

# KIDS TOGETHER NEWS

*All the latest from Kids Together Playground!*

**WELCOME!**

No matter what the season, Kids Together Playground is the place to find loads of fun! Before summer's end, we held our first KT Bubbles Day, with Ayla the Dreams Fairy adding to the excitement! We welcomed fall with our annual fundraiser, the Walk, Run & Roll for Inclusive Play. In November, we celebrated Nature's changes with our Fall Foliage Stroll. Speaking of changes, there are some changes at the playground! Something new has already been added, something old is being replaced, and something really big and really new is coming soon! Read on to find out more! And remember: Every day is a good day to go outside and play!

## **SOMETHING NEW RIGHT NOW AT KIDS TOGETHER PLAYGROUND**

When we're not playing at KTP, we love to read. That's why we were so excited when Troop 216 Scout Thomas Mamura asked if he could put a Little Free Library at the playground. It's his Eagle Scout project, which involved coordinating with the Town of Cary staff and Kids Together, designing the library, and leading the scouts in his troop to build and install it.

We're impressed with the quality of their work, and we love the purple paint!

Now, it's your turn to help fill it up. Bring your kid-friendly books to add to the library shelves. You just might find a book or two that you'd like to borrow and read! Thank you, Thomas, for your work and thinking of KTP!



## COMING SOON TO KIDS TOGETHER PLAYGROUND

For years, we have wondered whether a **wheelchair-accessible swing** would be a good fit for KTP, so we were excited when we found the We Go Swing. It's wheelchair-accessible, but much more! The We Go Swing has two bays – one for a wheelchair and another with a bench – so everyone can share the fun! When we showed the idea to the Town of Cary and offered to help pay for it, everything fell into place. We're thrilled to announce that the We Go Swing is scheduled for installation by December 1!



The Town of Cary does an incredible job of keeping KTP safe and up to date. When our 23-year-old playhouses began to show their age, the town stepped up to replace them, inviting Kids Together to help select the new ones. We're happy to tell you that **two new preschool area playhouses** will be installed at the same time as the We Go Swing – hooray!

**Some areas of the playground will be closed the week of November 27**, as the new swing and playhouses are installed. We are grateful to the Town of Cary for their commitment to the playground. And we're proud to contribute to new playground features, thanks to the funds we raise each year at our Walk, Run & Roll for Inclusive Play.

## PAST EVENTS

### THE KT WALK, RUN & ROLL FOR INCLUSIVE PLAY

Cloudy skies and occasional spitting rain dampened our attendance, but it certainly didn't dampen the enthusiasm of everyone who participated in our 2023 Walk, Run & Roll for Inclusive Play! We gathered on October 7th to celebrate every child's right to be included in play. Our emcee, KT board member Scott Lassiter, welcomed everyone and recognized our sponsors. Karen Gray, another KT board member, showed us how to use American Sign Language to say "Thank You" and give silent applause.



While kids played games, the grownups checked out our awesome raffle prizes – a bicycle from Oak City Cyclery, a plasma car from Learning Express, tickets to Schoolhouse Rock-Live from the Cary Arts Center, and gift cards from Goodberry's. Our favorite dragon, KATAL, made an appearance amid high-fives and hugs, then beckoned us to the starting line. Cary Town Council Member Carissa Kohl-Johnson met us there and helped with the countdown. Runners, walkers, and rolling wheels traveled the greenway and crossed the pedestrian bridge to the turnaround point. We celebrated each participant with bubbles, cheers, and a medal on their return. There was plenty of time to visit our exhibitors before the raffle prize drawing. Thank you to Bach to Rock, the Cary Police Department, the Exceptional Children's Assistance Center, Giggles Drop-in Child Care, and Rooted Together Yoga and Wellness for sharing the morning with us.

And a big KT Thank You to our sponsors:



Chanticleer Café & Bakery | Taylor Family YMCA | The KT Board of Directors  
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## WINDOW WORKS CO. SUPPORTS KT IN A BIG WAY!

Speaking of our sponsors, we can always count on the Window Works Co. to show their support for Kids Together! We wanted to find out more about them, so we asked a few questions, and, of course, they answered.

**KT:** *Your company name gives us some idea about your business, but please tell us a little bit more. What products do you offer?*



**Window Works:** We are a family-run business that helps homeowners in the Triangle find windows and doors. We carry products by Andersen, ProVia, Vinyl Design, DSA MasterCrafted, and other trusted, industry leading brands. In addition to selling windows and doors, our installation crew members are top-notch craftsmen. They ensure that our customers' new windows and doors look great and function perfectly.

**KT:** *Where is your business located?*

**Window Works:** You can find us at **8111 Tryon Woods Drive, Suite 205, in Cary.** We are open Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm. You can also visit us at [windowworksnc.com](http://windowworksnc.com), where we share lots of helpful articles and resources!

**KT:** *How long have you been in business?*

**Window Works:** Window Works has been in Cary since 2007.

**KT:** *Who are your customers?*

**Window Works:** We work with homeowners, builders, and remodelers on new construction and remodeling projects.



**KT:** *Does a new customer need to make an appointment, or can they just walk in?*

**Window Works:** Customers are welcome to call or visit our showroom during our regular business hours. They can also use our website to request a measurement and consultation appointment.

**KT:** You were a major sponsor of this year's KT Walk, Run & Roll for Inclusive Play. You were also a sponsor for our 2022 Walk – thank you! And you've joined us as a business member at the Best Friend Forever level. What would you tell other businesses to encourage them to follow your lead?

**Window Works:** Supporting local organizations that promote inclusion and that better our community is important to us. We know that kids who have safe, engaging places to play will grow up to become thoughtful, capable leaders in our communities. We can't think of a better cause to support!

## OTHER PAST EVENTS

### A BUBBLE DAY AT KTP



Sunday, August 13, was Bubbles Day at KTP! We set up tables with lots of ways for kiddos to experiment and make bubbles of their own. When Ayla the Dreams Fairy arrived, we were spellbound by the huge bubbles she created – what a show! This was another free activity made possible by the generosity of the Kids Together members. You can help us do more – [be a KT member!](#)

### FALL FOLIAGE STROLL

Another free activity at KTP – our annual Fall Foliage Stroll on November 5 focused on the plants that make the playground special. We turned the kids loose with safety scissors and collection bags to gather natural materials – leaves, twigs, and flowers. They assembled them to make take-home wreaths. Nature gave us the inspiration to be super-creative!



### LAZY DAZE



When Cary's Lazy Daze Arts & Crafts Festival comes around each August, Kids Together is there, lending a hand to our friends at the LaFarm Bakery food truck. In exchange, LaFarm shares a generous portion of their festival proceeds with Kids Together. Thank you to LaFarm and our volunteers who helped on two very hot days: Liz Brignac, Sue Chaploney, Marla Dorrel, Pat Fish, Josh Fleming, Karen Gray, Rose Reif, Nina Schloss, Janice Sitzes, and Alison Thompson.

## CONNECT WITH KTP ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't miss any KTP news! You may already know you can find us on [Facebook](#), and now you can follow us on [Instagram](#), too! We'll see you there!



## MOMENTS IN HISTORY STILL INFLUENCING KTP TODAY!

### FIRST KT FALL FOLIAGE STROLL – OCTOBER 16, 2009



Every autumn, we can count on Nature to start changing the trees and other plants that make KTP special. So, 14 years ago, we began celebrating this time of year with our first Fall Foliage Stroll.



## KT BRICKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS

The gift-giving season is upon us, and we have a gift idea for you: An engraved brick at KTP! Place your order for Hanukkah by November 30, or for Christmas by December 9, and we'll send your honoree a certificate in time for the holiday. Then you can celebrate again in June 2024, when your special brick will be installed. Just \$50 – [order yours today!](#)



## KIDS TOGETHER NEEDS YOU AS A MEMBER

We love hosting free activities at the playground year-round, but we couldn't do it without the support of our members! While KT runs on a shoestring budget, we have basic expenses to cover, as well as the costs of the free fun we bring to the playground. Members get advance notice of pop-up events and our quarterly newsletter. Subscribe at the \$100 level and get a KT tote - ready for summer trips to the playground! [Get all the details here!](#)



Businesses and organizations can support KT, too! Business and organization memberships start at \$250, with benefits at three giving levels. [Learn more here.](#)

## WE ♥ OUR KT MEMBERS!

Willa Brigham  
Liz Brignac  
Marla Dorrel  
Pat Fish  
Josh Fleming  
Danelle Gambrell  
Karen Gray

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### RECENT DONORS

We appreciate the gifts we've received over recent months from these generous donors!

Don Seay  
Brent Miller

You, too, can show your love for Kids Together and our free, fun activities! A donation of any size is welcome and greatly appreciated!

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