



#give local

BY CLAIRE MURPHY

ONE OF OUR MOST FAVORITE LOCAL non-profits is Milton-based **Children's Charities, Inc.** Founded by two local businesswomen, CC was established because the duo sought to make a meaningful difference in their own community by funding some of the greatest needs of local children. Their efforts have snowballed, and now a vast network of enthusiastic volunteers has taken the organization to levels that are having an immense impact on the lives of local children.

The 2018 efforts continue to focus on supporting children with special needs. This massive two-year all-volunteer project aims to raise \$500,000 to fully fund an all-inclusive play park in the City of Milton, which will provide a safe (and super fun!) area children with abilities and disabilities can play.

A few features of the park (which will sit on an acre of land) include rubber floors, a variety of swings, roller slides, musical instruments, sensory centers, ADA-approved picnic tables and ramping throughout.

Local individuals, businesses and orga-

nizations have contributed in big ways. Ongoing fundraising includes some of the community's most exciting events: The Big South Beer Competition & Festival (April 14), the Denim & Diamonds Gala and Silent Auction (April 28), the Milton Opener Beer and Wine Festival (May 19), and the Milton Wine Festival in September. **Pinnacle Beverage** is a big supporter through their sponsorships of the beer and wine festivals.

Additionally, sponsorship opportunities come in a variety of cool options ranging from \$500 to \$225,000 - each representing specific pieces of park equipment which also includes permanent recognition on site. Tickets to these events, purchases of silent auction items and engraved bricks for the park all add to the opportunity for hundreds of residents to play a part in making the park a reality.

Talks are underway to find the perfect location for the new park, and the organization has suggested it's getting close to a decision. In the meantime, nothing is stopping this team of active local supporters from tirelessly working toward the goal. CM

WHILE ALPHARETTA AND MILTON ARE HOME to so many local chapters of worthy national or regional non-profit organizations, we like to put our focus on and efforts into promoting the ones born and raised locally.

In addition to **Children's Charities**, the following local non-profits stand out:

Special Equestrians of Georgia

www.specialequestriansofgeorgia.org
13185 New Providence Rd, Milton

It provides therapeutic horse riding activities to physically and mentally challenged individuals.

Canine Assistants, www.canineassistants.org

3160 Francis Rd, Milton

It offers animal training to assist individuals who have physical disabilities and promotes community awareness and outreach programs in support of this mission.

Angels Among Us Pet Rescue

www.angelsrescue.org, Alpharetta

This local non-profit is dedicated to saving dogs and cats from high-kill shelters in Georgia. They operate through a massive network

of volunteers and foster homes in the entire metro Atlanta area.

Cats in the Cradle

www.catsinthecradlerescue.org

2315 Saddle Springs Dr, Alpharetta
Rescue work aimed specifically at saving the lives of and permanent homes for cats.

The Drake Closet (for The Drake House)

www.thedrakehouse.org

26 Old Roswell St, Alpharetta
A local thrift store which dedicates all of its sale proceeds to support The Drake House, which offers housing and education programs for homeless, single mothers in North metro Atlanta.

Furkids Animal Rescue, www.furkids.org

Dog Shelter: 1520 Union Hill Rd, Alpharetta
FK operates one of the largest cage-free, no-kill shelters in the SE. It aims to rescue homeless animals, provide the best medical care and environment, and then find them

YOUR PET'S "HOME AWAY FROM HOME!"



Serving North Fulton since 1998

- 2.5 ACRES NATURE WALKING TRAILS
- INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PLAYTIMES
- STATE-OF-THE-ART KENNELS
- INDOOR/OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS
- AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEM
- PRIVATE ROOMS FOR CATS
- OWNERS ON SITE
- IN THE HEART OF MILTON

640 Dorris Road, Milton GA 30004 • (770) 754-1700 • bedsandbones.net

Crabapple
Beds & Bones