CADES

BREAKING BARRIERS & OPENING MINDS

CADES Inclusive Playground

CADES is a non-profit organization with deep community ties dating back 70 years, serving children and adults living, learning, and thriving with intellectual, developmental & physical disabilities.

A QUICK HISTORY
• Twenty years ago, passionate, dedicated teachers created the CADES All-Abilities Playground, making outdoor play accessible to the children and adults living with disabilities served by our organization.
• That playground became a well-known meeting place, neighborhood hang out, and a place where the students served by CADES and children from surrounding communities could play, regardless of ability.
• After years of loving wear and tear, a full upgrade of the playground is required, creating the opportunity to amplify the impact of inclusion in an environment that promotes interactive play for individuals with a wide range of abilities.

OUR VISION
THE CADES INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

A transformed space where children and adults can:
• Have more opportunities to feel freedom, be mobile, and build relationships on play equipment that provides greater opportunity to access without the help of caregivers.
• Experience the world in the same manner as their peers, something that they yearn to do.
• Develop communication and social skills using the excitement of play to connect with those who they do not regularly associate with.
• Play at their own speed with designated spaces and equipment that supports different interests and sensory needs at different times (i.e. warm up and cool down areas, outdoor musical spaces).
• Safely explore ideas about equity and inclusion in an organic manner—where we can integrate and listen, learn empathy, celebrate achievements, and be our true selves.

OUR HOPE
• The transformation will cost just over $1 million to complete. We have raised over half that amount so far and need your help to raise the remaining funds necessary to build this invaluable community resource.
• With investment from leaders and individuals across the region, we believe the re-imagined CADES Inclusive Playground will open in the summer of 2023.
FEATURES

- Wheelchair/mobility device access to all ramps and all equipment
- Inclusive equipment in 3 unique areas
- Safe, durable equipment
- Space for cooling down from play and ramping up to play
- Music garden for each player to create their own unique sound

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Building Hope. Transforming Lives through our core values every day.