Welcome to All Abilities Play!

Cape Coral lacks accessible play spaces for individuals with disabilities. All Abilities Play is on a mission to change that by building the first state-of-the-art inclusive playground in our city.



Our Vision: A community where individuals of all abilities and ages can play, exercise, learn, and socialize together in a welcoming space.

The Challenge: Traditional playgrounds often exclude those with disabilities, limiting their opportunities for play and social interaction.

Our Solution: An all-abilities playground designed with universal accessibility, featuring:

1. <u>Accessible Pathways</u>: Wide, smooth paths connecting all areas, accommodating wheelchairs and other mobility aids. These paths ensure that everyone can move freely throughout the playground, promoting independence and inclusion.

2. <u>Inclusive Play Equipment</u>:

- Wheelchair-accessible swings: These specialized swings allow children in wheelchairs to enjoy the sensation of swinging without leaving their chairs, providing a crucial sensory experience.
- Bucket swings with high backs and harnesses: These offer extra support for children with limited upper body strength or balance issues, ensuring they can swing safely and comfortably.
- Wheelchair-accessible merry-go-rounds: These allow children in wheelchairs to enjoy the spinning motion alongside their peers, fostering social interaction and shared experiences.
- Wide slides with gentle slopes: These accommodate children who need to slide with a caregiver or those using mobility aids, ensuring everyone can enjoy the thrill of sliding.
- Supportive seesaws with extra stability features: These allow children with varying abilities to enjoy the up-and-down motion together, promoting balance skills and cooperative play.
- Ramped play structures: These ensure that elevated play areas are accessible to all, allowing children
 using mobility aids to join their friends at all levels of the playground.
- 3. <u>Sensory Play Areas</u>: These areas are crucial for children with sensory processing disorders and can benefit all children by providing rich, diverse experiences:
 - Tactile panels with various textures: These stimulate the sense of touch and can be calming for children with autism or sensory sensitivities.
 - Musical instruments: Large, easy-to-play instruments produce a variety of sounds, encouraging auditory exploration and group play.
 - Interactive water features: These provide both visual and tactile stimulation, with adjustable features for different heights and abilities.
- 4. <u>Inclusive Restrooms and Amenities</u>: Spacious, accessible facilities with adult-sized changing tables. These are essential for caregivers assisting older children or adults with disabilities, ensuring comfort and dignity for all park users.

- 5. <u>Clear Signage</u>: Large print, braille, and visual symbols for easy navigation. This helps all users, especially those with visual impairments or cognitive disabilities, to confidently navigate the playground independently.
- 6. <u>Quiet Spaces</u>: Cozy corners or small enclosures where children can retreat if they feel overwhelmed, providing a safe space for self-regulation.
- 7. <u>Adaptive Seating</u>: Throughout the playground, providing rest areas for caregivers and individuals who may need frequent breaks.

Each of these elements is carefully chosen to ensure that children and adults of all abilities can play together, promoting physical development, social skills, and most importantly, the sheer joy of play for everyone in our community.

Community Impact: This playground will provide a space where all children and adults can play together, fostering understanding, empathy, and inclusion in our community.

How You Can Help: We're partnering with Evie Adapts, a local non-profit, to raise \$1,000,000 for this project. The City of Cape Coral is providing the land and additional support. All donations are tax-deductible. Tax ID: 88-0883096.

Your tax-deductible donation will directly fund:

- Specialized equipment (e.g., 5 wheelchair-accessible swing buckets)
- Safe, accessible surfaces
- Sensory play elements
- Essential amenities

Donate Now:

- Online: https://evieadapts.com/play/
- By Check: Payable to "Evie Adapts", and "All Abilities Play" in the "For" line then mail to: Trademark Roofing c/o Evie Adapts 1931 NE 10th Ter. Cape Coral, FL 33909

Join us in creating a space where play knows no bounds. Your support, whether big or small, will help make this dream a reality for countless families in our community.

Thank you for your consideration. Together, we can build something truly amazing.

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