

Dear Residents,

For one moment think about watching a child in your life play? That simple thought should put a smile on your face. The pride on their face when they ride their bike for the first time without training wheels, the smile on their face while swinging back and forth on a swing set, the laughter while sliding down a long slide. Play is a crucial part of a child's life; it fuels the imagination and is literally a birthright of all children.

What if that birthright was taken away from a child? What if a physical or mental disability was responsible for taking play away from your child? What if a child with a disability didn't have the capabilities of playing on a typical playground? Should they stay inside, embarrassed to play because their play is different than most children? Should these children be ignored? Not in South Elgin! South Elgin is the "community that cares" and it is our duty to stand up for the rights of these children and every child, embrace their differences and accept their needs. This community will hear their voices and make this dream a reality. You have the power to make this dream come true for all the children in our Village. You have the power to bring this amazing opportunity to the Fox Valley and be a part of **the legacy** that made it happen.

*Imagine.....creating a playground where a child in a wheelchair can race along with his friends, swing as high as the stars, or splash in the water....a place where he can play side by side with his family. Imagine creating a playground where children with differing abilities can learn from and grow with each other.*

Many children with disabilities spend their entire lives never playing on a playground because traditional playgrounds are inaccessible to them for one reason or another. The FUNdation has stood up and taken on a challenge – to raise funds to construct a regional one-of-a-kind inclusive playground with almost 2 acres of challenging, exciting, and fully accessible play. The unique design goes far beyond standard playgrounds, offering safe and resilient rubberized surfacing for full accessibility, a thrilling tree house complete with slide, sensory-rich water and discovery zone, specialized swings with safety belts alongside traditional swings, a full size sensory tree trunk the can go through and many more whimsical features.

The FUNdation has already raised over \$150,000 in cash and in-kind donations but that is a fraction of funds needed to allow the children of our community the joy of play. We are reaching out to every resident of South Elgin for help. We need your support! You can help us in a variety of ways: help spread the word about this unique project to any charitable organizations you know of that may be looking to assist with a project like this, make a donation to the FUNdation in the name of SEBA Park, or organize your neighborhood or company to match funds. Whatever it is...be part of **the legacy** and help children of all abilities PLAY!

To learn more or ask specific questions please contact me at [kclucheyfundation@gmail.com](mailto:kclucheyfundation@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

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**Together We Can Make Dreams Happen!**

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