



CHILD'S PLAY

Accessible Therapy Playground Campaign

Your donation will ensure children in Chatham-Kent with developmental challenges have the opportunity to improve their health while having fun. Please donate to our "Child's Play" accessible therapy playground campaign.

Thank you.

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**Children's Treatment Centre Foundation of Chatham-Kent
355 Lark Street, Chatham, Ontario N7L 5B2**

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- I am contributing a gift of \$ _____ to the "Child's Play" campaign.
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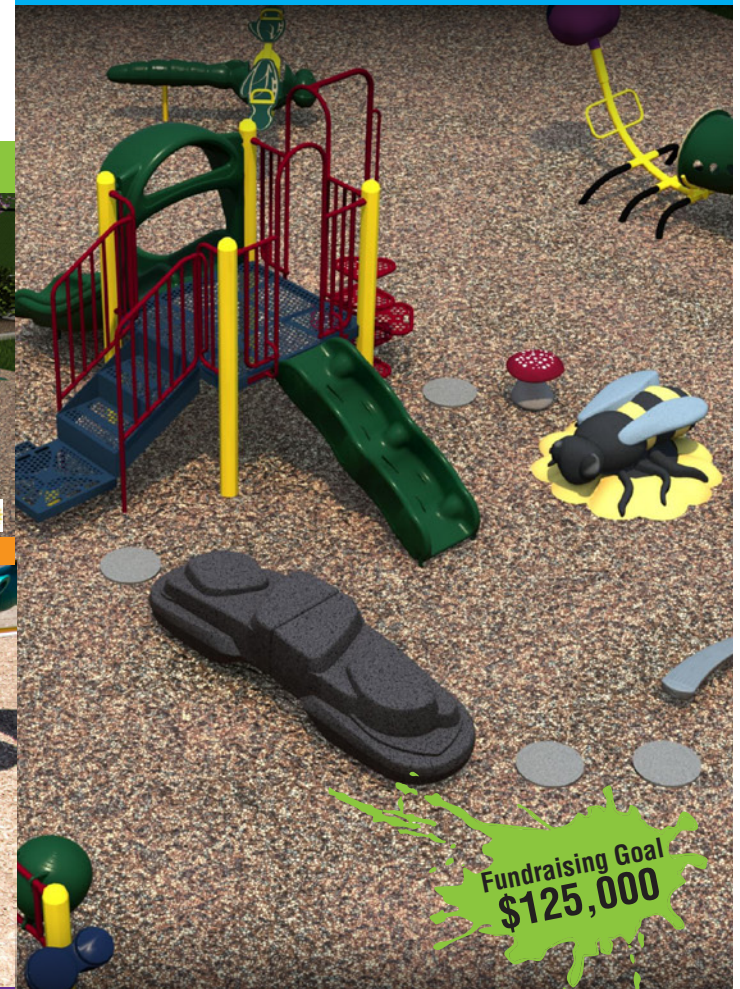


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In recognition of the importance of play in the physical, emotional and social development of all children, the Children's Treatment Centre Foundation of Chatham-Kent unveils an exciting new campaign in support of an...

ACCESSIBLE THERAPY PLAYGROUND

"Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning."
-- Fred Rogers

Through play, children experience wonder and excitement. Imaginations run wild, friendships flourish and learning becomes fun. And, without realizing it, they develop and grow.

To meet the therapy, wellness, socialization and recreation needs of our client children, the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent (CTC-CK) has, for the past fifteen years, offered a standard accessible playground available for their use as well as for members of the general public. As equipment design, accessibility standards, safety codes and the needs of disabled children have all evolved dramatically over the past decade, we have determined our existing playground is no longer adequate and in need of replacement and upgrading. A new inclusional accessible therapy playground will offer a wider range of therapy tools in a unique, fun and safe environment designed to support and expand a child's motor, communication, sensory and social development.

For children with developmental challenges, our new therapy playground and the experiences it delivers will serve as a direct extension of the more traditional therapies offered at the CTC-CK. For example, for a child with autism or delayed language skills, the playground with many colourful and interesting choices offers a broad sensory appeal. A preschooler with Down Syndrome will enjoy the vibration, sound and rhythm of their play time with the 17-piece musical ensemble installation. A child with cerebral palsy can recline into the accessible swing and enjoy the sensation of swinging back and forth. Learning becomes fun for Centre-led physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech language therapy and music therapy groups when the playground is introduced into structured programs and summer camps.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED....

The CTC-CK requires and relies on donations, sponsorships and grants to develop and sustain additional facilities and programs such as an accessible therapy playground. Please help us keep the imaginative spirit running wild. Please help us ensure that children with developmental challenges continue to experience the fun, excitement and health benefit that come through play.



UNLIKE ANY OTHER PLAYGROUND

Children with developmental challenges are more restricted in their participation in physical activity, have lower levels of physical fitness, and have higher levels of obesity compared to their peers without disabilities. Combined with the difficulty in finding adapted or inclusive play areas in their communities, close to home, at convenient hours and offering a range of activities, the need for our accessible therapy playground has never been greater.

Our playground will be unlike any other playground in Chatham-Kent, accessible or traditional. We will provide a safe and accessible playground featuring specialized pieces selected by our own professional therapist team. Each piece aligns with different developmental needs and so any possible safety risks will be reduced. The children will be able to test their abilities, develop new skills, improve their health, overcome obstacles and make new friends, regardless of their ability level. The entire playground features a nature theme with a variety of giant insects, which offers great options for imaginary play. A child can climb on a giant bumblebee's back and imagine they are flying from flower to flower, while their friends explore the world from atop the dragonfly climber. The possibilities are endless.

