

KIDS TOGETHER NEWS

All the latest from Kids Together Playground!

WELCOME!

Spring is right around the corner! And that's when Kids Together really springs into action! We have lots to do at the playground this quarter. Don't miss our list of upcoming events! In this issue, we're focusing on the birds we've seen at the playground and a surprise we've added, just for them. We have much more news, including a brand-new fundraiser in April. In our History Moment, we're reaching back 13 years, to a snowy day at KTP. It's all here, and more, so read on . . . then go outside and play!

KIDS TOGETHER PLAYGROUND – IT'S FOR THE BIRDS!

"Spring has sprung, the grass has ris, I wonder where the birdies is?" That's how this silly, anonymous poem goes, but at Kids Together we know exactly "where the birdies is" – they're at Kids Together Playground!

On Saturday, February 18, we made new friends as we searched the playground to see how many birds we could find. We were participating in the worldwide [Great Backyard Bird Count](#) for the 17th year. Over those years, we have collected a list of 40 different bird species seen at KTP – that's a lot of birds!

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IT'S FOR THE BIRDS, CONT.



This year we identified seven different species. Our all-time list grew when we added the Double-crested Cormorants. We also observed a pair of Brown-headed Nuthatches that were setting up housekeeping in a dead pine tree. It was fun to see the bird enter the hole they had made, then peep out again. And we learned some creative, new bird names, called out by one of our imaginative young participants!

There's another reason for birds to come to the playground – we've put up a birdhouse for them! We fell in love with the birdhouses created by If You Had Wings, so we knew we needed one at the playground. Actually, you'll find it at the edge of the wooded area, near the concrete slab. We had a feeling the birds would enjoy a somewhat quieter place than on the playground. Thank you to [Lindsay and her friend, Connie](#), for making a custom KT birdhouse and to KT board member Willa Brigham for placing the order. Finally, a big KT Thank You to KT board member Scott Lassiter for installing the new residence for everyone to see!



There are always birds flying around KTP, so next time you're there, take a look for our fine-feathered friends!

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT KIDS TOGETHER PLAYGROUND?

Is it the swings? The slides? The picnic area? The sand? We know you love Kids Together Playground, so how about telling us what you love?

If we publish your testimonial in our next newsletter, we'll send you a KT tumbler. Perfect for sipping lemonade on hot summer playground days.

Send your testimonial (and a picture, if you like) to kt@kidstogethercary.org.

PAST EVENTS

KIDS TOGETHER AT CARY'S SHARE & CARE IN FEBRUARY

On Friday, February 3, Kids Together joined more than 45 agencies that support those with disabilities in [Cary's 2023 Share & Care event](#). Some 300 visitors came to learn about services offered in the Triangle. Pat Fish and Marla Dorrel welcomed visitors to the KT booth and gave information about activities planned for the playground this year. Many people knew about KTP and spoke of bringing their children there to play. Kids Together also made some new friends among the many exhibitors. A big KT Thank You goes to Judy Newsome and Laura Morton of Cary's Specialized Recreation Program for putting on such a valuable event!



HISTORY MOMENT

FEB 12, 2010 – SNOW DAY AT KIDS TOGETHER PLAYGROUND

Thirteen years ago in February, snow blanketed Cary and Kids Together Playground became a fairyland!



APRIL FUNDRAISER ANYTHING WITH A PLUG

Our friends at Anything With a Plug Recycling are holding a fundraiser for Kids Together during the entire month of April.

Clean out your closets, old appliances, garages, kitchen cabinets, computers, attics, sheds, and spare rooms. Anything with a plug (really!) will be recycled in an environmentally safe way and 20% of the gross sales in April will come back to Kids Together. There is no charge for the recycling of most items. The one exception is computer hard drives, where there is a \$2 charge per drive if you require proof that your hard drive was destroyed before recycling.

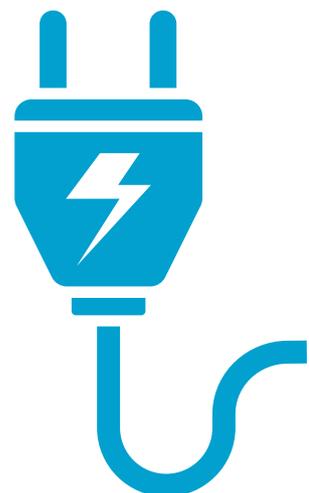
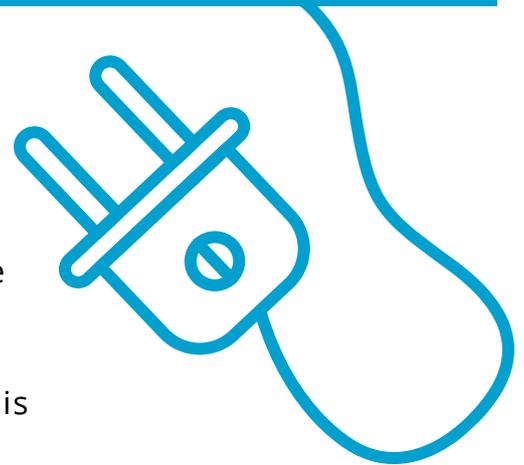
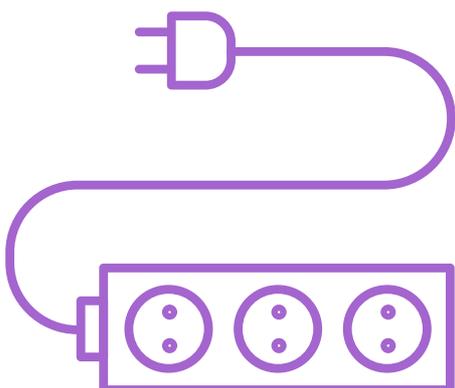
The following mobile drop-off locations will be open on April Saturdays, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM:

- April 1 - 1122 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary 27511 (Wells Fargo Bank parking lot)
- April 8 - 305 Colonades Way, Cary 27512 (Wells Fargo Bank parking lot)
- April 15 - 5209 Sunset Lake Drive, Holly Springs, 27540 (Wells Fargo Bank parking lot)
- April 22 - 924 Gateway Commons Circle, Wake Forest, 27587 (near Pet Mania)

Items can also be dropped off Monday - Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM at their corporate office, 10131 Division Drive Raleigh NC 27603. Pickup service is also available for a \$40 (corporate) or \$50 (residential) flat fee for an unlimited amount of items.

Dates and times are subject to change. Please check Anything With a Plug Recycling to confirm.

[Click here to visit their website for more information, including acceptable/not acceptable items.](#)



WANTED: KIDS TOGETHER BOARD MEMBERS

The Kids Together Board of Directors is a dedicated group of volunteers that steer Kids Together, the non-profit organization that supports Kids Together Playground.

Board members participate in bi-monthly board meetings. They are also expected to assist with activities and events the organization presents at Kids Together Playground (four to six events per year) and volunteer at Spring Daze and Lazy Daze to support our partnership with LaFarm Bakery. Board members also monitor and report playground conditions on a regular basis.

What Kids Together seeks in board members is a commitment to actively participate, a respect for individuals with disabilities, and a passion for outdoor play. If this description fits you, we'd love to tell you more! Contact us:

kt@kidstogethercary.org

ORDER YOUR ENGRAVED BRICK TODAY

DEADLINE: MARCH 15 – DON'T DELAY!

Honor a child, a parent, a grandparent, or a best friend with an engraved brick at KTP! We'll send a certificate acknowledging your gift, then follow up with the honoree when their brick is installed. We place an order annually and our 2023 deadline is just around the corner – March 15th! Bricks ordered now will be installed by June. Order yours [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS



'EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA AT KTP | TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 6 PM AND 7 PM | FREE!

Individuals with disabilities, intellectual and/or physical, are invited to an egg hunt at Kids Together Playground. Meet the Easter Bunny and KATAL the KT Dragon mascot, enjoy the playground, and look for colorful eggs! Bring your Easter basket and a buddy, if needed.

There are two options for egg hunts. Please choose either the 6:00 PM or 7:00 PM hunt.

This event is presented by the Town of Cary's Specialized Recreation Program, with support from Kids Together.

Contact Laura.Morton@carync.gov with any questions.

'STORYTIME WITH WILLA | SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2-3 PM | FREE!

Join our favorite storyteller, [Willia Brigham](#), as she brings stories, songs, and always a great, big smile to the playground! She's a storyteller, inspirational speaker, performing artist, writer and two-time Emmy Award Winner! If you've never heard Willia, you've just never heard a story! Free!



'KIDS TOGETHER AND LAFARM BAKERY AT SPRING DAZE | SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 9 AM – 5 PM



Bond Park will be THE place to be when this year's Spring Daze Arts and Crafts Festival takes place. So, if hunger strikes while you're roaming the booths, make way to the LaFarm Bakery food truck for fortifying pastries, sandwiches, and other goodies. We are grateful to LaFarm, who shares a generous portion of the day's proceeds with Kids Together. You can also stop by the Kids Together booth and put a leaf on our friendship tree. We'll see you there!

SAVE THE DATE!

KIDS TOGETHER 23RD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION | SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 3-5PM



Mark your calendar for another free KT event!

Watch for details in the next newsletter!



KIDS TOGETHER NEEDS YOU AS A MEMBER

How can Kids Together present free activities at the playground, year-round? Our members make it happen! Our all-volunteer organization runs on a shoestring budget, but we could use a little help to cover basic expenses and continue to bring free fun 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 show their support as KT members, too! Business and organization memberships start at \$250, with benefits at three giving levels. Get all the details [here.](#)

WE OUR KT MEMBERS!

Willa Brigham
Liz Brignac
Marla Dorrel
Pat Fish
Danelle Gambrell
Karen Gray
Robert Harrison
Mary Insprucker
Tullie Johnson

Sarah Kahn
Scott Lassiter
Jane MacNeela
Sarah Martin
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Tricia Tiu
Ed and Carolyn Yerha
Paul and Kaori Zevgolis

Recent Donors
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Pat Fish
William Gasko
Alaina Impellitteri
Jaymee May
Therese Mulvey
Bruce Sharpe

You, too, can show your love for Kids Together and our free, fun activities! A donation of any size is welcome and greatly appreciated! Make your donation [here.](#)



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