

# Nicollet Early Childhood Center Playground

Sponsored by the Greater Nicollet Area Community Foundation



## Our kids need our help!

The Nicollet Early Childhood Center playground is approaching 20 years old. The outdated equipment has reached the end of its useful life and should be replaced. The old playground is inaccessible to children with physical limitations and does not meet current safety requirements.

Our goal is to build an inclusive playground that stimulates physical, emotional, and social development for children through play. The new surfacing and playground equipment meets the ASTM F1487 - 21 Playground Equipment for Public Use Standard and will provide a safe, developmentally appropriate play experience for every child.

Nicollet Public School Superintendent Dr. Stephen Malone also expressed support for the playground. "An accessible playground in Nicollet will support the inclusion of many: from children who use wheelchairs, walkers or other mobility aids; children with balance issues and gross-motor delays; and students with autism or other sensory processing needs. Furthermore, a modern school playground is vital role in the development of all children. It helps students release energy and provides a mental break during the day, in addition to building fine and gross motor skills, and core strength."

In addition to serving our NECC students, our playground has always and will continue to be available to Nicollet children. The new playground will be a safe space for the children in our community to build friendships, gain confidence and develop physical, social, emotional and imaginative skills. Our fenced in playground has a sign displaying the hours the playground is open to all (weekdays 6 pm-10 pm and all day on holidays and weekends).

Playground Construction is scheduled to begin the spring of 2024. All donations need to be received or pledged by December 1, 2023.

### PROJECT COST:

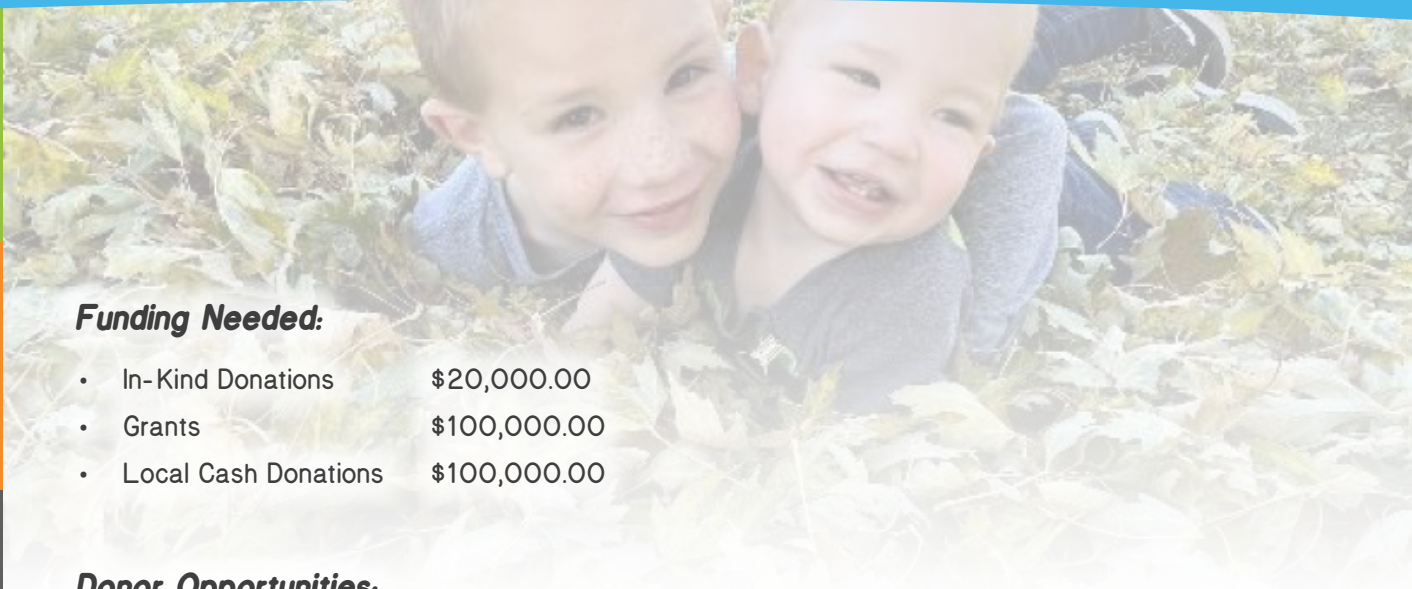
\$220,000.00 (rounded)

### PROJECT BUDGET:

\$27,791.40	Site work – excavation, demo, hauling
\$13,126.00	Subgrade preparation – drainage aggregate and drain tile
\$25,000.70	Concrete border and flatwork
\$92,164.40	Surface including synthetic turf, IPEMA Certified Playground Surfacing
\$61,146.20	Playground Equipment including delivery and installation
\$219,229.00	Total Project Cost

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## **Funding Needed:**

- In-Kind Donations \$20,000.00
- Grants \$100,000.00
- Local Cash Donations \$100,000.00

## **Donor Opportunities:**

- Diamond Donor \$25,000+
- Platinum Donor \$10,000 - \$24,999
- Gold Donor \$5,000 - \$9,999
- Silver Donor \$1,000 - \$4,999
- Friends Donor of NPS \$100 - \$999

***All donors will be recognized on a plaque to be placed near the playground.***

Your tax-deductible gift can be in many forms, such as cash or securities, grain donations, real estate donations, or other options. Memorials or honorarium gifts to memorialize or honor family and friends are also welcome. Multiple year pledges will also be accepted. Donations are accepted through check or via our website at [www.investinnicollet.org](http://www.investinnicollet.org).

For more information about the Greater Nicollet Area Community Foundation, visit our website at [www.investinnicollet.org](http://www.investinnicollet.org) or contact any of the board members.

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