



## Frequently Asked Questions

- **What makes this playground All-Abilities?**
  - a) A fun, safe place where children with and without disabilities can play together and is developmentally appropriate for children with and without disabilities. This playground is not exclusive to individuals and families with special needs, rather INCLUSIVE to promote side by side play for all families with special needs and without.
- **Why is it so expensive?**
  - a) One of the main factors that drives the price is the Poured-In-Place (PIP) surface that we are installing. To make the playground inclusive, the hard rubber surface is essential to accommodate all-abilities. We could use mulch or playground rocks, but that limits the accessibility for some families, and we aren't willing to compromise. Also, the sheer size of the playground (Roughly 7,000 square feet) and the long-lasting, durable, commercial-grade quality of the playground material from Landscape Structures are factors as well.
- **How will BCC pay for the difference between the CLP and the total cost?**
  - a) We are confident God will raise a significant portion of the cost needed to install the playground but we won't know the difference between the Christmas Love Project fundraising and the total cost of the Playground until the end of the year. Once we determine the amount needed to complete the installation, BCC leadership we will bring a recommendation to BCC's Annual Meeting on Jan 30 for our members to approve.
- **Is it just a playground or a ministry tool?**
  - a) Our "All-Abilities" vision will make this playground a destination for many families throughout our community and central Minnesota. With the addition of picnic tables, shade, appropriate fencing and other amenities we are confident God will bring many to our church campus. BCC is committed to being disciples who make disciples for Jesus Christ and the playground is another tool that we can use to fulfill our mission. Discipleship is about building relationships and we want to create a safe place where all families can gather and build relationships to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all who use it.
- **What ministries will use the All-Abilities Playground?**
  - a) The playground will be available to ALL of our ministries and each is currently planning ways to incorporate their existing ministry program to use this tool. We encourage you to connect with each of our ministry leaders and hear the exciting plans that each has for the playground.

- **Will we get rid of the other playground?**
  - a) No, the new playground is currently being designed on the NW corner of the property, by the bus garage and Steadfast Gardens. We want to install the new playground in a location visible to the public to encourage use. The existing playground will remain and will still be used.
- **Are all kids and families able to utilize the new All-Abilities Playground?**
  - a) YES, the goal is side by side play. Not exclusive play, but rather Inclusive play to individuals and families with special needs and those without.
- **How long will the playground last? How much maintenance does it need/cost?**
  - a) We are utilizing Landscape Structures from Delano who specializes in commercial grade playground equipment. They install playgrounds all over the world and have a reputation of installing playgrounds that withstand the harshness of winter and the excessive use that is expected. We expect very little maintenance and are reassured with a 10-year warrantee
- **Will this be available to the community?**
  - a) Absolutely, once installed, the playground will be open to all families that want to come and play. One of our top priorities is outreach to our community through this ministry tool.
- **Because this is open to the community, how will it affect our insurance rate?**
  - a) The playground will have little, to no impact on our current insurance rates. We've discussed this possibility with our insurance provider, and they have assured us that it will not raise our liability and claim exposure.
- **When will the All-Abilities Playground be installed?**
  - a) FlagshipPlay ([www.flagshipplay.com/](http://www.flagshipplay.com/)) is the exclusive installer of Landscape Structure playground equipment in Minnesota. We are currently in the midst of the design process, and we are hoping for a spring installation so it can be used for ministry this upcoming summer.
- **Where will the All-Abilities Playground be located?**
  - a) We have identified a parcel of ground by the bus garage and Steadfast gardens located on the NW corner of our property. We are confident that location will be visible and welcoming to visitors and not interfere with future expansion of our church building. It's also in a location that future parking can be built around the playground for even better access.
- **What other amenities will be installed?**
  - a) To make this a "Ministry Tool" rather than just a playground, we know that the supporting amenities are just as important as the playground itself. The installation of picnic tables and benches in areas of shade, bathrooms and even a drinking fountain are all part of the design. While we want playground to be welcoming and inviting, the installation of a fence around the playground will allow adults to relax and fellowship as the kids play together.
- **How can you support the All-Abilities Playground as the 2021 Christmas Love Project?**
  - a) Pray that God will provide will guide the design of the playground so it can reach as many families as possible. Pray that God will provide the financial resources needed to install the playground and supporting amenities. Pray that God will use the playground for His glory, and it will be an effective ministry tool to share the love and hope of Jesus with all those that use it. Please use the Christmas Love Project envelopes in the commons to financial support the playground or you can give online at [www.buffalocov.org/loveproject](http://www.buffalocov.org/loveproject).