—and our vision. Your generosity, either monetarily or with in-kind gifts, is creating so much more than an ADA-accessible park; it is creating a place of inclusion and safety, community, and cohesion.

Please consider donating in one of the following ways

- 1. Contribute to the general fund required to complete all aspects of this park, including bathrooms, fencing, accessible parking, safety surfacing and plenty of places to rest in the shade.**
- 2. Purchase a specific piece of playground equipment.**
- 3. Share an in-kind gift of your time and talents, such as donation of specific building materials, equipment, and labor. We will have needs in the areas of welding, concrete, land leveling, landscaping, and others.**



(All donations will be reflected on a donor wall at the location.)

If you can contribute to our efforts in this way, please speak directly to a committee member.

“An inclusive playground would mean the world to me. I've been scared thinking about raising kids in a not very accessible town, but now, if we have an accessible playground, not only can I be less scared about that, I can also take my younger sister and cousins and play along side them!”

-Trinidi Rice



“As a parent of a child with special needs, my strongest want has always been for him to feel like he belongs and has a place among everyone else.

We visited an inclusive playground in a surrounding community and I immediately felt comfort and relief watching Turner play with his little brother on equipment that was suitable for both of them.

I truly believe this project will show the capability of all children's hearts and remind everyone that we are better together than apart!”

- Ashton Voss

“As a PT, and having family members with special needs, I understand how important inclusivity is for those with different abilities, their families, and for communities as a whole.

Now, my oldest daughter has a sweet place in her heart for her friends with special needs and different abilities. When I told her that we are working to build a safe space where she can play with all of her friends (those with sensory impairments, communication/mobility limitations, reliance on wheelchairs, etc.), she was SO excited and couldn't wait to tell everyone about it!

Sometimes, we need to look to our children for a reminder that if we work together, we CAN make this world a better and more unified place.”

-Ashlyn Cramer



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Inclusive playgrounds are a place for laughter and fun for the entire family, regardless of any social or physical challenges they may face. It is important for us as a community to bring families together. This project is an amazing way for us to do that, and something as a community we can all be proud of.

Our family is honored to be a part of the Inclusive Playground Project.

In Tanner's Memory,
-Glen & Ronni Harvey



“As a grandmother of two boys, we have spent a lot of time at parks. Each boy went through a period they were too small for any of the public park equipment. An inclusive park would have been perfect for all ages, and those with disabilities. All kids want to play and be included with the other kids at any age on a playground. When all kids are offered opportunities to play together regardless of age or disability, it opens up healthy behavioral and social skills that are vital later in adult life. The way our society is going we need all the help we can for our future generations.”

- Pamaris Troester



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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

Hamilton County Inclusive Playground Donation Agreement

Thank you for your contribution; creating a place in Hamilton County where people of all ages and abilities can come together to play. Please indicate your intention:

Company (If Applicable) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ One Time Donation _____ (Amount)

_____ Recurring Contributions _____ (Total Amount)

_____ Equipment Piece _____ (Piece Name)

_____ In-Kind Gift (To be discussed individually)

Hero	250,000 +
Champion	100,000-249,999
Advocate	75,000-99,999
Enthusiast	50,000-74,999
Supporter	25,000-49,000
Leader	10,000-24,999
Promoter	5,000-9,999
Visionary	2,500-4,999
Friend	500-2,499



For recognition purposes, please list how you would like your gift acknowledged:

Make checks payable to:

Hamilton Community Foundation with HCIP in the memo.

1108 L St, Aurora, NE 68818

OR

Unlimited Play 5988 Mid Rivers Mall Drive Suite 230 St. Peters, MO 63304

Enter your credit card information online at:

HCFne.org, click donate then HCIP

OR

<https://unlimitedplay.org/playground/hamilton-county-inclusive-playground/>



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