

Project Title: KidZone

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Direct Impact: n/a

Due to COVID-19 we had many delays in receiving our equipment and it will be a few weeks before our final pieces of equipment arrive, but we are so very excited to see the final product of the improved park. Another alteration we had to make to our project was our culminating event. Unfortunately, we were unable to host our KidZone Carnival to celebrate the grand opening of the playground. Due to city regulations as well, we were not permitted to have any outside visitors to see the park. Although we were not able to show the community the positive changes we have made, we hope this will directly impact the 1,880 families with children who are residents of La Habra Heights.

Indirect Impact: 1,880 families

We have installed this equipment in The Park which will be open to the public and it will be there for many years to come. We are hoping that this equipment will continue to impact the 1,880 family residents in La Habra Heights as well as the 30.6% population of children in the city of La Habra.

# of Volunteers: 5      # of Lessons: 0      Total Instructional Hours: 40+

Social Impact:

We purchased and installed playground equipment fit for disabled children as well as children with other special needs. Our project aims to create a space of inclusiveness for all children in our local parks. First we added a Jennsing, a harness swing that gives a child more back support and straps them in to ensure they are safely secured while being swung. This swing is perfect for children who may not have the strength to support themselves on a swing. Second, we will be adding a tunnel and cozy spin pod which create spaces of closure and security when children may feel overwhelmed from the amount of kids on the playground or from the noise throughout the rest of the playground. For many children with special needs it's easy to feel overwhelmed in an environment with lots of commotion, very much like a park playground, so these pieces of equipment will give them a safe place to go to when they need some time alone. Lastly, we will add a set of bongo drums. This applies to the auditory aspect of sensory play and gives children the chance to make music freely and can be very soothing, calming, and therapeutic.