

The Valparaiso Parks Foundation provides opportunities for the community to support the continuing legacy of high quality experiences provided by Valpo Parks.



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2014 Annual Report Edition

A Letter from the President

I've been fortunate to be part of several Valpo Parks Foundation projects since 1998—the new park office at Foundation Meadows, the Service Memorial, Butterfly Meadow and Central Park, along with shelters, pathways and playgrounds. But the “pinnacle” of success for me was the original ValPLAYso, built in 1994. Hearing story after story of volunteers working side by side and building something so incredible, I jumped at the chance to have a front row seat for “ValPLAYso - The Next Generation” in 2014!

The process began more than a year before a shovel was put in the ground. The time and effort it took to develop plans, procure tools and materials, enlist volunteers, and raise private funds to accomplish this goal was nothing short of heroic. By October 6, the task of actually building it was upon us, the community, and we got it done. For one week, hundreds of volunteers dug holes, poured concrete, cut boards, painted, and performed

dozens of tasks, all with the common goal of building a fully accessible playground for the next generation of children. The spirit of community is something that can't easily be described, but was undeniably evident to anyone there.



Jeff Lewis

That spirit continues to thrive in Valparaiso as we witness the expansion of Central Park. With completion by August 2015, it will be a hub for year-round activities, including ice skating under the William E. Urschel Pavilion, opening in November. The Parks Foundation is more dedicated than ever to looking for opportunities to enhance our community. Thank you all for your never-ending support by donating your time and treasures to further enhance Valparaiso's quality of life!

GET INVOLVED

Attend an event, join a committee or volunteer

Support the Face Place at ValPLAYso

1. Purchase a faceplate - visit www.valplayso.com
2. Purchase naming rights. Have portions of the park named for your organization or family, including naming of the Face Place Plaza.

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Recent Projects:

- ValPLAYso
- Central Park Plaza
- Butterfly Meadow Picnic Shelters

Horizons We're Expanding:

- Youth Sports Task Force
- Open Space Property Donations
- Future Park Opportunities



Leave A Legacy

Become a member of the EverGreen Society

The Evergreen Society was established to ensure our parks are preserved and protected for years to come. To learn more about the EverGreen Society, call Director John Seibert at 219.462.5144

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2014 Events



Friends & Legends Reception

May 8, 2014

Honored Bruce Berner and Mary Leonard



Creekside Classic

July 17, 2014

Creekside Golf Course



Party in the Park

August 16, 2014

All Proceeds benefitted ValPLAYso

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Friends & Legends Reception

May 7, 2015

Creekside Classic

July 16, 2015



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Party in the Park

Nov 14, 2015

Proceeds from the following Valpo Parks Foundation events support the Foundation and ultimately benefit the Valpo Parks system.

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