

WHERE
EVERYONE
GETS TO
PLAY



MISHAWAKA
PARKS & RECREATION
FOUNDATION

Miracle League Field
at Normain Heights Park



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The **Miracle League Field** at **Normain Heights Park** will provide people with physical and developmental disabilities the opportunity to play baseball in a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment, while creating deep friendships and lasting memories for players and their families.

**Watch our video.
It's pretty amazing!**





Our Proud History

The **Normain Heights Neighborhood**, a national historic district, highlights the city's focus on accessibility and opportunity for 70+ years.

A local nonprofit developed **300+** homes between **1947-1949** to provide affordable housing for WWII veterans and their families.

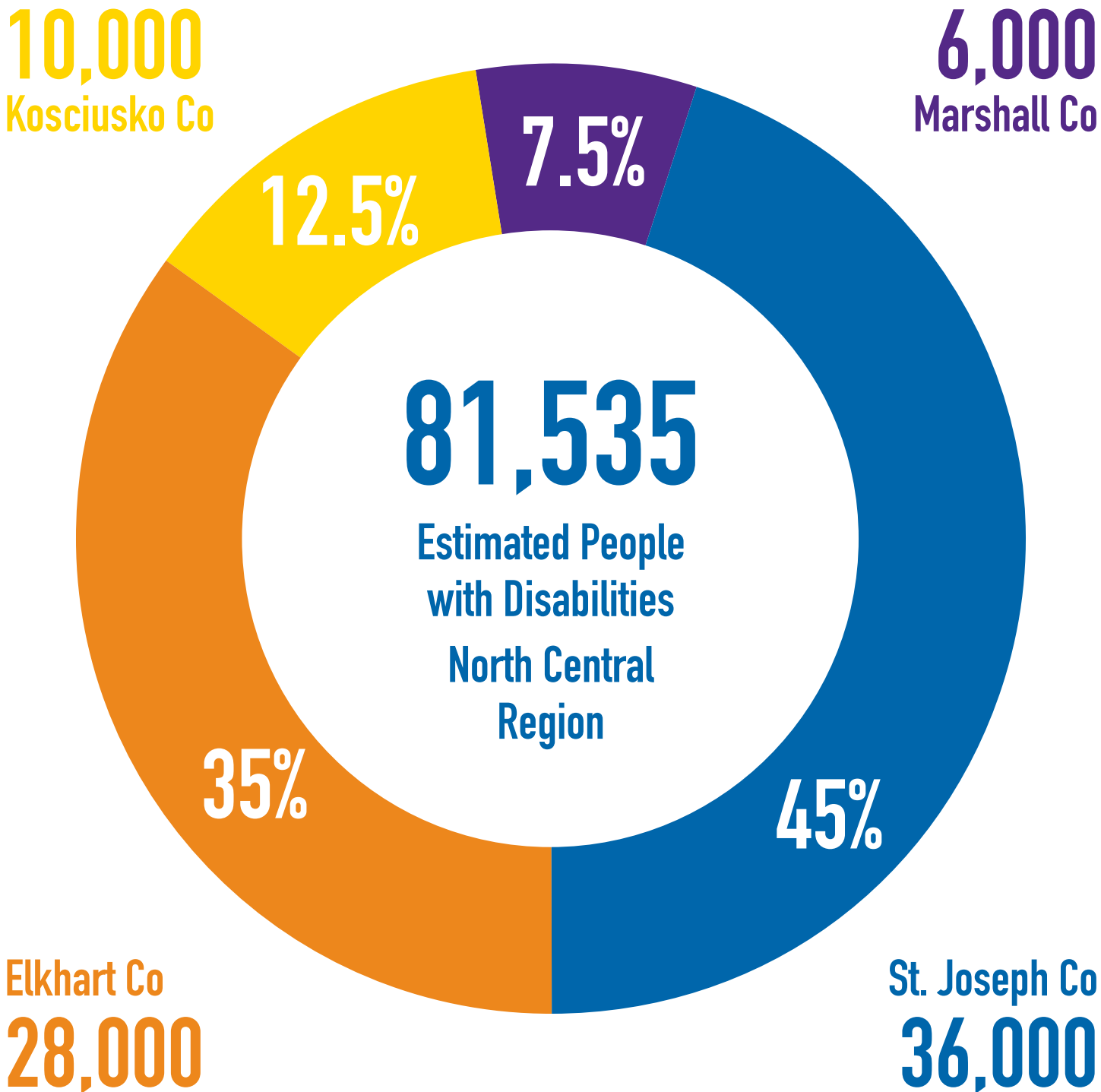
Normain Heights Park was built in the early 1960s to help deepen the connection among families in the neighborhood.

No major park improvements have ever been made.

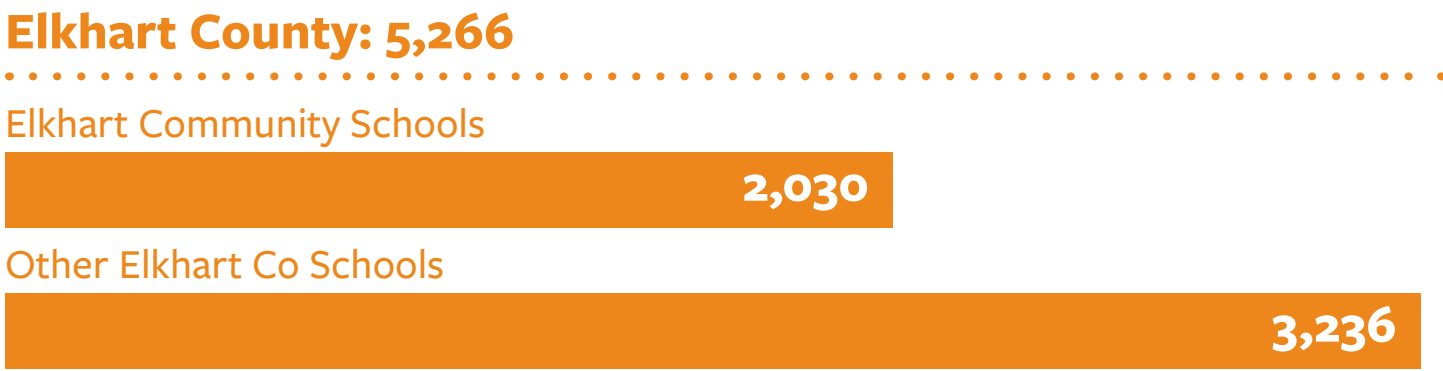
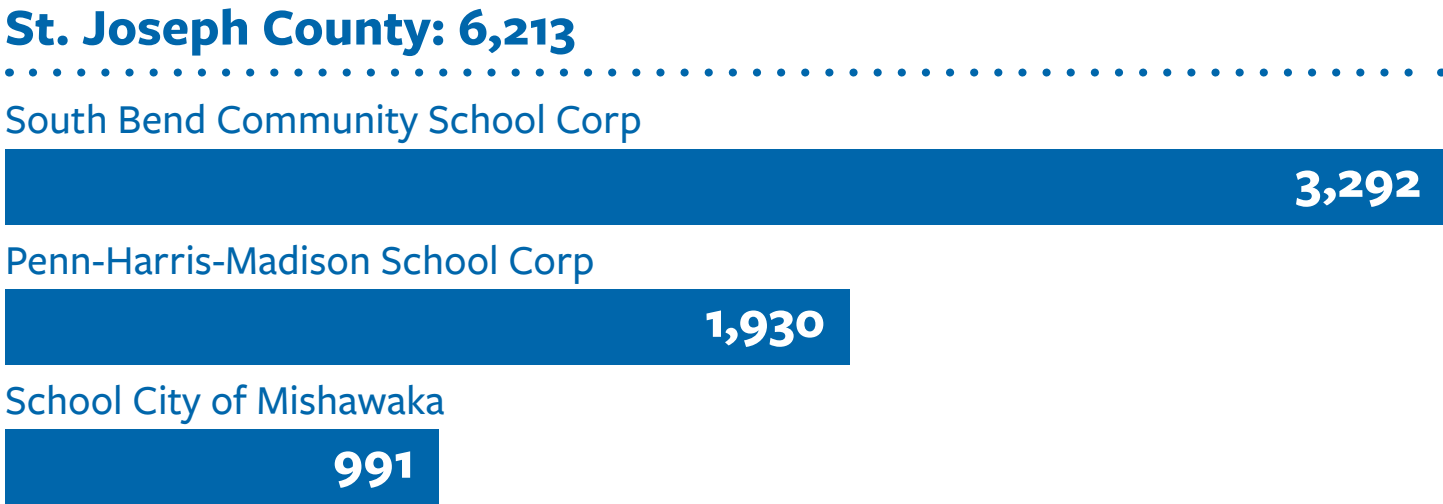


Our Need...

 **Estimated people with disabilities (ages 0 - 75+).**
Source: 2022 Census Estimates



 **Nearly 11,500 local students with disabilities. (ages 3 - 22)**
Source: Count Day, December 1, 2022



Our Opportunity...

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PHASE ONE



Mishawaka Parks & Recreation is partnering with The Miracle League, a national nonprofit organization that supports those seeking to create Miracle Leagues in their own communities.



QUICK FACTS ABOUT MIRACLE LEAGUE

- Promotes opportunities for people of ALL abilities to enjoy America's favorite pastime.
- 350+ Miracle Leagues (United States, Puerto Rico & Canada)
- Closest Miracle League Fields
 - ▶ Westfield, IN
 - ▶ Schoolcraft, MI

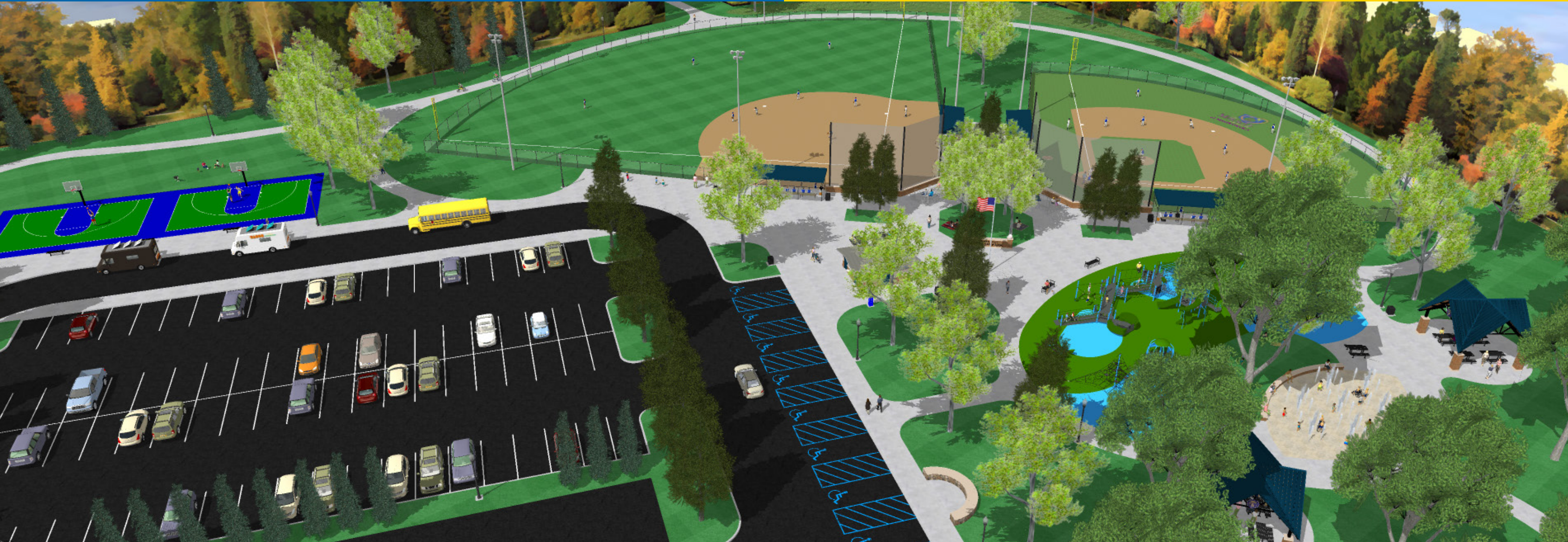


- New Miracle League Field
(designed for baseball & soccer play)
- New softball diamond
- New bathrooms
- Additional handicap parking

Our Opportunity...

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PHASE TWO



- Wider entrance/exit roads
- Additional parking
- **Basketball courts** ● ●
- Additional lighting & security



- Inclusive playground & splash pad
- Walking trail
- **Plaza** ● ● ● ●
- Pavilions



Our Opportunity...



INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND



SPLASH PAD

To Whom It May Concern

Hello, my name is Raven Degraphenreed and my family and I reside here in the South Bend/ Mishawaka community. My husband and I have two children, Grayson and Shiloh, who we love so much. Our oldest, Grayson, was born visually impaired and with that he has overcome many challenges. Accessibility, in many aspects across the board, has been an issue in our community for children like Grayson. As a family we have been trying to connect and work with the right individuals in our community who are able to help promote change so that families like ours can enjoy day to day things easily and in a typical way. One thing that has been an issue is the accessibility to children's sports/activities. Contrary to the vast accessibility of children's sports & activities his younger sister has been able to take ~~the~~ advantage of, Grayson has not been able to find any sports he could safely participate in. We have been able to sign his sister up for T-BALL, soccer, swim, gymnastics, dance, etc. since as young as 2 years old. However, it has been extremely difficult to seek out fun extracurriculars for Grayson to enjoy. He has been horseback riding for a bit over two years, which he thoroughly loves and gets excited about doing. This has been the one thing he can look forward to, but I believe there should be more options. Our children deserve more. I am positive that not only my family



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RAVEN DEGRAPHENREED, MOTHER TO GRAYSON

Our Partners



Community partners will be the driving force behind the future success of the Miracle League Field at Normain Heights Park. More than a dozen organizations across the North Central region have formally expressed their support and look forward to partnering with Mishawaka Parks & Recreation to better support the individuals they serve.



“Having a Miracle League Field in our community that accommodates the unique needs of our community members and their families would allow them to come together to participate in a one-of-a-kind experience for those of all ages and abilities.”

*BARB MICHALOS, REGIONAL MANAGER - NORTH
SPECIAL OLYMPICS INDIANA*



PHASE 1 + PHASE 2 =
\$5,250,000

PHASE ONE

\$5.25M

\$4M

\$3M

\$2M

\$1.75M

\$1.2M

\$850K

\$500K

Your Impact...

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Our wish is to create a destination, an experience, and memories that will last a lifetime for ALL ages and ALL abilities across North Central Indiana. A naming opportunity represents the chance for individuals, families, and businesses to become a part of the community's legacy for years to come. The following is a list of naming opportunities for gifts of different amounts.

Note: Amounts indicated do not necessarily reflect actual construction costs; rather, they are an indication of the memorial or tribute value.

Item	Available	Secured	Donation
Miracle League Complex	0	1	\$1m
Miracle League Field	0	1	\$500k
Softball Field	1	0	\$500k
Park Plaza	1	0	\$350k
Park Pavilion	2	0	\$250k
Playground	1	0	\$150k
Splash Pad	1	0	\$100k
Half Basketball Court	2	0	\$75k
Softball Field Dugout	2	0	\$50k
Miracle Field Dugout	2	0	\$50k
Miracle Field Scoreboard	1	0	\$35k
Miracle Field Outfield Sponsor Sign	10	0	\$25k
Miracle Field Bleachers	2	0	\$20k
Softball Field Bleachers	2	0	\$20k
Park Bench	10	0	\$10k

\$500,000 and above May be paid over a 3-year period
 \$100,000 – \$499,999 May be paid over a 2-year period



Main Street

Normandy Drive

E. McKinley Avenue

Phase 1

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Standard Diamond
200'
(Natural Turf)

Miracle Diamond
125'
(Synthetic/Inclusive)

Proposed Basketball

Proposed Drop-Off Area
(Food Truck Staging)

Proposed Restroom

Proposed Playground
(Inclusive)

Proposed Parking Improvements
(90 Cars)

Existing Fire Station #2
(Use to be determined)

Existing Parking

Existing Commercial

Existing Commercial

Existing Commercial

Existing Memorial

Proposed Shelter
(24'x24')

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Proposed Outdoor Seating Area

Existing Woods
(To Remain)

Proposed Pathway

Proposed Stormwater Detention

Proposed Splashpad

Proposed Pathway Connection to Neighborhood

Existing Residential

Existing Residential

Existing Residential

Proposed Pathway

Proposed Sign

Existing Entrance Improvements

Existing Entrance Improvements

Proposed Sign



A Message From Our Campaign Chair

Dear Friends,

I am honored to serve as the chair of the Miracle League Field at Normain Heights Park Campaign. I have participated in numerous projects, but this one is quite different because it is deeply personal.

While two of my children with disabilities have grown up and are very successful, their example gives me special understanding of this most positive project. I have spent most of my adult life learning about the challenges a person with disabilities faces each day.

Twelve years ago, their spirit of opportunity inspired me to learn more about a Miracle League Field. This space is more than just a specially designed field that allows people with a disability to safely play baseball. It is a program that makes people of all abilities feel as though they are a part of something. Being a member of a sports team, wearing a jersey, playing a position are all things that are not often available to an individual with a disability. This sense of belonging brings incredible excitement on game day and even the days leading up to it.

I am grateful city leaders, along with the Parks & Recreation Foundation, have chosen to partner with Miracle League to offer one of the most accessible and inclusive destinations across the North Central region. With the generosity of our community, we will not only do what is necessary, we will do what is best for people. Focusing on who we serve will ultimately result in creating more fulfilling lives and lasting memories for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read "Dick Pfeil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "P".

Dick Pfeil