

# Playscape

## Interest, donations build for Shiawassee Park play structure

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Community leaders who are leading the charge to fund the Shiawassee Park Playscape so far have spent a lot of time looking under every corporate stone in the search for financial help.

But, so far at least, the biggest donation came to them. John and Shirley Richardson, who in 1994 moved to Farmington Township after decades in Farmington, sent a \$5,000 check for the playscape effort. Both Richardsons served on the city council, including stints for each as mayor.

"We felt very strongly about making a sizeable contribution," said Shirley Richardson, on the Farmington council from 1986-93 and mayor from 1989-91. John served from 1969-77, the final two years as mayor.

Even though the Richardsons live about 20 miles away, they heard about

the playscape and its fund-raising drive. A steering committee intends to raise at least \$50,000 this winter, in addition to \$60,000 already pledged by the city of Farmington.

The playscape will be built at the south portion of Shiawassee Park (located at Shiawassee-Power) hopefully beginning in spring 1999.

"Our family was born and raised in Farmington, we lived there for so many years," she said. "When we heard about the (playscape) proposal ... John and I stepped forward and wanted to contribute."

Actually the Richardsons donated about \$5,125 toward the cause. Besides the \$5,000 check, they spent \$125 for five pickets, to be inscribed with the names of each of their five grandchildren, who don't live in Farmington. "We thought it'd be fun to take them to the park and look for their pickets," Shirley said, calling the name-a-picket

fund-raising concept a "wonderful idea."

Shirley Richardson was somewhat reluctant to talk about the donation. Bill Richards, assistant city manager, Thursday said the \$5,000 amount is 10 times greater than the largest corporate monetary contributions to date (excluding in-kind donations of services and materials).

But Farmington City Manager Frank Laubhoff was more than willing to speak about the Richardsons' magnanimity. "It's a very generous contribution and we're all very appreciative," Laubhoff said. "Especially given the fact that their primary residence no longer is in the community."

"But at the same time, it's a reflection of their concern for the community. Every significant project that comes along ... they've always been in the forefront."



Giving: Former Mayors John and Shirley Richardson remain involved in the community even though they no longer live here.

### PICK-A-PICKET

The Farmington Observer will regularly list donations - cash or in-kind - to the Playscape project, as well as names of families and individuals who have purchased pickets for the project. For more information about the Playscape or to make donations or purchase pickets for \$25 each, call Bill Richards, Farmington assistant city manager, 474-5500, Ext. 214.

### Playscape donations:

\$5,000 and above:  
■ John and Shirley Richardson

\$2,500 and above:  
■ Marketing Communication Council

\$1,000 and above:  
■ Allen & Laux, Inc.  
■ Walter Sundquist

\$500 and above:  
■ American Speedy Print  
■ Michael Harrison, Inc.  
■ JoAnne M. McShane and William G. Nutting

\$250 and above:  
■ Metro Bank  
■ Steve and Stella Schelake  
■ Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission

The following are Pick-A-Picket donations:

■ Matthew Inch  
■ Michael Inch  
■ Kyle Inch

■ Sydney Richardson  
■ Chelsea Hamp  
■ Carly, Kristen, Heidi, Holly

■ Sgra Holcomb - Special Kid  
■ Jessica Lynn Wummel  
■ Bruce & Annette Jones

■ Alex Jones (9/8/89)  
■ Ben Jones (12/3/91)

■ Teddy Jones (5/2/94)  
■ Erica & John Brady  
■ Linda & Kelly Erickson  
■ Patrick Herbert  
■ Noel Buckner Herbert  
■ Elizabeth Buckner  
■ Daniel Herbert  
■ Charles Herbert  
■ Ellyse Retana (Mike Harrison)

■ TBD (Mike Harrison)  
■ TBD (Mike Harrison)  
■ TBD (Mike Harrison)  
■ M/M August Blomquist

■ The Bothwell Family  
■ David & Rachel Love, Dad  
■ The Vial Family

■ The Williams Family  
■ Stephen Das  
■ Michael Das

■ The Blaker Family  
■ Peter Haapaniemi Family  
■ FHHA Engles

■ Roundrunners Soccer  
■ Elizabeth Ferriss  
■ Michael Ferriss

■ Alicia Grant  
■ Wilvan Grant  
■ Chris & Colin Clark

■ Jim & Dendra Clark  
■ Ric, Karen & Jon Fenske  
■ Ungar Family

■ Jake Weimar  
■ Dana Weimar  
■ The Jaske Family

■ Hannah and Sam Peters  
■ the McGraw Family  
■ Daniel Potter Family

■ City Clerk Employees  
■ City Treasury Employees  
■ Tommy & Katy Scott

■ Suzanne Paul  
■ Charles Paul  
■ Chaz Paul

■ Anthony Paul  
■ Pat Shelton  
■ Nellie Shelton

■ Dick Carvell  
■ Clare Carvell  
■ Quinn Schelake

■ Stan Schelake  
■ Elizabeth Schelake  
■ Justin P. Chase  
■ Lakritz Weber & Company  
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■ Lakritz Weber & Company  
■ Rhyann M. Wengorovius  
■ Karl M. Wengorovius  
■ Angie & Spencer Bice

■ Don & June Summers  
■ The Brian Ratliff Family  
■ Dorothy Savage  
■ Robert Savage

■ JC AC MC RD equals Corri-gans plus 1

■ Joshua Pennington  
■ Katlyn Pennington  
■ Nick Coburn

■ Hannah Coburn  
■ Kelsey Wilcox  
■ Emily Wilcox

■ The Watkeys Family  
■ The Stran Family  
■ Papacharalambous Family

■ Hazel Patterson (Pat)  
■ Coffee Club Fairmont Park  
■ The Oeller Family

■ Jack Doherty Supplies  
■ Andrew Buck  
■ Jon Buck

■ Nikki Mynsberge  
■ Nate Mynsberge  
■ Kelsey Mynsberge

■ Amanda Gillman  
■ Kimberly Gillman  
■ Alexander Buck

■ Bob Rock  
■ Debbi Rock  
■ Melanie Rock

■ Natalie Rock  
■ Kim-Frank-Mat-Kyle Yanke  
■ Dr. Michael L. Pardonnet

■ Nancy Stewart Pardonnet  
■ Andrea Pardonnet  
■ Ian M. Pardonnet

■ Prater  
■ Zdyrski  
■ Benjamin Charles Smith

■ Betty Ann Gutowski  
■ Charles A. Gutowski  
■ Morgan Klesty

■ Bill & Lois Schneider  
■ V&P-Ryan-Megan-Grainer  
■ Lee Cox  
■ Deborah Cox  
■ Kara M. Cox  
■ Stephanie R. Cox

■ The Gandy Family  
■ Candy Lighting Sales  
■ Kaylin Pingel  
■ Weber Grandchildren

■ The Pachuta Family  
■ Kyle-Seane-Erin-Bret Kelly  
■ Farmington Schools Admin. Bldg.

■ Lily Paterson  
■ Juliet Paterson  
■ Jeff & Karen Paterson

■ Austin Todd Brebno  
■ Elise Nicole Brebno  
■ The Hanley Family

■ The Rollins Family  
■ The Roe Family  
■ Callie-Collin-Alyssa S.

■ Jacqueline Nicole Mallia  
■ Mike & Steve Thill  
■ Alexander George Andrews

■ Betty Boyd  
■ The Laituri Family  
■ The Schulman Family

■ Elliot Lee  
■ Rhys Lee  
■ Denise Lee

■ Paul Lee  
■ Page Saari  
■ Buddy Saari

■ Tristan & Astrid Lopus  
■ Leslie M. Metzger DDS  
■ The Shurek Family

■ The Howard Walker Family  
■ Bette, Rita, Bob, Mark, Rick  
■ The Coucke Family

■ Farmington Youth Assist.  
■ Katie & Karen Pisecki  
■ Spencer & Chelsea Moore

■ Bill & Carol Richards  
■ Allison & Jeff Richards  
■ Wiggins Family

■ Brad Seegert  
■ Shannon Seegert  
■ Jason Seegert

■ The Couture Family  
■ Griffiths Grandchildren  
■ Thomas & Taylor Holzer

■ Tashman Family  
■ Milton P. Lilley Family

■ Andy & Lynn Lang  
■ FH Ice Arena  
■ FH Recreation Division  
■ FH Senior Adult Division  
■ F Area Youth & Family

■ FH Costick Center  
■ Elle, Carly & Abby Davis  
■ The Wurmingers  
■ The Boyers

■ Yuta & Mio Yamamoto  
■ Anri & Daichi & Yusei  
■ Emiri & Haruka & Akinori

■ Adam & Brooke Shepard  
■ Andrew Clark  
■ Emily Clark

■ Meredith Clark  
■ Mrs. Clark & Romzick  
■ The Laubhoff Family

■ For the Kids from Ingrid  
■ William M. Ford  
■ S. Farmington Baseball

■ Nick & Chris & Patrick

Schoeps

■ John & Lynn Washburn  
■ David Steinberg Family  
■ Erin Ann Asher

■ Morgan Ann Asher  
■ Robert Ross Asher  
■ Mike & Nancy McCoy

■ Ken & Luwanna Wheeler  
■ Bless the Children - Mimi  
■ Papoo & Janna Parker

■ Curtis & Kyle Coscarelli  
■ Bill & Sue Murphy & Sons  
■ Mary David

■ Kristy David  
■ Bert David  
■ Bert David, III

■ Strathearn Family  
■ Wiederhold  
■ Mary & Lincoln Avery

■ Winnicki Grandchildren  
■ Jessica-Bryan-Erin  
■ Kelsey-Anthony-Alexis

■ Kaitlin-Joseph-Hannah  
■ Tanitra & Lomarque Peete  
■ Theresa & Leran Peete

■ Enjoy the Day Hugues  
■ Matthys Family  
■ Eric & Dane Selke

■ Laura Dembowaki  
■ Rick Dembowaki  
■ Joanne Dembowaki

■ The Rabaly Family  
■ Longacre School PTA  
■ The Corrigan Family

■ The Countegan Family

■ Eric & Eogan Ingrody  
■ Jody & Rusty Soronen  
■ Morrisons Luv Farmington  
■ Paul-Anne-Graham-Zoe

■ Woodward One  
■ JoAnne M. McShane  
■ Kelly McShane

■ Erin McShane  
■ Meg Nutting  
■ H.T. Nutting

■ William G. Nutting  
■ Mary L. Bush, Mayor  
■ City of Farmington

■ 1998-99  
■ Kelly Frantz  
■ Koryann Frantz

■ Hubert & Donna Thompson  
■ Amy Reckhemmer  
■ Shawn & Janet Reckhemmer

■ The Wright Family  
■ Sarah-Mike-Andrew Haudan

■ Tom & Barb Haudan  
■ Jacob Stephen Ringe  
■ Justin Andrew Lewis

■ Rachel Kristine Lewis  
■ The Martin Family  
■ John & Renee Konceal

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■ Carol & Thomas Kurth

■ Mrs. Apol  
■ The Casterline Family  
■ Grandma Mary & Grandpa

Don

■ The Hart Family  
■ Bill Liba  
■ Christina Liba

■ Joseph Don Family  
■ M.D. Dompierre Family  
■ Kari & Lindsey Ungar

■ Rebecca & Evan Paddock  
■ The Dranisima Family  
■ The Mark Duchene Family

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