

Playground To Be Dedicated To Toddler

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP, Ohio -- Plans for an elaborate playground at Beech Acres Park now have more of a purpose, neighbors said.

Nancy Fuller, who helped in the search for 3-year-old Marcus Fiesel, is helping lead an effort to raise money to donate a portion of the playground in memory of the toddler.

Fiesel was reported missing from Julifs Park on Aug. 15, prompting hundreds of volunteers to search the park grounds and surrounding neighborhoods for more than two days.

But investigators said that foster parents Liz and David Carroll had actually left the boy in a closet for two days earlier in the month.

Prosecutor Joe Deters said Fiesel was dead when the couple returned to their Union Township home and that David Carroll then burned the boy's body.

Fuller said she and others are hoping to turn a bad circumstance into something positive for other children in the future.

The playground, to be built on an acre of land, will be accessible for all kids, including those with special needs -- children like Fiesel.

"The community is looking to do something. They want to do something tangible to make his life enriched, not forgotten," Fuller said.