

New playground at YMCA thanks to volunteers

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SAVANNAH, GA (WTOC) - A new playground now sits behind the West Broad Street YMCA thanks to hundreds of volunteers.

The state-of-the-art playground was put together by 400 hands in just one day.

"Three weeks ago, this was two acres of grass with nothing in it and now all this is happening and hundreds of people are here making it happen and all the love they are pouring into it, it may sound corny, but it's going to last," said Peter Doliber, executive director and CEO of the YMCA.

Volunteers worked for six hours to build a playground, picnic area and community garden that many are hoping will now bring the community together.

"Once people see what's done today and all the commitment we are putting into this, I think it's going to be a great vital part not only to the YMCA but the community," said volunteer Annette Mitchell.

Organizers say the green space will be a beacon of light in the middle of two housing projects and the foundation to a brighter and better future.

"I am hoping that people take pride back into this area, that they will recognize that this is a great place to be, that they are part of the city, they are part of something bigger than them, that they will get invested again and take pride," said Doliber.

The playground was funded through a \$61,000 grant from The Home Depot Foundation and a \$7,500 contribution from the City of Savannah.

The event was organized by the non-profit organization KaBOOM!, which envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America.

The park is open to the public. You can visit during YMCA hours.

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