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- ☐ Yes, you may share my/our name(s) in giving reports for the CIPS Playground.
- ☐ No, I/we prefer to give anonymously.

- ☐ Check enclosed (made payable to the "Concord Children's Center" with "CIPS Playground" in the memo line)
- ☐ Mail to Pat Nelson, Concord Children's Center, 1300 Main Street, Concord, MA 01742.
- ☐ Many companies match employee donations to non-profit organizations. We encourage you to check your company's matching gift policy. If Concord Children's Center (CIPS Playground's fiscal sponsor) is a qualified recipient, please obtain a matching gift form from your employer to enclose with your donation.

Project Supporters include:

- Superintendent of Concord Public Schools
- CPS Director of Special Education
- Town Manager
- Assistant Town Manager
- Town Recreation Commission
- Concord Recreation Director
- Concord-Carlisle SEPAC
- Minute Man Arc Early Intervention
- First Connections
- Center for Parents and Teachers
- Concord Children's Center (CCC)
- Friends of the Playscape at Ripley
- Town Committee on Disability
- CASE Collaborative
- Healthy Concord
- Rotary Club of Concord

CCC, a local IRS-designated 501(c) 3 nonprofit, will be acting as the fiscal agent for the project. All donations will be fully tax deductible in accordance with the law (EIN: 04-2565514)

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Concord Integrated Preschool Playground



Where *ALL* Kids Can Play!



About

The Concord Integrated Preschool (CIPS) is part of the Early Childhood Center at Ripley and is an extension of the Concord Public School System that has been serving the community since 2001. The program is in place to educate 3 to 5-year-old children who are typically developing and children who need specialized services as part of their Individual Educational Plans (IEPs). The Integrated Model is the widely-used standard that exists to provide developmentally appropriate, high quality, educational opportunities to students of diverse abilities in an inclusive setting.

The CIPS program has a rich and robust curriculum that has grown from one class in 2001 to six classes in 2016 to accommodate the increasing demand and complexity for special education services. While the curriculum and teaching are exceptional, the current playground facilities are in poor condition. Most of the equipment is outdated and does not meet the needs of all of the students, particularly those with special needs who have physical disabilities and poor motor planning skills.

CIPS Playground Initiative Steering Committee

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Our Goal

Our goal is to fund and create a well-planned playground that will serve the community and the increasing population of students with complex special needs for years to come. The playground will be accessible per the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as having multiple therapeutic uses for occupational therapy, physical therapy and other specialties. We envision that the new CIPS playground will complement and extend the adjacent Playscape at Ripley by providing an ADA compliant and structured play environment for preschool children aged 3 to 5 years old as well as the community as a whole.

The result will be an accessible play area that encourages play in both a naturalistic and traditional environment, allowing anyone with disabilities to be part of a community area and develop physically, socially and emotionally.

Future Playground

The playground design masterplan was commissioned from Landscape Architect Lemon|Brooke, the designer of the Ripley Playscape and Discovery Woods in Acton. The new playground will follow the same general layout as the existing play area and any equipment in good condition will remain, such as the swing set and the sand box. Estimated costs for the entire playground total \$360,000. Target start of installation is summer 2017. The Concord Recreation Department is partnering with us to carry out the bidding, procurement and construction phase of the project.

As of January 2017, over half of the total \$360,000 project costs have been pledged. Donate today to make a difference in our community!

Playground features include:

- Smooth surfacing
- Attractive, durable fencing
- Therapeutic play equipment
- Custom accessible clubhouse
- Shade trees and landscaping

