

You can help make the dream a reality.

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Imagine the park from your childhood.



It was covered in sand that kicked up under your sneakers as you raced your friends from the tire swing to the merry-go-round to the monkey bars. Remember the feelings you had as you stared up at the slide. Were you brave enough? Would you tackle it?

Now imagine you are at that same park and you have a physical disability. You want to play, but the soft sand-covered ground makes getting around in your wheelchair hazardous. You would swing if only the swings were a little safer. You could slide if only there were a way to get to the top. The most you can do is witness the fun from the sidelines.

No one would deny a child the fundamental joy of playing outside in the afternoon sun. By conquering the slide or the hardest jungle gym in the park, children learn to navigate the world and achieve a sense of empowerment. You may have never learned cooperation if you hadn't mastered the art of the seesaw.

What if there were a way you could transform Wilson Park into a magical place where no one would have to sit on the sidelines? A place where children, grandparents, and people of all ages and abilities could meet, play together and grow together side-by-side, without a second thought to their differences. It would be filled with fun equipment everyone would want to use and most importantly, everyone would be able to use.

Picture in this boundless park an undulating warming wall, that blocks the wind but is still exposed to the comforting rays of the sun. This provides a relaxing oasis where you rest, watch your children play, learn about their school day or merely indulge in a little free-thinking. Why not put secret holes in the wall that form windows to nearby St. Cloud landmarks?

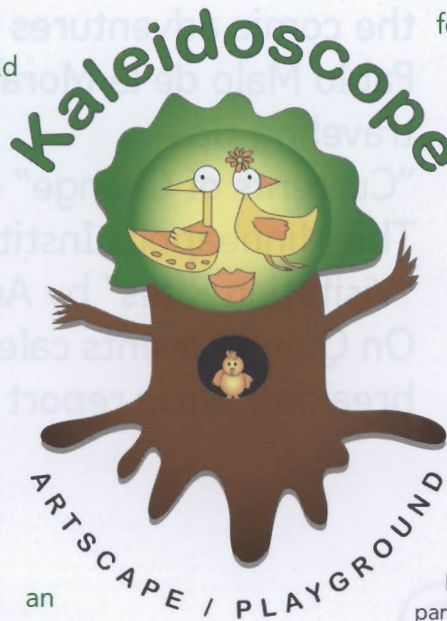
Why stop there?! Let your imagination take hold. Not only should all children be able to play, but they should be able to play among art. What

if the shelter in Wilson Park, and your warming wall, were covered with hundreds of sparkling mirrored tiles made by everyone in the community, including yourself? They should all be made of bold, vibrant colors and they will all be about free, independent, spirited, flying birds!

Do you remember the little boy in a wheelchair sitting at the edge of your childhood park? It looked like he wanted to play and you wanted to ask, but you weren't certain how to approach him. You didn't know what you should do or what he could do, so you played on, trying not to notice or

feel bad. You wouldn't want anyone to feel bad

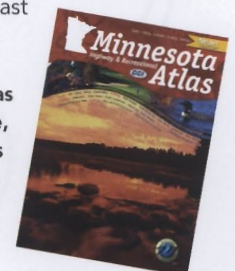
for you. For the first time in your life, you felt overwhelmingly grateful for everything you had and overwhelmingly heartsick that you realized it through another child's setback. Right now, if you had the power to give him the experience of what it feels like to swing higher than everyone else, to spin seemingly out of control on the merry-go-round or to simply play at the park with his friends ...



You Would.

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