

A bright, sunny day at a modern playground. In the center, a young boy in a yellow shirt and blue jeans is sliding down a wide, white slide with yellow handrails, laughing joyfully. To his left, two young girls are standing on a wooden play structure; one is wearing a striped shirt and denim shorts with a backpack, and the other is in a white dress. To the right, a man in a blue t-shirt and jeans is leaning forward, smiling, next to a black and blue wheelchair with large yellow wheels. In the background, an older woman in a green and white striped shirt is standing near another play structure. The playground equipment features blue and yellow poles and railings. The ground is covered in blue safety matting. The overall atmosphere is one of inclusivity and community.

You Belong Here



Almonte Civitan Accessible Playground

A \$900,000 campaign to build an accessible playground where everyone can play together.



Let's go to the playground! Which one?

This decision should be simple. But for many families, in Mississippi Mills and surrounding areas, going to the playground is riddled with barriers.

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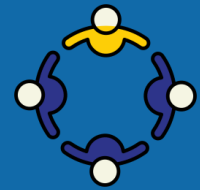
- playgrounds and outdoor spaces are not designed for their needs.
- playgrounds often lack options for families with diverse physical and developmental abilities, including;
 - those who use mobility devices like wheelchairs or walkers,
 - children who benefit from sensory-friendly environments, or
 - grandparents who need places to rest and stay connected while spending time together.

Families want to spend quality time together.

Too often, the public spaces available don't make that possible.

So families stay home.

The Almonte Civitan Accessible Playground is designed to change that. Every element has been designed so families can spend time together, with no member left on the side lines.



1 in 4 Ontarians live with a disability*



Families currently **travel between 2-4 hours** to access an inclusive playground

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Less than 20 Accessible Playgrounds in all of Ontario

* 2019 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act



You belong here.

The Almonte Civitan Accessible Playground is being shaped through collaboration with partners and supporters who share a vision for a more inclusive Mississippi Mills.



More than a playground for children. An accessible playground for all generations.

Families and older adults across the Leeds, Grenville, and Lanark region have identified that accessible outdoor spaces make it easier to stay active, connected, and involved in community life ([Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, Older Adults of Leeds, Grenville and Lanark: A Review, 2023](#)). Creating welcoming playgrounds where people of all ages and abilities can spend time together helps strengthen mental and physical health and belonging.

Our vision is more than a playground. We want to build an accessible playground that will support social connection, physical activity and well-being across generations.



Every element of the new Almonte Civitan Accessible Playground has been selected with accessibility in mind. The playground will have accessible walking paths, shaded seating areas, sensory play features, and spaces for both active and quiet play. It's a space for outdoor peer to peer play in a safe environment, where joy and fun are the highlights of the day.

The Almonte Civitan Accessible Playground will be a place where families gather, friendships grow, and community life happens naturally.

The Almonte Civitan Accessible Playground is designed to be a fully accessible and inclusive 6,890 sq. ft. community space where people of all ages and abilities can spend time together. A place for everyone.

Every element has been selected to remove barriers so families, caregivers, grandparents, and neighbours can participate together, with no one left on the sidelines.

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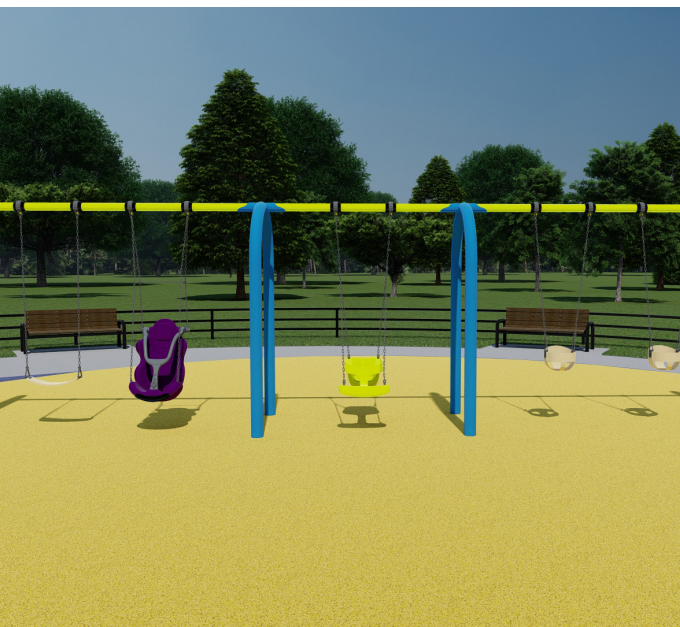
The playground is designed with a **capacity for 110 visitors.**



Ground-to-top ramp access. Mobility devices can reach every level of play.



Designed for **children, parents, caregivers, and grandparents** to play together



Accessible and inclusive play features

- Poured-in-place rubber surfacing that allows wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers to move smoothly while also exceeding national fall-safety standards
- Ramps from to the highest platforms so wheelchair users, caregivers, and family members can reach the same spaces as the people they are supporting
- Transition platforms, supportive handholds, and specialized seating that make moving between play elements easier and safer
- Roller slides designed to be compatible for people wearing cochlear implants and other assistive devices
- Inclusive swing seats and a multi-user Generation Swing that allow parents, caregivers, and friends to swing together
- A level walking path loop surrounding the playground that supports gentle movement for all ages and abilities
- Musical play features that encourage creativity and connection across generations, including meaningful engagement for seniors living with dementia as well as children exploring sound and rhythm

Spaces for community connection and comfort

- Benches, wheelchair accessible picnic tables, and board game tables that create space for conversation, rest, and community connection
- Quiet retreat areas designed for visitors who may become overstimulated and need to recharge
- Covered picnic area to protect visitors from the sun and heat

Safety and accessibility for all ages and abilities

- Open sightlines that allow caregivers to maintain connection while still supporting independence and exploration
- Fencing that provides peace of mind for families supporting children or adults who may wander
- Contrasting colours and visual cues to support visitors with visual impairments
- A dedicated on-site parking area and smooth routes designed to support easy arrival and departure



"The Almonte Civitan Club owns a large property in Mississippi Mills with a building that is in constant use by the club and our community. They also own soccer fields, which have been used by many over the years. An accessible playground, bringing together all ages and abilities, will be a wonderful complement to their property and to our community.

Another safe and welcoming recreational space for children and their families to play in would be a positive contribution to Mississippi Mills."

– Mayor Christa Lowry, Municipality of Mississippi Mills

About the Almonte Civitan Club

The Almonte Civitan Club is a volunteer service organization that has supported the Mississippi Mills community since 1972. Almonte Civitan Club is part of a wider network of clubs across Ontario, Quebec, and internationally.

Best known locally as the stewards of the Almonte Civitan Community Hall and soccer fields. Beyond these facilities, Civitan members regularly raise funds to support groups and initiatives across the region.

A common value for all Civitan Clubs is a long-standing commitment to supporting people with developmental disabilities and building inclusive communities.

Civitan members host events, and bring people together through spaces that strengthen community.



Together, we can build a community space where everyone belongs

The Almonte Civitan Accessible Playground is ready to be developed. With community support, we can create a space where no child is left on the sidelines, where families enjoy a day outside, and older adults remain active and connected to their community.

**But we can't do this alone.
We need your help to make this vision a reality.**

The truth is, the longer we wait to build the playground, the higher the costs for the equipment will be. Delaying construction risks increasing costs and postponing access to a space our community already needs. With your support, we can break ground in the Spring of 2027.



\$450,000

Total currently raised

+ \$450,000

Remaining
fundraising goal

= \$900,000

Total campaign goal

Your investment in the Almonte Civitan Accessible Playground creates joy and belonging for people of all ages and abilities.

Whether through an individual gift, a family contribution, or a corporate partnership, your support will help create a welcoming place where children, caregivers, grandparents, and neighbours can spend time together.

Ways to give

Philanthropic Gifts:

- One-time gifts, gifts of securities, or multi-year pledges
- Support a specific feature or area of the Almonte Civitan Accessible Playground
- Naming opportunities are available throughout the playground

Corporate Sponsorships:

- One time or multi-year pledges
- Provide financial support in exchange for benefits such as corporate naming and brand visibility within the playground
- Engage in multi-year partnerships to match your corporate strategy

Your commitment ensures our community has a place to play; leading to healthier, happier and more connected lives.

Will you join us in building the Almonte Civitan
Accessible Playground where everyone belongs?



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Land Acknowledgement:

Almonte Civitan Club is located on the traditional and
unceded territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation.
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.



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