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FREMONT KIWANIS CLUB HOPING TO BRING AN ALL AGES INCLUSIVE PLAY PARK TO SANDUSKY COUNTY TO COMMEMORATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Founded in August of 1921, Fremont Chapter of Kiwanis International Hopes to Commemorate its 100th Anniversary with Construction of a Play Park at Rodger Young Park in Support of Inclusive Activities for People of All Ages and Abilities.

Fremont, Ohio – Fremont Kiwanis has announced that it plans to celebrate its 100th Club anniversary in the fall of 2021 by constructing an all-inclusive Play Park.

“As our Committee was exploring different ideas on how we might commemorate such a milestone event as our centennial, the Play Park struck us as the ideal project as it is directly in line with the global mission of Kiwanis International,” said Jodi Albright, Fremont Kiwanis Play Park Committee Chairperson. *“We feel that this Play Park will play an important role in socializing children with disabilities, and it will offer an engaging and positive environment where all children can participate and play together,”* said Albright.

Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. The mission of the Fremont Kiwanis Play Park is to provide the community with an all-inclusive play structure so families can play together for all the years that they call Sandusky County home.

“The Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities serve over 600 individuals with various developmental disabilities. Currently, almost half of the population for which we provide support are under the age of 21 and over 30% of those are children under the age of 13,” said Sarah Zimmerman, Play Park Committee Member and Sandusky County Board of DD Superintendent. *Through our work at the School of Hope, we know that among the best ways to teach a child the virtues of empathy and compassion is by engaging with children who have a disability or limitations.*

Fremont Kiwanians hope to build the park through state and federal grants, local business donations, and their own local fundraising efforts.

“Our fundraising efforts for the Kiwanis Play Park begins this February 15. The doors of The Strand open at 7:00 pm for an evening featuring live music, food, raffles, and more. People can find more information by visiting the Fremont Kiwanis Facebook page online. This Play Park will serve not only the emotional and mental well-being of children with disabilities, it will serve our community in helping to support the development of social equality and positive relationships in the area, said Jodi Albright.

To see a conceptual video of the Fremont Kiwanis Play Park: <https://youtu.be/yjM2kNCUHjM>

If you would like to know how you or your organization can support the Fremont Kiwanis Play Park, visit the home page of their website at www.fremontkiwanis.org.

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