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Volunteers Build New Kid-Designed Playground at Milburn Park in Lancaster
Kids in Lancaster will soon have a new playground as part of nationwide effort by KABOOM! to make sure all kids have access to safe places to play

Volunteers from The City of Lancaster, The League, and KABOOM! together with partners The GIANT Company, Highmark, Penn State Health, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and The Lancaster County Community Foundation are building a new, kid-designed playground on October 4-6 at Milburn Park. Construction will start on October 4 and be completed on October 6.

WHEN: *Monday, October 4 – Wednesday, October 6*

Monday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Volunteers construct playground
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Volunteers construct playground
Wednesday	8:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Volunteers complete construction
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Ribbon-cutting ceremony

(times approximate)

WHERE: Milburn Park
217 Dauphin Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

WHO: *Wednesday Ribbon Cutting:*

Mayor Danene Sorace, Mayor of Lancaster
Councilmember Derek Green, Philadelphia; League President
Steven Campbell, Director of Public Works, City of Lancaster
Lori Yeich, Regional Advisor for Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Department of
Conservation and Natural Resources
Richard Schuettler, Executive Director, The League
Tim Santoro, Regional Director, The GIANT Company
Douglas Callenberger, Director of Sales, Highmark
Claire Mooney, Sr. Vice President and COO, Penn State Health Lancaster Medical
Center

This project will provide a state-of-the-art new playground for hundreds of neighborhood children in southeast Lancaster city. Play is essential to the physical, social, and emotional health of every child. However, far too many kids and communities lack access to parks and playspaces due to historic disinvestment, which disproportionately affects communities of color. The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated these inequities.

Students from King Elementary, Phoenix Academy, Washington Elementary, and Boys & Girls Club provided initial feedback, used to create two proposed playground designs. Through door-

to-door canvassing and the City of Lancaster's digital participation platform, Engage Lancaster, community members and kids helped in finalizing the park and playground design.

The project is made possible through the generous support of The GIANT Company, Highmark, Penn State Health, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Lancaster County Community Foundation.

About the City of Lancaster

Spanning 7 square miles in south Central Pennsylvania, the City of Lancaster is home to 60,000 diverse residents. Committed to building a stronger, more equitable Lancaster block by block, the City of Lancaster oversees a range of public services including public safety, health, housing, parks, streets, and water and sewer operations. For more information, visit cityoflancasterpa.com. Join the conversation at engage.cityoflancasterpa.com.

About Pennsylvania Municipal League

The mission of the Pennsylvania Municipal League (The League) is to strengthen, empower and advocate for effective local government. The League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1900 as an advocate for Pennsylvania's 3rd class cities. Today, The League represents Pennsylvania cities, boroughs, townships, home rule communities and towns that all share their municipal policy interests. The Board of Directors oversees the administration of a wide array of municipal services including legislative advocacy, publications, education/training, consulting-based programs, and group insurance trusts. For more information, please visit PML.org. Join the conversation at twitter.com/PAMunicipalLeag and facebook.com/PAMunicipalLeague.

About KABOOM!

KABOOM! is the national non-profit that works to achieve playspace equity. Kids who don't have access to play miss out on childhood and are denied critical opportunities to build physical, social and emotional health. And all too often, it more deeply affects communities of color. So we amplify the power of communities to build inspiring playspaces that spark unlimited opportunities for every kid, everywhere. KABOOM! has teamed up with partners to build or improve 17,000+ playspaces, engage more than 1.5 million community members and bring joy to more than 11 million kids. To learn about our goal to end playspace inequity for good, visit kaboom.org and join the conversation at twitter.com/kaboom, facebook.com/kaboom and instagram.com/kaboom.