

Play is a fundamental joy of childhood. However, one child in ten (five million children) in the United States has a disability and does not get to experience what most children take for granted. For them, a playground can be a very challenging.

That's why Marlene and Melvin O'Donnell of East Syracuse shared their awareness of boundless playground projects with Onondaga County officials and encouraged the creation of a similar place in Syracuse where their five-year old son Jimmy could play.

Jimmy and several other children, as well as adults and agencies serving special populations, helped plan the playground. Wegmans became a major sponsor, and church groups and high school students held raffles for quilts and concert tickets to benefit the playground.



In September of 2003, Wegmans Playground opened as the centerpiece



of Onondaga Lake Park's renovated southern section - a family activity center where the skatepark, lifetime sports courts, new trails and Griffin Visitor Center create a place where everyone feels like a kid again.



Due to Jimmy passing away in the autumn of 2002, his parents didn't get their primary wish—for Jimmy to play on his hometown Boundless Playground. However, they do know his legacy is reflected in the values of Wegmans Playground and his spirit in the joy of children who play there every day.



And now it's primarily individuals and families who are expressing the desire to contribute to assure Wegmans Playground is maintained for generations as a symbol of the virtues of this caring community.



Help us both maintain & expand!

SOLD Title Rights to playground - Wegmans

_____ \$5,000 and above "Boundless Angels"

This significant commitment is dedicated to ongoing care for CNY's icon playground. Includes prominent permanent crediting at the playground entry, invites to annual functions, and one year commemorative opportunities at which a corporate mission, community vision or loved one's legacy will be shared with all visitors to Onondaga Lake Park.

_____ \$1,000-\$4,999 "Adventure Club"

This group is credited for the array of special play equipment in the largest section which is designed to provide memorable adventures for school age children. Donors receive prominent and enhanced crediting at the playground entry and special access to rental equipment and Lights on the Lake.

_____ \$500-\$999 "Memory Makers"

Pre-school fun, featuring lots of creative ground level activities just for the little ones, is made possible by contributors at this level. Enhanced permanent crediting is given on the playground entry sign.

_____ \$300-\$499 "Playhouse Gang"

The chance to make believe in a playhouse just for kids is delivered by contributors at this level; includes permanent crediting at the playground entry.

_____ \$100-\$299 "Swings and Things"



The variety of adaptive swings and special touches which make the Wegmans Playground an exceptional boundless playground are available due to donors at this level who receive crediting at the playground entry.

_____ up to \$99 "Little Helpers"

Every bit of support makes a difference! Contributors at this level are credited in the Wegmans Playground Storybook which is on display in the Griffin Visitor Center.

Comng Soon...

A new swing section!

 **Your interest in making Wegmans Playground and Onondaga Lake Park**  **a truly magical place is appreciated by all.**

If you would like to donate at this time, please complete this form and return with your check or credit card information to:

**Onondaga Lake Park
106 Lake Drive
Liverpool, New York 13088**

You will receive prompt acknowledgement of your donation along with information on crediting and participation in upcoming activities. If you have further questions or ideas regarding this project, please call us at (315)453-6712.

Name _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

How would you like to be credited?

Use name listed above Use the following:

**PAYMENT: Check or Credit Card accepted
Make checks out to Onondaga County Parks**

Credit Card # _____

Credit Card Type (Circle One): MasterCard Visa

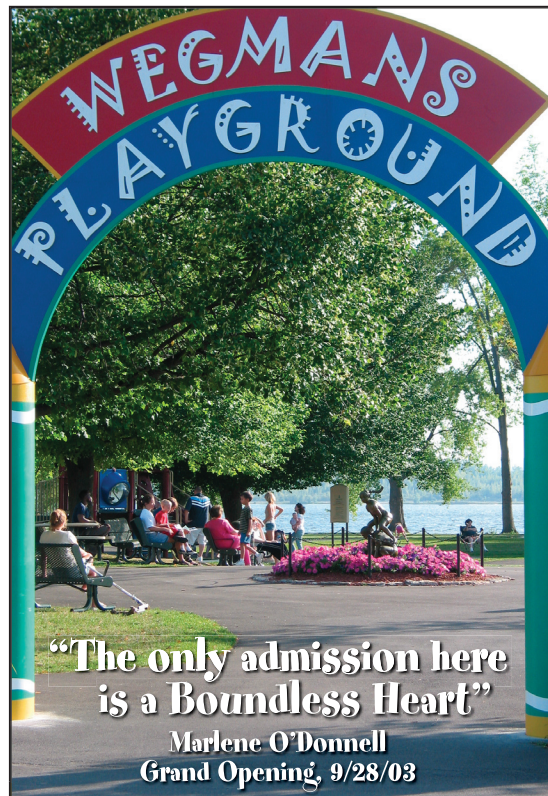
Credit Card Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Matching Gift: My/our gift will be matched by:

(company or person name - matching form to follow)

Endowment Goal: \$1,000,000



Contributions for Wegmans Playground are encouraged on an ongoing basis to assure meeting the stewardship expectations of our community.

**OnondagaCountyParks.com
(315)453-6712**

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Something Truly Special is at Onondaga Lake Park
One of America's Top Ten National Heritage Parks



Wegmans Playground

An inclusive play environment where everyone—the fully able and those who have physical, sensory, or developmental disabilities can recreate and grow together.

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