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ANDERSON TWP. – Efforts to raise money for an Anderson Township playground that will memorialize Marcus Fiesel have been so successful that construction to complete the playground for children with physical and mental disabilities will begin this spring.

Nearly \$400,000 has been raised to complete the playground, located in Beech Acres Park on Beechmont Avenue.

Part of the playground will be dedicated to Marcus, the 3-year-old developmentally delayed foster child whose death last year appalled the region and whose foster mother, Liz Carroll, was convicted this week of murdering him.

The murder trial of his foster father, David Carroll Jr., will begin on March 19 in Clermont County Common Pleas Court.

“Not in our wildest dreams did we think we’d get the money we needed this quickly,” said Duffy Beischel, an Anderson Park District commissioner.

About \$70,000 was raised in a campaign instigated by Clear Channel Cincinnati and WLWT television for a tangible memorial for Marcus in Anderson, Beischel said.

Hundreds of people had searched Juilfs Park in Anderson Township in vain for Marcus last August after Liz Carroll falsely claimed he was lost in the park.

After the Carrolls, of Clermont County’s Union Township, were indicted for Marcus’ death, Clear Channel Cincinnati and WLWT kicked off a fund drive for a memorial for the boy.

Much of the money donated for the playground was not necessarily connected to Marcus, Beischel said. Some of the donations were made before Marcus’ death and some were given to help autistic children in general, he said.

The park district has not solicited donations for the playground in Marcus’ name because park officials don’t want to exploit the child’s tragedy.