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Hasbro Brings Dream of Inclusive Play to West Point Families

New Boundless Playground Will Aid Veterans to Recovery

WEST POINT, NEW YORK – July 27, 2009 – For the residents of Balfour Beatty Communities at West Point, play just took on a whole new meaning. The latest addition to West Point Military Academy is a Hasbro-sponsored inclusive Boundless playground where children of all abilities and wounded warriors can actively play together.

After the unveiling of preliminary designs, West Point resident and parent of a child with disabilities, Jane Spies, took a special interest in the project. She heard about the benefits that an inclusive Boundless playground could bring and encouraged her military community to upgrade the accessible design and make it truly *Boundless*.

The Hasbro Children's Fund, a longstanding supporter of Boundless Playgrounds and a leader in the inclusive play movement, then provided a \$30,000 grant to cover the cost of the design changes. The grant was awarded through one of Hasbro's special programs which support injured military personnel and other military families with special needs by creating Boundless playgrounds on bases throughout the country.

The Boundless playground at West Point, featuring equipment from GameTime, includes exclusive double wide ramps, soft rubber safety surfacing for wheelchairs and other mobility devices, GTJams musical instruments, a sign language and Braille panel, accessible Zip slides and a multitude of cutting edge Xscape fitness based play events. In addition, the playground features Zero-G Chairs, state-of-the art solid harness swings for children who need additional back support.

At the grand opening ceremony, the West Point military community saw the immediate impact of the Boundless playground. For Jane Spies, it was a very personal experience.

"This playground is really a dream come true for everyone, especially for my Emily," she commented.

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