

# Brooklyn's Playground™

From the Community's Heart,  
The Gift of Play

## A Valley Pride Project – A Place Where Magic Will Happen!

### The Area's First Inclusive Playground – Located Centrally in OK Ward Park

*Communities across the country are creating playgrounds where children of all abilities can experience the magic of play together.*

**Brooklyn's Playground will be a legacy  
to the children and parents of our  
community for years to come.**

- Smooth, forgiving surfaces help people with mobility limitations.
- Safe "chill out" spots for autistic children.
- Parents can relax – separate fenced sections for tots.
- Sensory-rich visual and musical elements.

### **...The Important Work of Play for All of Our Children!**

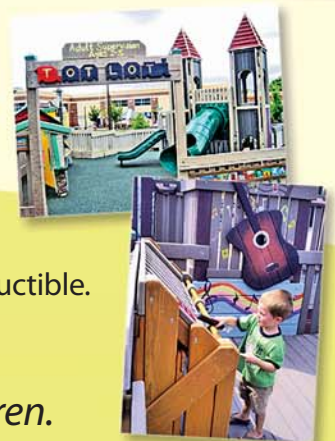
Brooklyn's Playground is being built entirely with  
donated cash, materials and labor.

### **Ways you can help:**

1. Make a contribution or pledge today. All gifts are tax-deductible.
2. Sign up as a volunteer.
3. Donate materials or skilled labor.

*Together, we can give the gift of play to all of our area's children.*

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# Quick Fact Sheet

## The need for a playground

- Play is a child's work. Children learn, grow, and develop through play.
- 11 percent of the 22,285 children in Pocatello/Chubbuck have an ADA-recognized disability.
- Children with special needs can benefit even more from playground activities.

## The project

- Brooklyn's Playground will be Portneuf Valley's first fully-inclusive playground.
- It will be built with donated funds, in-kind contributions and volunteer labor.
- The playground will be a fun place for all to enjoy, centrally located in OK Ward Park.
- Brooklyn's Playground will include cooperative games, accessible music areas, sensory panels and handrails designed to include those children who may have a disability but are not confined to a wheelchair.
- The playground will require minimal upkeep: it will be built from durable recycled plastics and composite lumber, and will include a poured-in-place rubber surfacing.
- Local artists and craftspeople will be invited to participate, adding a unique Portneuf Valley feel to the playground.

## Who will it benefit?

- Children of all ages, with and without disabilities.
- Families.
- Parents and grandparents who have limited mobility or other disabilities.

## Process

- **Design Day – February 10.** A professional playground designer will meet with local schoolchildren to gather ideas for the new playground. He will incorporate those ideas into the unique design of Brooklyn's Playground.
- **Organization Phase** – Fundraising, generating public awareness, and signing up volunteers to help build. (Please attend "Brooklyn's Winter Picnic for the Park" on February 26.)
- **Build Week – September 2011.** Professional consultants will work on-site with a small army of enthusiastic volunteers of various skill levels to transform an empty patch of ground into something magnificent: our own community-designed and community-built playground.
- The municipalities of Pocatello and Chubbuck have endorsed this project.
- Brooklyn's Playground is a project of Valley Pride. United Way of SEI is serving as the fiscal agent, and contributions are tax-deductible.

