



Dear Friends,

# We Did It!



I hope you know that you made dreams come true for the children and families of our Seneca Heights Apartments.

You and over 200 other hardworking volunteers did far more than build an amazing new playground. You gave the children a place for balance and active play, which will strengthen their social skills and physical and mental health, as well as enhance their learning and creativity. You showed our families that they are part of a caring community who believes in them. You helped them continue to heal from the trauma of homelessness.

Not only was our outdoor space transformed by your efforts, but all of us involved were equally transformed. I wanted to share the following sentiments we heard about this experience:

**"Watching the playground go up was one of the coolest things I've ever seen!!!! Thank you to all the volunteers for all the love you guys put into it." - Anie's mom, a Seneca Heights resident**

**"Working alongside KaBOOM, Marriott & other volunteers was the most fun, awesome experience I've had in a long, long time. And I gained some carpentry & painting skills too!" - Yasmine, volunteer**

I hope that like me, you found this experience was a powerful reminder about the value of community and the impact of volunteering. Once again, thank you for joining us. We also thank our partners for making this build possible and for your time and commitment: KaBOOM!, The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation, Marriott International, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, Montgomery County Council, City of Gaithersburg, and Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Sincerely,



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