Friends of the Magical Bridge Playground*
Because everyone deserves a place to play!

Our Mission: To provide the first playground in this area where families of all abilities can experience the joy of outdoor fun.

Why? Because none of Palo Alto’s 34 public parks are fully accessible to wheelchairs and those with various physical and cognitive challenges.

Where? In an underused portion of Mitchell Park (behind Abilities United), generously donated by the City of Palo Alto.

Magical Bridge Playground Features Include:

Fluid ramping systems will allow a wheelchair to travel to all parts of the park.

Smooth rubber ground surface, not all sand and bark, will accommodate wheelchairs and those with visual impairments.

Fully accessible play stations and park features will ensure everyone can play together.

Raised sand table will bring sand play to those who use walkers and wheelchairs.

Accessible playhouse will foster pretend play among children of all abilities.

Community stage will provide a new gathering place and enhance imagination for all!

Who Benefits Most - Everyone!

1,255 of Palo Alto’s children between the ages of 5 and 17 with “special needs.”

8,014 community members between the age of 21 and 75 with an identified disability.

10,300 Palo Altans over the age of 65, some with limited mobility.

Funding: $1.6 Million needed

$110,000 raised or pledged, mostly private via donations

Plus, $2,500 Palo Alto Community Grant recipient in 2010.

Let’s build this park and stretch Palo Alto’s innovative spirit beyond technology!

*Part of Friends of the Palo Alto Parks, a 501c3 since 2003

Attachment: Magical Bridge Fact Sheet (1386: Community Partnerships - Magical Bridge)