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Tour of future Harper's Playground site, followed by design workshop by nationally acclaimed playground designers

What: Tour of future site of "Harpers Playground," an inclusive playground to be built at Arbor Lodge Park

Who: Cody and April Goldberg, parents of Harper Goldberg
Representatives from MIG Communications and Girvin & Associates
Portland Parks & Recreation Planning staff

When: **11 a.m., Tuesday, March 1**

Where: **Arbor Lodge Park**, N Bryant Street & Delaware Avenue

MIG Design (www.migcom.com), a nationally acclaimed design firm headquartered in Berkeley, California, is volunteering their services, as is Girvin & Associates, a landscape architecture firm, to help design a universally accessible playground at Arbor Lodge Park in North Portland. On March 1, they will be holding, from 1 pm to 4:30 pm, a design charrette to develop the vision for Harper's Playground, integrating art, nature, culture and health to create a one-of-a-kind play environment. Prior to the workshop downtown, they'll do a tour of the site at the park from 11am to noon (N. Bryant and Delaware).

The workshop will be held at MIG's office in downtown Portland, 815 SW 2nd Avenue, Suite 200. Susan Goltsman, FASLA, will be leading the workshop. Susan is an internationally-recognized expert in environmental design and planning, specializing in the programming and design of accessible environments for children, youth and families. She advised the U.S. Access Board, chairing the Playground Committee and serving on the committee that established national ADA guidelines for outdoor recreation.

Todd Girvin, from Girvin & Associates (www.girvinassoc.net), will attend the workshop and lead Girvin & Associates participation on the project. Girvin & Associates has worked with Susan Goltsman when they collaborated on Chase Palm Park in Santa Barbara. Todd Girvin

Harper's Playground is named after 5-year-old Harper Goldberg who has Emanuel Syndrome. The only universally accessible playground in that area of the city, the inclusive playground structure at Arbor Lodge Park would be a place for children and adults of all abilities to play. Her parents, Cody and April Goldberg, who live near the park, have pledged to raise \$200,000 for the project by this summer. (www.harpersplayground.com)

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