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Build A Playground and Spread Smiles All Around!

Our community is building a playground...one dollar at a time!

Friends of Greentree Park is raising funds for new playground equipment to serve a broader age range of kids at Greentree Park. Vote for your favorite play set (pictured below) by September 1 at www.willistownparks.org. Pick your park!



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Are you asking, "Why new playground equipment, why Greentree Park, and why now?" Are you wondering, "Can't you get grants?" and "How is this going to get done?" Excellent questions...here are the answers!

Why New Playground Equipment?

Greentree Park is an underutilized community resource with great potential. It desperately needs play equipment that appeals to a wider age range of kids. Children who graduate from the baby swings and the toddler slide have nothing enticing to move on to. Over 500 local residents signed a petition last year asking for new playground equipment. With your help, we can make this gem of a park sparkle!

Why Greentree Park?

Greentree Park is in the north end of Willistown Township, close to the town centers of Malvern and Paoli, and nestled between several neighborhoods. The park is a great place for parents and kids to socialize. Greentree is a walkable destination for many families, and for those not close enough to walk, ample parking is generously offered by Greentree Office Plaza.

Greentree Park has the following *critical* components: fences, bathrooms, parking, some play equipment, and lots of green space. But the park is usually empty. Local mothers drive to parks in Chesterbrook and Downingtown to find the amenities that Greentree Park has. The difference is that the other parks have more interesting play equipment for a broader age range of kids. (If you're wondering about East Goshen Park, it is great, but it lacks a critical component: fencing.)

Why Now?

A park can be the heart of a neighborhood, can improve home values, can make an area more attractive for families, and gives residents a sense of pride. We have a growing population of elementary school-aged kids. Sugartown School has reopened and General Wayne has downsized to grades K-5. We want to meet the needs of area residents and turn Greentree Park into a vibrant, thriving place.

Can't You Get Grants?

Grant funds are virtually nonexistent due to the economy, and Greentree Park does not qualify because of the area's "high" median income. The lack of significant commercial and retail business in Willistown and Malvern limits

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Thanks to the many local schools, organizations, and companies who hosted donation cans, donated raffle items, helped sell coloring books and advertised the Family Walk & Park Party. And thanks to Paul Grim of Boyce Associates for his playground advice and design.

Finally, BIG heartfelt thanks go to the Matthews Fund for donating \$5,000 in memory of local resident James G. Matthews, and to the Greentree Office Plaza and the Smith Family—the park's wonderful neighbor and donor of \$2,000! Thanks to generosity like this, our momentum is gaining!

opportunities for community business support. We requested funding from the Willistown Township Supervisors who stated they were unable to financially support the project at that time, given the economic climate.

How?

Friends of Greentree Park is an offshoot of the Moms Club of Malvern. We are a small group of local parents volunteering our time to raise money for new playground equipment. With support from the Willistown Parks & Recreation

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