

# Amplifying our Impact for Pearland's Parks



FOREVER PARKS FOUNDATION  
OF PEARLAND





# Charting the next steps for play

## Our vision is to bring more inclusion to Independence Park

To our Foundation supporters and donors,

Our impact grew, our goals expanded, and our maturity advanced for the Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland in 2024, and it's only because of the tireless support and generosity of the community in the pursuit of our mission.

Last year, we kicked off a sponsorship and naming rights effort to establish values for our parks and recreation programs and facilities, and we are actively seeking individuals or businesses who want

to support our amazing parks while getting the recognition they so richly deserve.

We also announced our biggest project in our nine-year history:

a multi-acre inclusive playspace for our largest park in Pearland, Independence Park. You can read more in this annual report about the project, which is being planned with input from the community, informed by our experience with Ed Thompson Inclusive Park, and including elements we have seen from James Driver Park in Houston and the Children's Alliance Garden in Austin. These spaces show us what a large playspace can deliver to our community. We are now looking to raise \$5 million to help support this Independence Park



Project, and we know that we can deliver with your help.

And while we've set our sights high with our next initiative, that didn't prevent us from celebrating our accomplishments. You can read in this annual report about the one-year anniversary celebration of Ed Thompson Inclusive Park and the monthly My PlayClub events that keep it vital. This inclusive playground is proof that the Foundation can accomplish huge goals when we have your support and the generosity of so many in our community.

On behalf of our board, I want to share our deep appreciation to the City of Pearland, its Parks department, and our volunteers, sponsors, and partners for their generous support. You inspire us with your selflessness for the community.



We hope you will join us once again to deliver a premier facility for Pearland with the Independence Park Project. This is so important to Pearland, and we appreciate your support.

With my warmest thanks and best regards,

Handwritten signature of Jeff Webb.

Jeff Webb  
President  
Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland

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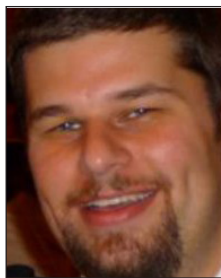
## Our Foundation's mission

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.

## 2024-2025 Board of Directors



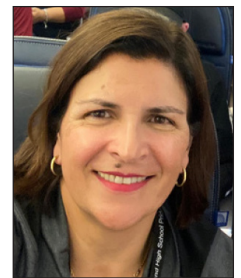
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# Amplifying Inclusive Play

## Foundation commits to further steps in Pearland

The Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland launched a new goal in 2024 as part of its Inclusive Play initiative by partnering with the City of Pearland on a capital campaign to raise funds for the Independence Park Project: Connecting Community. A Legacy of Play.

This project supports construction costs and capital campaign expenses for Pearland's Independence Park Phase II renovation.

The goal of this project is to transform Independence Park into a regional destination with amenities that can support the greater Houston area and that fully align with Pearland's Master Parks Plan. The project offers all-abilities inclusion, multi-generational elements, quiet spaces, event areas, and a recreational lake – elements designed to foster community connection, health, and well-being for all residents. Independence Park will realize its full potential as a universally accessible, vibrant public space – an enduring legacy for Pearland's present and future generations.

We began this effort with a stakeholder engagement meeting late in the year to gather input about requirements for the project, and are working with TBG Architects on the concept designs, which we plan to unveil in 2025. Our initial fundraising target has been set at \$5 million for the Independence Park Inclusive Playground and Splash Pad.

We hope we can count on your support for this important project to Pearland's future!

**Photos: Some of the models we have looked at for Independence Park include the Children's Alliance Garden in Austin (top) and James Driver Park in Houston.**





## SPOTLIGHT: ED THOMPSON INCLUSIVE PARK



# Party Time: Celebrating 1 year of play at Ed Thompson Inclusive Park

On the first anniversary of opening Ed Thompson Inclusive Park – Pearland's first inclusive, all-abilities playground – we celebrated in style.

We hosted our April My PlayClub event on April 22 featuring a petting zoo, face-painting, drumming exhibitions and so many other activities led by our incredible partner AYLUS/Promis Pearland.

More than 300 community members participated in the event, which included a food truck and many family-friendly activities.

These monthly My PlayClub events focus on inclusive play among children of all ages, abilities and developmental needs, creating an atmosphere of fun and belonging.

This helps ensure that Ed Thompson Inclusive Park remains vital to our community through scheduled programming and education.



The Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland works with AYLUS/Promis Pearland to provide materials for these monthly events, which range from the face paints to chalk that helps children create artwork on the surrounding sidewalks.

H-E-B has been a generous community partner, donating gift cards to purchase for these monthly events.

We are grateful for their ongoing support and involvement in the community.



## CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



# Third time is charming

## Lastest Foundation golf tournament delivers most generous fundraising total to date

For the third consecutive year, we had a full field at Golfcrest Country Club for the Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland's charity golf tournament chaired by Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole.

And the best part? It was our biggest fundraising year yet, with more than \$65,000 raised towards the Foundation's Inclusive Playground initiative. That brings the three-year fundraising total for this event to more than \$180,000 raised, with new proceeds being directed to our new Independence Park Project.

We welcomed Frontier Waste Solutions as the headliner sponsor, and we are incredibly thankful they share the vision for what inclusive play means to this community. Golfers were able to snack on boxed chicken lunches generously donated by Raising Cane's. And participants once again had the chance to buy their way to lower scores through mulligans and other single-hole competitions.

After the round, our golfers got to enjoy the awards banquet, our annual golf raffle and the auction, which raised thousands of dollars for a great cause.



## Golf Tournament Sponsor Recognition

Thank you to our key sponsors:

### Forever Parks Headlining Sponsor

- Frontier Waste Solutions

### We-Go Swing Sponsor

- DEC Engineering
- GeoScience Engineering & Testing
- Pogie Camp Rentals

### Music Play Sponsor

- Cobb Fendley
- EHRA
- Lone Star Recreation
- Baxter & Woodman

### Sensory Tunnel Sponsor

- Cleary Zimmerman Engineers
- Westwood Professional Services
- Clint Byrom

### Beer Sponsor

- Del Papa Distributing

### Hole in One Sponsor

- Bayway Chevrolet

### Dinner Sponsor

- Geotest Engineering

### Liquor Cooler Raffle Sponsor

- Christy Buck Team

### Friendship Sponsor

- GC Engineering

### Lunch Sponsor

- Raising Cane's

### Parks Supporter

- Pearland Pediatrics
- Judge Matt Sebesta
- Bill Eisen

# Inspiring the Community to Take Action

## Tour de Lites, fun runs, Hops and History are ways we engage Pearland

The Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland hosts and participates events that engage, inform and inspire – these are our lifeblood to share the message of our mission and to generate donations for the work we do in the community. Here are a few of the ways we engaged the community in 2024:

### Tour de Lites

After a rained-out 2023 event, we came back with a fun and packed milestone **30th annual Tour de Lites**, with more than 150 riders coming out and more on our Radio Flyer wagon hayride. We toured Green Tee Terrace subdivision and enjoyed the annual bike-decorating contests and fun holiday music.

We appreciate our sponsors – Pearland Bicycles, Ezee Fiber, Vaughan Interests, Bill and Janice Eisen, and Constable Buck Stevens. This event helped to raise more than \$2,000 for the Foundation.

### Pearland Half Marathon and Turkey Trot

Thanks to our partnership with the **Houston Running Company** and donations through the Race Roster platform, we were able to raise more than \$5,000 from the **Pearland Half Marathon** and **Turkey Trot** runs every year.

### Hops and History

For the first time, the Foundation participated as the benefiting nonprofit for the amazing **Hops and History** event, during which actors from the Pearl Theater dress in period costume and tell “first-person” stories from the original settlers of Pearland. It’s a great taste of Pearland’s rich history, while getting a taste of the brews at **Vallenson’s Brewing Company**, which has been such a generous and able partner for our fundraising efforts in Pearland.

### Celebration of Freedom

More than 17,000 people attended the annual **Celebration of Freedom** event on July 4, giving the Foundation an opportunity to share information about the Independence Park Project with a huge number of Pearland residents.

### Outdoors for All

We enjoyed **Outdoors for All**, sponsored by REI, which brings lovers of the outdoors together at Independence Park. The **REI Foundation** generously provided a grant to the Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland that has been used to purchase and outfit a kayak trailer used at the Delores Fenwick Nature Center to enable more outdoors programs for members of the community.



## 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### Revenue

Contributions and Grants	\$ 144,577
Other Revenue	\$ 0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 144,577</b>

### Expenses

Professional/Contractor Fees	\$ 56,191
Other Expenses	\$ 71,562
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 127,753</b>

### Net Assets or Fund Balances

Excess or (defecit) for year	\$ 16,824
Net assets/bal. at beg of year	\$ 46,238
Net assets/ bal. at end of year	\$ 63,062

Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland

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	2024	2023	Diff
<b>FORM 990-EZ REVENUE</b>			
Contributions, gifts, and grants.....	144,577	0	144,577
Total revenue.....	144,577	0	144,577
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Professional fees/pymt to contractors....	56,191	0	56,191
Other expenses.....	71,562	0	71,562
Total expenses.....	127,753	0	127,753
<b>NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES</b>			
Excess or (deficit) for the year.....	16,824	0	16,824
Net assets/fund bal. at beg. of year.....	46,238	0	46,238
Net assets/fund bal. at end of year.....	63,062	0	63,062



Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**  
**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
(except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990EZ](http://www.irs.gov/Form990EZ) for instructions and the latest information.

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**2024****Open to Public  
Inspection****A** For the **2024** calendar year, or tax year beginning , **2024**, and ending ,

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland 4141 Bailey Rd Pearland, TX 77584	<b>D</b> Employer identification number 47-3392404
		<b>E</b> Telephone number 281 412-8900
		<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number

<b>G</b> Accounting Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify):	<b>H</b> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the organization is <b>not</b> required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).
<b>I</b> Website: N/A	
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<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 144,577.**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)  
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I. ☒

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	<b>1</b>	144,577.
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments	<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Investment income	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	<b>5a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	<b>5c</b>	
	<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events:		
	<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	<b>6a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	<b>6c</b>		
<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	<b>6d</b>		
<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>7a</b>		
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	<b>7c</b>		
<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b> <b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	<b>9</b>	144,577.	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	<b>10</b>	
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members	<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	<b>13</b>	56,191.
	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	<b>15</b>	
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	<b>16</b>	71,562.
<b>17</b> <b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	<b>17</b>	127,753.	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	<b>18</b>	16,824.
	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	<b>19</b>	46,238.
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	<b>21</b>	63,062.

**BAA** For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form 990-EZ (2024)



## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Thank you to all of our  
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