

TRINITY COMMUNITY PARK

Inclusivity, Diversity & Unity

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“Trinity continues to be a place of faith focused on our community. While the pandemic temporarily slowed things down, this park is a response to the need for a space, fully accessible that will welcome all people of our greater Monument community.”

PASTOR MIKE VINSON



WHY?

Trinity Lutheran Church has made a commitment to inclusivity in our community. We value bringing everyone together to play creating unity.

ADA requirements are not enough; being inclusive and diverse for all is more important. It's not just about people with disabilities, it's about everyone enjoying and sharing the benefits of play: physical, sensory, and social. Inclusive playgrounds go beyond regular guidelines, they facilitate engagement between children. An **accessible** playground means that a child who uses a wheelchair can get into it. If it is **inclusive**, then the play activities have been selected and laid out so that someone in a chair can engage with people of different abilities while they play. This will be a place where a senior citizen and a grandchild can play together... creating **unity**!

Trinity was founded in 1985 in Monument, CO. Originally, it was surrounded by farmland, years ago the farmer sold off that land. Now, the church and its land sit among five home developments. The nearest park is almost two miles away, over a freeway, without sidewalks on a busy state highway. Given that our church has acres of land not being used, we aspired to build an accessible playground suitable for all abilities. The closest ADA-compliant park—which has the appropriate surfacing, ADA swing, swing along seat, and a digging device—is over 13 miles away. A park similar to the Phase 2 proposal is over 30 miles away. We are committed to do more, with a merry-go-round for wheelchairs and a teeter totter where people with trunk mobility can sit, lie down, hang out in the tunnel, and more.



PHASE 1 COMPLETED & FULLY FUNDED SUMMER 2022

Trinity raised over \$50,000 internally for the project.

Due to the general lack of parks in the area, neighborhood kids were using the church parking lot to ride bikes and scooters and play. The church once had a playground, but we had to tear it down because the aging equipment was becoming a safety hazard. Now the community has access to a brand new park which includes an exercise and walking path that is wheelchair, stroller and walker friendly for people of all ages. The 55+ community nearby has access to a safe walking area.

The community is already enjoying this open-to-the-public park with a swing set, tire swing, ADA swing, toddler swing, spring toy and large climbing structure. The official ribbon-cutting happened on August 27th 2022.



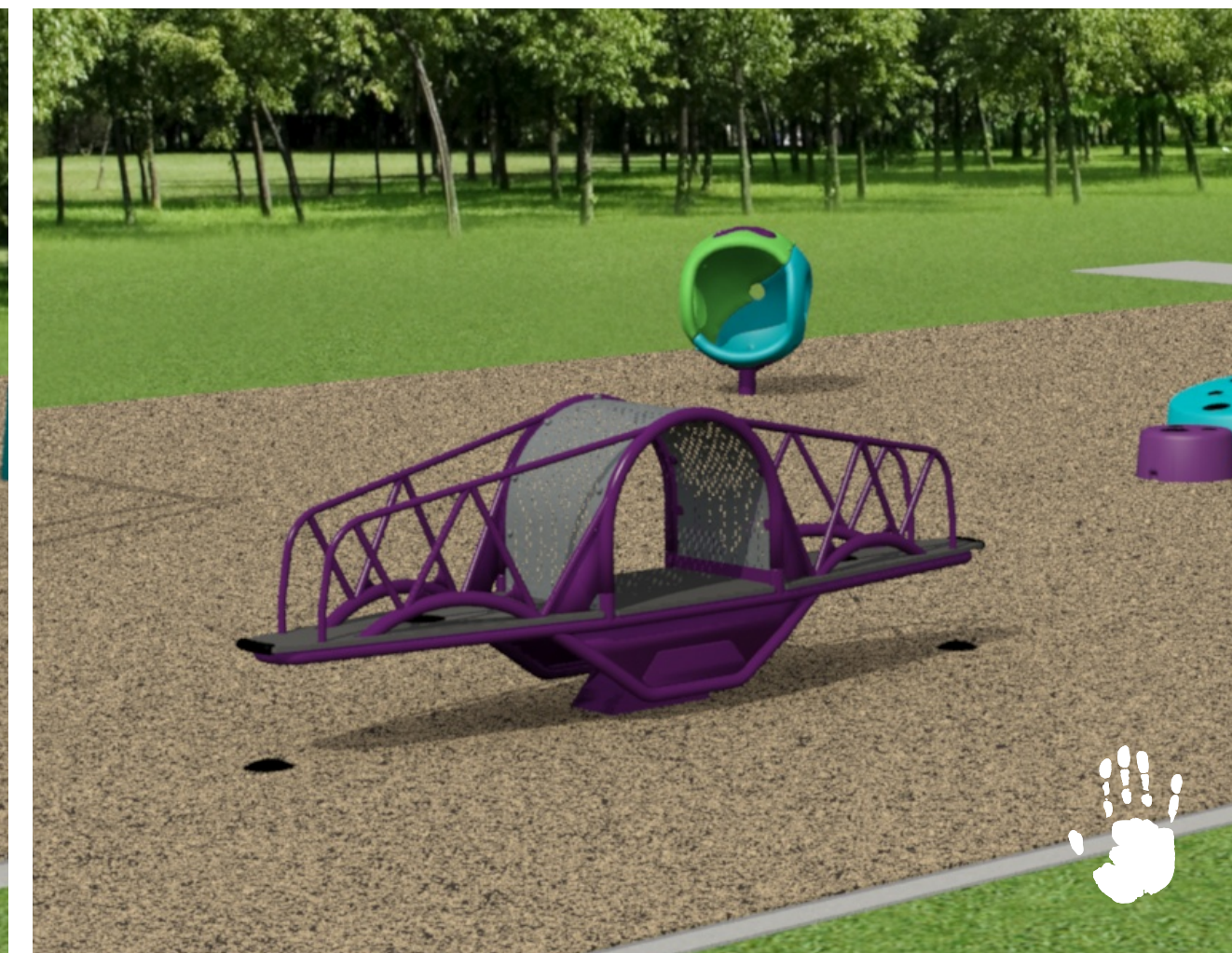
PHASE 2 SUMMER 2023

The church intends to create a community park that is inclusive for everyone.

According to the ADA, an accessible playground must contain an accessible path from the parking lot to the edge of the play area, plus appropriate surfacing. Additionally, a person needs to be able to access the equipment once they are in the play area by transferring out of their mobility device or directly accessing a play structure in their mobility device. We will provide ADA-compliant ramps and surfacing, accessible swings, wheelchair accessible merry-go-round, U-Bounce, unity teeter totter, rocking cozy cocoon and sensory equipment. The nature of this project requires supplemental funds.

According to the 2020 Census, 50,000 people live in the Tri-Lakes area. Trinity Community Park will serve 3,000-5,000 people in the disabled community with access to a park that meets their needs. Statistics show that 12% of the US population have a severe disability that affects at least one function of daily living.

Monument needs a fully ADA-inclusive and compliant playground. The closest inclusive accessible public playground is over 30 miles away. ADA guidelines can be limiting, but this park will be inclusive giving kids of all abilities a place to play with those of developmental disabilities such as autism, cognitive, sensory, physical and other disabilities.



HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

We have identified a substantial demand for a fully accessible inclusive playground in Northern El Paso County.

Phase 1 is now open to the public, we are seeking support for Phase 2. We are committed to this crucial project in our community and for all children of today and tomorrow. We are requesting your partnership in realizing our inclusivity and safety goals.

Making Phase 2 a reality in summer of 2023 creates a close, safe, inclusive play area for our children, adults and their families. Together we can build a park that is inclusive, diverse and unite everyone to play together.

More than 50,000 people in Northern El Paso County live in close proximity to the park. The pandemic has taught us how crucial it is for kids to have a safe, healthy outdoor facility to play. We are committed to this project’s success in our community and to the safe development of our children today and tomorrow. We need your assistance in realizing our goals.



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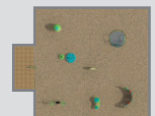
PET WASTE BAG DISPENSER

SHELTER HOUSE

PARK BENCH



PLAYGROUND W/ 5-12 CLIMBING STRUCTURES, TIRE SWING, 3 STANDARD SWINGS, 1 TODDLER SWING, & 1 SPRING RIDER (PHASE 1)



ADA PLAYGROUND AREA (PHASE 2)



ADA CONCRETE SIDEWALK



ADA EXERCISE/WALKING PATH





DREW

“Everyone can agree, there is something so special about spending the day as a family, where all of us can be included in the fun, and nobody has to sit on the sidelines. The excitement I felt when I heard about this new accessible park coming to our neighborhood can be best described as – appreciation! My son is my superhero. He has a debilitating disability and now is in a wheelchair, unable to swing or be included in typical “play time”. SO – we do not go to parks any more. Yes, sad! Thank you to Trinity Lutheran Church for not making our family feel alone, but giving us the feeling of inclusion. There is plenty of time, daily, that I sweat the big stuff! I believe in celebrating the small stuff (like smiles and being able to be together, outside, doing ‘typical’ family events). The simple joys of family time at the park! This is truly a Family First approach!”





SIOBHAN

“We’ve never taken Siobhan to a special needs playground since the closest one is 30 minutes away. Traditional playgrounds are completely inaccessible since she is cortically blind with no fine motor skills. Kids like Siobhan need a hands-on approach to be able to use park equipment.”





JOHN & KARLA BALK
NATHAN'S PARENTS

“We have been members of the Monument community since 1983 and of Trinity Lutheran Church since 1992. We had a son, Nathan John Balk born in July of that year who was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy. We were prepared for a life of caring for his needs when he unexpectedly died at 5 months old. The memorial proceeds we received at his death were used to build the original playground at Trinity in 1993. Our other children grew up on the old playground and now our grandkids, including Nathan Otto and baby Jacob pictured, will be able to enjoy the new equipment. Knowing how much an ADA playground would have meant to us and will mean to others is why we are committed to building Phase 2 of this project. We are matching up to \$10,000 in funds raised from individual contributors to this project in memory of Nathan.”



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

TIER 1

\$20,000+

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- Large logo on signage
- Opening remarks at Grand Opening event
- Table at Grand Opening event
- Social media, Facebook, newsletter recognition
- Opportunity to display banner at events

TIER 2

\$10,000

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- Smaller logo on signage
- Table at Grand Opening event
- Social media, Facebook, newsletter recognition

TIER 3

\$5,000

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- Large donation plaque created by children
- Social media, Facebook, newsletter recognition

TIER 4

\$1,000

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- Medium donation plaque created by children
- Social media, Facebook, newsletter recognition

TIER 5

Under \$1,000

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