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## **Knoxville “Morning” Kiwanis Club DBA Kiwanis Club of Knoxville**

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### **2016 Progress Report Update for the Kiwanis Miracle Playground at Young’s Park, Knoxville, Iowa**

Members of the Knoxville Morning Kiwanis Club are proud to report that our playground project for phases one, two and three are now completed. In the fall of 2015, the sidewalks, named bricks, named benches, landscaping, grass seeding and the planting of three large Autumn Glow red maples were all completed.

We are now starting the last of our fundraising efforts on this \$200,000 project. We have raised \$135,000 to date. Moving forward, another \$65,000 is needed for the completion of our playground.

The last phase of our playground is for kids ages 5 to 12. This phase will be twice as large as phase one for the 2 to 5 years olds. This will be more challenging to build and for that reason we are planning to build it in two phases. The first phase will be installing the handicapped ramps and the last phase to complete the project will be the purchasing of the playground equipment and installation.

We will need to raise \$15,000 to fund the handicapped ramps of this final phase. We are working on the sale of named bricks in our patio area. The named bricks are \$150 each, two for \$125 each or three or more for \$100 each.

Composite benches will be placed around the playground area. They are durable and environmentally friendly. A named bench can be purchased for \$1,500. A bench with a logo is \$2,500.

A black granite monument will permanently mark this project as “Young’s Park Kiwanis Miracle Playground.” Engraved on the stone will be the names of those that helped sponsor this project.

- Bronze sponsorship \$500 - \$999
- Silver sponsorship \$1,000 - \$2,499
- Gold sponsorship \$2,500 - \$4,999
- Platinum sponsorship \$5,000 - \$9,999
- Emerald sponsorship \$10,000 - \$19,999
- Diamond sponsorship \$20,000 or more

Starting in November 2015, every Friday night from 6 pm to 9 pm we have had inflatables at the Memorial Hall, 320 E. Robinson St. in Knoxville, IA. We are also open by appointment for private parties every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through April 2016.

All fund-raising efforts by the Knoxville Morning Kiwanis go to the playground project.

We will be applying for several grants again this year. Also planned is a direct mailing campaign with new, updated brochures.

As soon as the funding becomes available we would like to order the next phase of our playground for construction.

To our joy this playground is being used by many of the children in this community. We also have handicapped children coming from a 50-mile radius of Knoxville. We can be proud that Knoxville, Iowa, in Marion County has the first ADA approved handicapped accessible playground in that 50-mile radius.

We wish to thank all that have given so generously to this wonderful project. We started this in September 2013 and with the help of your donations, are getting close to being able to finish it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ernest A. Smith". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Ernest A. (Ernie) Smith, Lt. Governor – Oct. 1, 2015 - Sept. 30, 2016 and  
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