**Community Engagement**

**Stemming from our commitment to kindness, we unite and excite the entire community**

From the city government to schools, to a diverse range of community members. Magical Bridge connects groups and individuals towards a common goal with benefits seen on and off the playground.

**UNITED BY A COMMON GOAL**

It takes commitment from local government, community groups, and individuals to advocate, fundraise, and build a Magical Bridge Playground. In this era of political divisiveness and social isolation, a wide variety of groups and individuals embrace our message of kindness and inclusion as a way to align with the unifying belief that we are more similar than different. This sense of belonging creates a renewed excitement about building a place in their own city that genuinely welcomes everyone.

**UNIQUE COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING**

Throughout the year, we organize and promote unique programs designed to enhance our commitment to “all abilities, all ages, all welcome”. Our programs include educational workshops that build empathy, sensory-friendly music concerts, Kindness Ambassador Programs, and design-related projects.

**A LASTING IMPACT BEYOND THE PLAYGROUND**

Our research is clear: when visitors come to a Magical Bridge playground, they stay longer and socialize more than they would at a “typical” playground. The community and health benefits of this are significant. Not only are community members happier, healthier, and more physically active but local businesses are stimulated. Messages of inclusion and kindness make their way off the playground and into homes, schools and the community at large.

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Before my snowboarding injury, I would get off from work and stop at the park near my house and sit on the swings. Something about the motion would help me relax and let me think about my life a bit before I went home. I haven’t been on the swings since I was injured, that was 16 years ago. Today was magical.

Krystina Jackson,
Ms. Wheelchair California 2018

THE MAGIC OF MAGICAL BRIDGE We’re regularly humbled and awed by the magical moments and connections made at Magical Bridge. Come out and play to experience it for yourself.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
Our popular inclusive and sensory-friendly Music is Magic concert series runs throughout the summer. Concerts provide joy and auditory stimulation through a variety of musical styles and are free to the entire community.

STEM EDUCATION PROGRAM
Magical Bridge STEM curriculum teaches playground design concepts of universal design and empathy through hands-on projects. We educate students through program partners such as the Boys and Girls Club and Abilities United.

KINDNESS AMBASSADORS
Our Kindness Ambassador Program trains volunteers to embrace inclusion while spreading messages of kindness and compassion in all Magical Bridge events and activities, both on and off the playground.

A PLAYGROUND FOR ALL AGES
We’re believe the playground isn’t just for kids! We regularly host our corporate partners, local retire groups, and senior centers to come out and join the fun for “adult play days” on the playground.

THE PLAYGROUND AS A COMMUNITY SPACE
Our playground is a daily destination for school programs, occupational therapists, service dog trainers, camps activities, birthday parties and more. It’s a true meeting ground and usable space for everyone.

TEACHING DESIGN AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY
Every year we work with Emeritus Professor Dave Jaffee at Stanford University and the students in his Assistive Technology course. Prototypes are designed and tested on the playground. Some of these prototypes turn into real projects for the Foundation.

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