



# MAGICAL BRIDGE™

## REDWOOD CITY, CA

### MAGICAL BRIDGE PLAYGROUND IN REDWOOD CITY | FAQ

#### **What is Magical Bridge Playground?**

Magical Bridge Playground in Palo Alto is heralded as the nation's most innovative and inclusive playground, located in the heart of Silicon Valley. It's the first of its kind, and is designed to be socially inclusive for children and adults of varying ages, and physical and cognitive abilities.

#### **Who created Magical Bridge Playground and Magical Bridge Foundation?**

Palo Alto's Magical Bridge Playground was created by Olenka Villarreal, who led a group of passionate volunteers to create a new kind of playground, one that would delight her daughter and others with special needs. Magical Bridge Foundation is led by Magical Bridge Playground founder and visionary, Olenka Villarreal, and co-founders Jill Asher and Kris Loew. The formation of Magical Bridge Foundation is the natural next step to respond to the global need for innovative and inclusive parks.

#### **Why was Magical Bridge Playground created?**

Nearly 20 percent of our population is living with a disability, and yet playgrounds are still not being designed to meet the unique needs of everyone in the community. Since its April 2015 opening in Palo Alto, California, Magical Bridge Playground has received visitors from around the world interested in replicating their ground-breaking playground model. This ongoing enthusiasm underscores the urgent need for more play spaces to be designed and built for everyone.

#### **Why did Magical Bridge Foundation Choose Redwood City for its next playground?**

Magical Bridge Foundation chose Redwood City as its next location due to its progressive parks and recreation program, funding support, and diverse community.

#### **When will Magical Bridge Playground in Redwood City Open?**

The playground is expected to open at Red Morton Park in late 2017 or early 2018.

#### **Will the community have input?**

Yes, the City of Redwood City and Magical Bridge Foundation will offer opportunities for the Redwood City community to offer input at key points in the planning process.

#### **How will the playground be funded?**

The City of Redwood City will contribute \$1.5 million of Capital Improvement Project funding it had already allocated towards to planned renovation of the old existing playground. The Foundation will collaborate with the City of Redwood City to raise funds in the estimated amount of \$1.8 million expected to complete the Project.

#### **How can I help?**

We are counting on personal and corporate participation to bridge the financial gap needed to build the playground. To learn more about personal or corporate giving, visit [www.magicalbridge.org/redwoodcity](http://www.magicalbridge.org/redwoodcity) or contact [jill@magicalbridge.org](mailto:jill@magicalbridge.org)

#### **Where can I find more information?**

For project updates in the near future, go to [www.magicalbridge.org/redwoodcity](http://www.magicalbridge.org/redwoodcity)