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Support the Dream



Marquette Mich. – The Playground for All Committee and the Community Foundation of Marquette County are offering the community opportunities for lead sponsorship and legacy gifts as well as naming options in its initial phase of fundraising for the all-inclusive

rebuild of the Kids Cove playground in Ellwood A. Mattson Lower Harbor Park. The Kids Cove conceptual design has been completed by the landscape architectural and engineering firm. The proposed all-inclusive playground has eight unique play zones, two family friendly gathering areas, an artistically creative entrance area and an ADA family restroom which is directly accessible from the playground. All of these elements were identified as being important during the planning process. The estimated cost to build the Dream is \$1.3 million dollars.

During this initial fundraising phase, the Committee and the Community Foundation is offering the community sponsorship lead/legacy gifts and naming opportunities. Committee members are available to sit down with any individuals or business interested in donating a lead gift towards the 1.3 million dollar project. The committee needs to raise an additional \$820,000.00 dollars for the Dream to become a reality. The Committee invites the community to visit kidscovemqt.com to see and read about the exciting project. Individual conversations can be arranged by emailing the Playground for All chair, Nheena Weyer Ittner at NITTNER24@GMAIL.COM or Zosia Eppensteiner, CEO of the Community Foundation at ceo@cfofmc.org.

The Playground for All Committee and the City of Marquette have partnered with the Community Foundation of Marquette County to raise funds for this project. The Community foundation of Marquette County, a Michigan 501 (c)3 Non-Profit Corporation, is the fiscal agent for this project.

Please consider helping to make this dream a reality with a lead gift. Following successful fundraising, construction on the playground will hopefully begin in the spring and be completed in the summer of 2022. For more information or to donate visit kidscovemqt.com.

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The Community Foundation of Marquette County is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, publicly supported philanthropic organization with the long-term goal of building permanent, endowed funds, for the broad-based public benefit. An effective steward of the community's charitable resources since 1988, the Foundation works with donors to establish charitable funds and supports non-profit organizations through a variety of grant-making efforts. The Community Foundation connects people, resources, and causes to promote sustainable impact towards the betterment of Marquette County. Currently the Community Foundation holds over 160 different funds that benefit worthy charities and charitable causes in Marquette County. For more information, visit cfofmc.org or call (906) 226-7666.

