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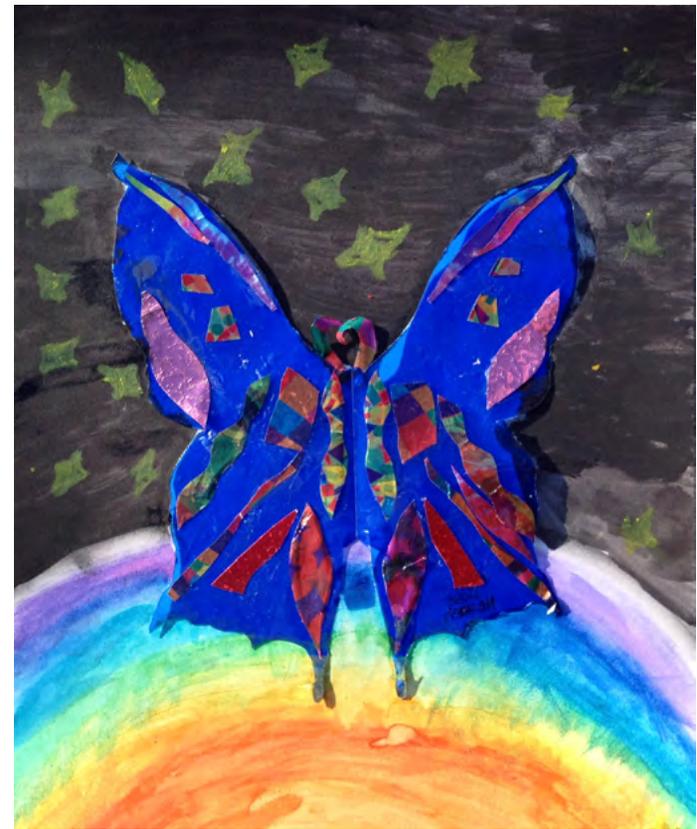
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Children's Grove Dedication

Saturday, May 3, 2014

“A Single Act of Kindness
Can Change a Life Forever”

Developed by
Columbia Parks and Recreation
and Putting Kids First

What is the Children's Grove?

A symbol of love, hope and commitment to support the safety and nurturing of youth

The Story....

Anne Deaton was moved by the Sandy Hook tragedy and wanted to do something to both honor the memory of children lost and to prevent future tragedies. She then consulted with the mayor and other community members who shared her desire to encourage conversations and education about mental health. In 2012, a group of concerned citizens, named Putting Kids First, had successfully passed a mental health tax to provide for much needed behavioral health services for youth. It was no surprise then that members of Putting Kids First, these volunteers, and Parks and Recreation would join together to create Children's Grove -- a place of beauty and peacefulness, a place for joyful activity and commemoration, and a constant impetus for education and outreach to enhance the mental, physical, and social well-being of our youth - and always a reminder to reach out to others with acts of kindness.

Future Goals --

- Promote mental health awareness and education programs in businesses, churches, schools, and throughout the community
- Support youth activities in the arts and education that promote acts of kindness and positively impact the physical, social, and mental health of our youth
- Encourage the planting of the signature Children's Grove tree throughout Boone County as a symbol to reach out with "Acts of Kindness" and remind us as a community to keep in the forefront conversations regarding mental health.
- Provide counsel to the towns and communities interested in starting a Children's Grove.



For more information contact us at thechildrensgrove@gmail.com or follow our Facebook page at [facebook.com/thechildrensgrove](https://www.facebook.com/thechildrensgrove)

Syringia -Lilacs

Beauty of Moscow- pale lavender
President Lincoln- blue-purple
Charles Jolly- Magenta
Sensation- Purple
Miss Canada- rose-pink
James McFarland- pink



Malus sp. -Crabapples

'Sugar Tyme' - white flowers, green foliage, 20 ft
'Purple Prince' - purple flowers, bronze/green foliage 20 ft
'Royal Raindrops' - pink flowers, purple foliage, 20 ft

What is Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an eight-hour training designed for the general public (for educators, health professionals, parents, faith leaders and their congregations, and community service groups). MHFA programs, available to the public in Boone County, equip people with knowledge and the basic skills to respond to someone in crisis and direct them to professional resources.

A brief summary of the content includes how to:

ASSESS for suicidal tendency or harm

LISTEN non-judgmentally

GIVE reassurance and information

ENCOURAGE appropriate professional help

ENCOURAGE self-help and other support strategies

Grants are available --send inquiries to thechildrensgrove@gmail.com

Or go to mhfamissouri.org for scheduled courses.



What plantings are in the Children's Grove?

There are 41 trees planned for the Children's Grove. The plants chosen for the children's grove include 7 different cultivars of Magnolias, 6 cultivars of lilacs and 3 cultivars of crabapples. Our selection is intended to create a place of joy and wonderment, for children and adults alike. We hope that many happy memories will be cultivated here, personal memories that can be cherished for a lifetime. Many of these selected plants have a cultural or nostalgic connection to family and loved ones. Many of us, for example, can probably relate to gathering lilac blossoms for our grandmother or mom. The trees will eventually grow together and create an overhanging archway.

In the fall, we plan to plant daffodils and surprise /resurrection lilies (*Lycoris squamigera*) for some additional color and texture for future years.

-- Parks and Recreation

Magnolia

'Butterflies' - bright yellow flowers, 35 ft

'Yellow Lantern' - lemon yellow flowers, 30 ft

'Yellow Bird' - lemon yellow flowers, 30 ft

'Sunburst' - yellow flowers, 25-30 ft

'Daybreak' - pink flowers, 25 ft

'Galaxy' - hot pink flowers, 35 ft

'Shirazz' - dark pink flowers, 25 ft

Welcome

Mayor Bob McDavid

Presentation of Colors

Troop 707

National Anthem

Alexa Mason

Recognition of Community Effort

Mayor McDavid

A Prayer for Children

Dr. Chris Belcher

"Child of Peace"

The Missouri Symphony Conservatory Children's Chorus

Recognition of Garden Founder Donors

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Butterflies

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