



WELCOME

JULY 11, 2007



When you visit, stop and learn about us.



The Playground is the pride of six Wilmington, Delaware area Rotary clubs.


Grand Opening

Let's visit the Can-Do Playground... ready to go!



The sand area, including sand tables



One "Play Environment Grouping"



Climb and slide



More slides and visual stimuli



An opportunity to explore *and* a workout!



Ready to engage your imagination!



This view shows our special play surface



The climbing challenge builds coordination



A long view shows our variety!

And now, let the Grand Opening begin!

We Can-Do it... and we did it!!!

The grand opening of the Can-Do Playground on July 11, 2007, celebrated a first for Delaware and the 100th anniversary of Rotary International. The result: All of the feel-good vibes, joy and pride that either would generate--times two.

Several small children who had waited patiently during opening ceremonies rushed onto the public playground with delight the second they received the go-ahead, doing what happy kids do and what the planners intended. The top-of-the-line, barrier-free playground is designed as a place for children of all abilities to join in the fun with friends and family in imaginative, interactive and dramatic play. Several parents of children with disabilities expressed heartfelt thanks for the playground, sharing how much this meant to their children and to them.

Members of six Wilmington-area Rotary clubs who conceived the idea for the playground as a way to celebrate the Rotary centennial joined government officials, disabilities professionals and lots of kids among some 300 guests who came to salute the achievement. The Rotarians were having just as much fun as the kids. Margi Prueitt, past president of the Wilmington Rotary Club noted: "I'm truly impressed and pleased with the playground itself. But for me, it's more fun to see how all of the Rotarians involved are so excited and proud...as well they should be."

The playground was built in collaboration with the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation; it is located in the new Alapocas Run State Park.

Let's join the fun...



Grand Opening



Master of Ceremonies Pete Booker



Kudos from Rotary District Governor Judy Friis



Project leader Tom Talley celebrates...



... and receives Rotary recognition



A Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship for...



... State Parks Director Chazz Salkin



DeIDOT's Mark Tudor celebrates



Boundless Playgrounds' Founder Amy Jaffe Barzach



Rotary's Composer Evelyn Swensson...



... with a song written for just for us!



Ronald McDonald entertains the crowd



Tom & Chazz open the Playground!



Rick Rothrock's sculpture is unveiled...



...and it's beautiful!



Thanks to all of our funders!

But, most importantly...

...The Can-Do Playground is about kids!!!



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At the Can-Do Playground, everyone's a kid!



Rotarians welcome our friends



State Reps & Rotarians Greg Lavelle & Bob Valihura



Rotarians show off our mementos...



... and our high fashion



Adults bond with adults...



... and with our beloved kids!



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Thanks for sharing Opening Day
at the Can-Do Playground...



Where Dreams Are Never Disabled!!