

East Park Outdoor Zipline Project

April 2019

Greetings Chamber Colleagues and Local Business Leaders!

We are excited to share with you a project that we have been working on with the Mason City Parks and Recreation department, and we ask that your congregation/ ministry context might join us in making this a reality for our community.

We are excited to have raised nearly enough funds to install an outdoor zipline in East Park this summer, adjacent to the Prairie Playground. (Please note the attached letter and photos from the city). This new playground equipment will actually include two ziplines, at the recommendation of our city administrator, Aaron Burnett. The first is a disc-like seat attached to a cable, which will allow children through adults to sit or stand safely on the ride. The second is a harness chair, which will allow youth and adults with physical disabilities to enjoy the experience as well. The budget includes an extension of the sidewalk and an accessible play surface as well to facilitate the transition between a wheelchair and the accessible zipline.

The Montes-Clausen family enjoyed the zipline installed in a park in Clinton, IA a few years ago while working there, and we have appreciated the Park Board's willingness to research our suggestion and design a structure that could welcome everyone who wanted to use it.

Mason City Parks and Recreation has already committed \$15,000 toward the total cost of \$35,000. A donor who currently wishes to remain anonymous has matched this amount, bringing funds raised to \$30,000. We hope to raise the remaining \$5,000 from members of the community, including local congregations, businesses, service organizations, and individuals and families.

Would your business be willing to commit a minimum of \$100 to this project this spring? All community sponsors will be recognized for their generosity.

All donations should be made out to City of Mason City, Attn: Kevin Jacobson Finance Director with "Zipline" in the memo line.

Mail or drop off to: City of Mason City, 10 1st St. NW, Mason City, Iowa 50401

Thank you so much for your time and willingness to consider supporting this project!

Peace,

Le Anne Clausen de Montes
North Iowa Children's Discovery Center

Troy Levenhagen, MC Park Board
Suzie Q/ Levey the Great



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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Mason City and all departments under the umbrella of the City of Mason City are exempt under IRS Code 170 c (1). Pursuant to that section, a contribution or a gift for the use of a state or political subdivision is entitled to a charitable contribution deduction if the contribution or gift is made for exclusively public purposes.

Therefore, any financial contribution made payable to the City of Mason City or a department of the City of Mason City and identified as a public purpose is tax deductible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin E. Jacobson".

Kevin E. Jacobson, CPA
Finance Director



