

Let's Build a **NEW** PLAYGROUND!

Play as a way to God

Play perhaps is the most fought-over area of human activity... I am struck nonetheless by the life-giving potential of play... Play deeply structures the texture of our daily life. **In the best moments, it opens up space for an encounter with God.**

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, *In the Midst of Chaos: Caring for Children as Spiritual Practice*



Architect's rendering of the new playground

WHAT?

Will you **come out and play** with us? Our Wellshire playground is the scene of much joy, laughter, imagination and delight, but it is in need of some new life.

Monday through Friday, over 200 Wellshire Parents Day Out children squeal with delight as they run out of their classrooms and onto the playground. On Sunday mornings, our Wellshire preschool children are eager to finish their snack so they can go swing and slide and climb. Next week, over 60 VBS students will make use of our playground. More and more families are attending Wellshire from our surrounding community as new families move into our neighborhood.

Please partner in this important and exciting ministry on behalf of the children of our congregation, our PDO, and our community.

WHY?

The current Wellshire playground is:

- 20+ years old
- not age-appropriate
- not compliant with current safety standards

The **NEW** Wellshire playground will:

- provide "visual evangelism" to the church neighborhood
- increase safety
- offer age-appropriate activities in a fun and engaging environment

The mission of Wellshire Church is....

To seek, embrace, and nurture disciples within a community of hope that **plays together**, sings of God's glory, and celebrates Jesus Christ through service.

Our playground is a visible sign of the energy that lives in and through Wellshire and needs to echo the joy and delight we find in our faith and in serving together.



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HOW?

Matching grant

A generous anonymous donor has pledged to match up to **\$30,000** to inspire the Wellshire community to fund the construction of the new playground. In order to take full advantage of this opportunity, please consider the following ways that you can contribute:

- **Make a donation**

You can make a donation in the offering plate (designate it as "Playground") or on the Wellshire website by going to www.wpcdenver.org and clicking on **GIVING > Make an Online Donation**. Select "Special Offerings" and then "New Playground" from the drop-down list on the donation form.

- **Purchase the existing equipment**

Select pieces of the old equipment and materials will be available for purchase. Please contact Chuck Sparks at csparks@wpcdenver.org if you are interested.

OUR GOAL: \$50,000

Help demolish the current playground

Volunteers are needed to help demolish the existing playground and clear out the pea gravel. Demolition days are scheduled for **Saturday, July 19 & Saturday, July 26**.

For more info, contact:
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New features



The professionally designed new playground will feature three climbing structures, a swing set, a sand box, and a riding toy path. The current pea gravel base will be replaced with wood chips, and the existing retaining structure surrounding the playground will be rebuilt.



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Our playground through the years



Playground demolition, 1992



Date unknown



Vacation Bible School, 2012