

# Kid at heart comes through for next generation

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Almost every night, David Judge and his fiancée, Laura Telorsynski, take a nice, leisurely stroll around historic downtown Farmington.

The loop always takes them past Shiawassee Park, one of Judge's favorite childhood haunts. Now, there's a new attraction along their usual route - the sparkling, new "Kids World" PlayScape.

"We really love this area," said Judge, 29, a lifelong resident of Farmington who last year bought a home on Shiawassee. It's where he and Laura plan on raising their own family, after they are married in fall 2000.

And now, thanks in part to his generosity, the current and future generations of children will have a great place to play and spend quality time with their families.

Judge donated a hefty \$5,000 to help create the park-within-a-park; his was the largest donation from an individual to the Kids World cause. (The George F. Riley Foundation trust fund contributed about \$10,000, city officials said.)

"I wish they made these for kids our age, I love this stuff," said Judge, 29, glancing off toward the playscape, officially dedicated last night.

According to Judge, a Farmington Hills-based financial planner and North Farmington High School graduate, he just enjoys helping charities and organizations with donations whenever he can.

His penchant for philanthropy began in 1990, while attending Wayne State University in Detroit. He donated \$25 to join a Detroit Institute of Arts group, and picked up a nice poster for his trouble.

"That's where my charitable givings started," he said with a



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—Farmington*

smile.

This summer, revealing his passion for music and the arts, Judge donated \$10,000 to the Michigan Opera Theatre.

"I just like to help out," said Judge, wearing the blue Three Tenors jacket he received - along with tickets to their recent concert at Tiger Stadium - as thanks for his contribution.

Meanwhile, Judge is looking to his past as much to the future with his gift to the community.

Although his late father, Gerald, left for California when David was 6, the elder Judge apparently made quite an impression on him - enough to dedicate a bronze plaque in Gerald's honor. That plaque will be placed near a double slide in the center of the playscape.

"The reason I picked this spot," David Judge said, "was so that, if my nieces or nephews are scared to go down it, I can slide down right next to them."

And he plans on spending a lot of time doing just that.

"My parents (Gerald and Mary) used to take us down the hill and we sat down at picnic



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL TREZLER

**Playful mood:** David Judge of Farmington played at Shiawassee Park when he was a kid. His \$5,000 contribution to the "Kids World" project will help the next generation do the same. David's donation was the biggest by an individual, according to city officials.

tables here," said David, reminiscing. "We'd run down that hill so fast sometimes."

His brother, Joseph, and sister, Mary Beth and Sarah, also enjoyed the park during their formative years.

Later during his childhood, he'd come over to Shiawassee

Park from nearby Our Lady of Sorrows, where he attended school until the fourth grade and where his mom was a teacher for many years.

In the mid-1980s, David and Gerald Judge got to know each other again; unfortunately, Gerald was in failing health in Cali-

fornia following a stroke.

During lengthy visits to the west coast, to help care for his dad, who died in 1996, the younger Judge learned that they had a lot of common interests: gardening, reading, and a career in financial planning among them.

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"I wanted to remember him through this (playscape)," Judge said.

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