Delivering Inclusive Play to the Pearland Community





Big Dreams, Big Achievement: Delivering Inclusive Play for Pearland



To our Foundation supporters and donors,

In 2023, we marked our eighth year in operation, and we celebrated with the community by unveiling the fruits of our biggest fundraising project to date – the opening of Ed Thompson Inclusive Park.

The vision of building this inclusive playground in Pearland is one of the things that prompted the creation of the Foundation in 2015.

In 2023, we completed the process of taking drawings on a page – ones informed by countless discussions and meetings with members of the community – and translated those into Pearland's newest playground, one that has the equipment, amenities and thoughtful design to include everyone in our community regardless of their developmental or mobility needs.

When we talk about our mission of creating premier parks facilities in Pearland, this is what that looks like in action.

To everyone who stepped forward to participate in our golf tournament, register for our Tour de Lites event, help with a sponsorship, support a grant application or spread the word about our mission – you played a critically important role in helping to achieve this largest project in our history.

I hope you take satisfaction when you visit Ed



Jeff Webb

Thompson Inclusive Park and see families enjoying this milestone facility for our community.

On behalf of the Foundation's board, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the City of Pearland, its Parks department, and our volunteers, sponsors, and partners for their generous support. I continue to be inspired by your dedication

and commitment to the community.

Moving forward, we look forward to the community enjoying Ed Thompson Inclusive Park and setting our sights on further enhancements to bring inclusive play to the parks in Pearland. This is critical work in our community, and we are so thankful for you helping us fulfill that mission in Pearland.

With my warmest thanks and best regards,

Jeff Webb President

Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland

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Our Foundation's mission

Our Mission is to partner with the City to establish premier parks, facilities, and programs in Pearland.

We are a group of community volunteers partnering with the City of Pearland Parks & Recreation sharing a common vision to enrich lives through the development of and accessibility to parks and recreation.

Together, with support of community partners, sponsors, donors, and volunteers we are working to establish supplemental income streams that will provide funding to expedite the development of parks, facilities, and programs to meet the needs and expectations of our residents.

2023-2024 Board of Directors



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Celebrating a Day of Joy

Pearland's first inclusive playground debuts

On April 22, 2023, Pearland marked an important milestone in the lives of so many in our community: The ribbon-cutting and official grand opening of Ed Thompson Inclusive Park, Pearland's first all-abilities playspace.

The Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland raised more than \$1.36 Million between May 2021 and December 2022 through local, regional, state and national grants, sponsorships, donations, partnerships and events to make this dream become a reality for the Pearland community.

We welcomed CEO Tiffany Harris of Inclusion Matters by Shane's Inspiration, a group who worked tirelessly with the Foundation to build the plan and designs for Pearland's first inclusive playground.

Speakers also include Jamie Bianchi, whose daughter uses a wheelchair when she participates in Miracle League games and will be able to use the new playground to play with her



family.

And Edgar Pacheco shared thoughts during the ribbon-cutting event after having been an advisor to the Foundation on the impact of the playground for youth and families in our community.

During the event, we were able to recognize the sponsors who



SPOTLIGHT: ED THOMPSON INCLUSIVE PARK

generously contributed to make the playground a reality and who are permanently recognized on the monument outside Ed Thompson Inclusive Park.

And one of the most important guests at the ribbon-cutting event was the playground's namesake, Ed Thompson. He has served the community in many elected positions, but his impact has gone far beyond those roles to be a true leader for improving lives in our community.

Rep. Thompson championed the \$750,000 grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department that made up a significant amount of the total project funding.

The playground represents the first step in our Inclusive Play initiative in Pearland, with our ultimate goal to bring more all-abilities facilities to our community.

We hope you join us on this journey to fulfill our mission.



Sponsor Recognition

Thank you to our key sponsors:

Presenting Sponsor

CenterPoint Energy Foundation

Gold Sponsors

- Pearland Volunteer Fire Department
- Brazoria County Municipal Utility District 26
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- Brazoria-Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District 1

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- TIRR Memorial Hermann Rehabilitation & Research
- Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation (We-Go Swing 2021 First Cycle Direct Effect Quality of Life Grant)

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- HCA Houston Healthcare Pearland
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- The Community Foundation of Brazoria County
- Tejas Imagery & Media Services
- · Mayor Kevin and Lisa Cole
- · Rotary Club of Pearland
- · iRun Productions





Golfers Swing Big for Inclusive Play

A full field of golfers set out on a shotgun start during a beautiful April morning. You might say they were swinging for swings.

For the second consecutive year, Mayor Kevin Cole chaired our Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland charity golf tournament at Golfcrest Country Club, with all proceeds going directly to support our Inclusive Play initiative. The 2023 event raised \$54,000, bringing the two-year total for golf tournament revenue to top \$110,000.

Each year, the tournament features a full round with foursome teams, an awards dinner, select contests at certain holes, a raffle and auction to help raise even more funds for inclusive play facilities in Pearland.

We are incredibly thankful for the number of players, sponsors, volunteers and staff who helped make this event another huge success!











Sponsor Recognition

Thank you to our key sponsors:

Forever Parks Headlining Sponsor

Randy and Rachel Hall

Playground Sponsor

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Driving Engagement through our Events

30th annual Tour de Lites is one of the many fun ways we serve Pearland

Throughout each year, the Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland engages the community across a range of events to build awareness of our mission, generate interest in our programs and goals, and to help secure donations that enable us to give back to our parks programs and facilities in the community.

Thanks to these engagements, we can fund things like the inclusive playground as well as our Financial Assistance Program, which provides \$5,000 each year to the Pearland Parks and Recreation Department to help offset costs of parks programs for those residents who qualify for assistance.

Tour de Lites

One of our key events each year is Tour de Lites, a guided bicycle tour and hayride that visits the Green Tee Terrace subdivision's holiday light displays. This was the 30th anniversary of this annual event. While severe lightning and the threat of thunderstorms caused the ride itself to be canceled, it didn't dampen the holiday spirits of participants who enjoyed the music, vendor tables, and the bike decorating contests before the event was

2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY							
Revenue							
Contributions and Grants	\$	235,959					
Other Revenue	\$	10,820					
Total Revenue	\$	246,779					
Expenses							
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Other Expenses	\$	72,467					
Total Expenses	\$	537,020					
Net Assets or Fund Balances							
Starting Assets at Start of Year	\$	336,479					
Revenue less Expenses	(\$	290,241)					
Total Assets at End of Year	\$	46,438					
Total Liabilities at End of Year	\$	200					
Net Assets / Fund							
Balances at End of Year	\$	46,238					







cut short. Riders were offered a free entry in next year's event to make up for the weather cancelation.

Running the Races

Thanks to our partnership with iRun Productions, the Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland is the benefitting nonprofit for the Pearland Half Marathon and Turkey Trot. This partnership generates \$5,000 of proceeds toward the Foundation's operations each year, and registrants in each event can choose to donate more to our organization.

Embracing Independence Park

We engaged the community across several events at Independence Park in 2023, including summer Pearland's Concerts in the Park series; our annual Celebration of Freedom event on July 4; Springfest; the annual Hometown Christmas Festival; and the first-ever Outdoors for All event, which brought together organizations and residents who want to find new ways to enjoy our parks and outdoor activities.



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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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