

Join Kiwanis in Community Challenge!

On your marks. Get set. Go! The Kiwanis Club of Anderson Hills is in the starting gate, poised to participate in a community challenge.

Our fellow teammates are Union Savings Bank, Guardian Savings Bank, the Anderson Park District, and you! As president of the Anderson Hills Kiwanis, I invite you to join us in a goal to raise \$40,000 to renovate the "All-Children's" playground at Veterans Park in Anderson Township.

Why this playground? It is true that Anderson Township has a number of recreation areas, but this one is unique and holds a place in the heart of the Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis raised money in 1988 to build the original "All Children's" playground at Veterans Park (then Forest Road Park). It was designed specifically for the physically challenged child and dedicated by Kiwanis to Ward "Lucky" Lanier, a well-known community activist who volunteered extensively for Anderson youth.

Since it's construction over a decade ago, this Anderson Park District playground has seen a great deal of use and it is really showing it's age. The concept for this special playground is to provide an "inclusive play environment", a place where all children can play together, side by side. It was an important feature when the original playground was built in 1988, and it's important that we continue to provide "inclusive" opportunities for children to interact with one another in a fun and safe place.

Kiwanis has raised over \$5,000 and together, Union Savings Bank and Guardian Savings Bank have committed \$5,000. We stand at \$10,000 and are now passing the baton to you.

In order to quickly reach the \$40,000 goal, our team will match each donation from businesses, organizations, groups and individuals - to a total of \$10,000!

Once the funding is secured, the current play unit will be replaced by a larger up-to-date structure with a variety of features to stimulate imaginative play. The renovation will also consist of re-galvanizing and painting the swing structure, and replacing the sand surface with an ADA approved wood fiber surface.

Kiwanis is spearheading this fundraising effort as another way to help fulfill our mission of providing recreational opportunities for all youth. At the same time, this fundraising challenge is important because the Anderson Park District's budget is tax-assisted; alternative funding sources are the only way these important capital projects can become a reality for our community.

A tax-deductible contribution can be made to the Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation at the APD's office in Juilfs Park at 8249 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45244. To make a donation over the phone, contact Nancy at 474-0003 ext. 5083. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30am -5pm except holidays.

For even greater convenience, log onto andersonparks.com and make your contribution online at the link below!

Questions can be directed to Molly McClure, APD executive director, at 474-0003 ext. 5080.

The Kiwanis Club of Anderson Hills has enhanced the offerings of Veterans Park for years. Join Kiwanis and the organizations and businesses that care about the Anderson community like Union Savings Bank, Guardian Savings Bank, and the Anderson Park District in this effort to ensure that quality places to play for ALL children will exist at Veterans Park for decades to come!