



Community Build FAQs & Testimonials

- Q:** How many volunteers do we need to build a playground?
- A:** Depending on the size of your project, you will need a team of 12-20 energetic, hardworking individuals to build the playground on installation day (18+ years of age). Also, you will need 4-5 volunteers to unload the truck 1-2 weeks prior to your build date. Building a playground is tough work, so your volunteers need to be capable of manual labor.
- Q:** Is there a warranty or product guarantee?
- A:** You will have a Team REIL supervisor on-site for your community build project. Because our supervisors are certified Miracle installers, your warranty and product guarantee is exactly the same as if your playground had been professionally installed.
- Q:** Will my completed playground meet the same safety standards as a professionally installed playground?
- A:** When your project is complete, your playground will be inspected by a National Playground Safety Institute certified inspector to ensure it is safety compliant.
- Q:** What kind of materials and equipment do we need?
- A:** Team REIL will supply the tools and equipment needed for installation. We will also supply a detailed list of other materials you may need to complete your project (concrete, paving bricks, water source, etc.). It is your responsibility to supply these materials, as well as a team of hardworking volunteers, to complete your Community Build project.
- Q:** What about underground utilities?
- A:** You are responsible for contacting the utility company to flag underground lines before installation can begin.
- Q:** Do we need a permit?
- A:** You are responsible for obtaining any permits needed through your village or municipality.



Customer Testimonials

"Thank you for the excellent service Team REIL gave to us with the planning and installation of our new Community Built playground. The construction went like clockwork and the credit goes to you and your knowledge and organization of the job!"

- Christopher DeFrieze, Mayor, City of New Boston

"We highly recommend Team REIL and their Community Build program. It's been such a great experience and Team REIL is so easy to work with."

- Jan Schacht

- Q:** How long does it take to build the playground?
- A:** Depending on the size of your project, it will take 1-2 ten-hour work days to complete your project. It is critical that your volunteers understand this commitment and arrive on-time, ready to work.
- Q:** What if the weather is bad on installation day?
- A:** The vast majority of projects are completed rain or shine, but always with reasonable regard for the safety of the workers. If hazardous weather conditions warrant a postponement, Team REIL will work diligently to assist in rescheduling to a mutually agreeable date.
- Q:** What can we do to ensure our installation goes smoothly?
- A:** The most common problem on build day stems from lack of organization. Ensure you have enough volunteers scheduled for each shift, and that there are set tasks for them to complete. Building a playground is labor intensive, so keep your volunteers fed and well hydrated.
- Q:** Who can we contact for more information?
- A:** Call **Team REIL** at **888-GET-REIL** for more information.



Community Built Playgrounds

CUSTOMER INFORMATION



The Plan

Building a playground yourself can save thousands of dollars and bring your community together. A typical Community Build playground project encompasses the following 8 steps.



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Step One: Select a Site

Determine where your new playground will be located. Consider the age group and abilities of the children who will use the playground. Keeping your community's needs in mind will help you make decisions and guide you through the entire project.

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Step Two: Organize the Project

Set up a Core Committee to execute the project. This Core team will create sub-committees for recruiting volunteers, planning fundraisers, obtaining permits and equipment, notifying the public, organizing the build day, and planning a grand opening ceremony.

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Step Three: Design the Playground

Conduct a meeting to brainstorm ideas for the playground's design. Listen to ideas from the children in your community. Your Core Committee and Team REIL can help refine the design to suit the playground's site, budget, and schedule.

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Step Four: Raise Funds

Get your entire community involved in generating the funds to make your dream come true. See the opposite page for ideas on how to make it happen.

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Step Five: Set a Date

Call Team REIL at 888-GET-REIL to determine a build date and place your Miracle equipment order. You will receive an information packet that will guide you through the Community Build process from start to finish.

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Step Six: Prepare to Build

Make sure the site is prepared, volunteers are confirmed, and tools and materials are available. *The most common problem on build day is lack of organization.* Don't forget to notify the media to help publicize the contributions of local businesses and individuals involved in the project.

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Step Seven: Build the Playground

It's time to make your playground dreams a reality. The dedication and commitment of your volunteers and the entire community made this day possible. Keep the energy level up by providing food and beverages for your hard working volunteers.

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Step Eight: Celebrate!

Treat your community to a Grand Opening event. Your entire community will have a sense of pride and ownership as they enjoy their new playground year after year.

Commitment & Responsibility A TEAM approach

Our Commitment

Our \$1500 **Community Build Package** includes:



- One organizational meeting, preferably ten to fifteen days prior to the build date.*
- Pre-assembly and footing layout one day prior to the build date.*
- Installation supervisor for one 10 hour work day.
- Use of our Team REIL Community Build trailer equipped with all the tools and equipment you need to install your playground.
- Final inspection of your playground by a certified National Playground Institute inspector.

* Depending on the size of your project, this may or may not be necessary.

Customer Responsibilities

A new playground in your community is within reach! With dedicated planning and careful organization, your Community Built playground project will run smoothly and efficiently. It is important that your team clearly understands which items your organization is responsible for providing.

- Manpower: Volunteer committees to handle various aspects of your project—fundraising, food service, public relations, installation, etc.
- 12-20 volunteers capable of manual labor for build day (18+ years of age)
- Concrete and bricks
- Pea gravel
- Water source
- Portable restroom facilities
- Tables and chairs
- Food and beverage for volunteers



Fundraising

Capitalize on fundraising

The best way to capitalize on your fundraising efforts is to get your entire community involved. Use the following ideas, or come up with your own, to raise the funds you need to make your Community Build project a reality.

- Get the word out. Publicize your Community Build project with local media to create excitement and a sense of ownership throughout the community.
- Contact your local landscaping company or home center to ask for donations of building materials such as wood chips, pea gravel, concrete, etc.
- Solicit civic groups, service organizations, local businesses, churches, families and individuals for financial support or for equipment, food and manpower contributions.
- Determine which fund-raisers you'll hold: Dinners, games, walk-a-thons, auctions, tournaments, door-to-door sales, raffles, etc.
- Ask a company or service group to adopt the playground as its community service project for the year.
- Sell customized gift bricks with names of contributing people or organizations. These bricks can be used to create a path or sidewalk in your new playground.
- Announce the project on coin canisters to be placed in local businesses for spare change contributions.
- Invite all sponsors, donors and community leaders to your Grand Opening event to thank them for their support.

You can also raise funds for your new playground quickly through Miracle Recreation's FunRaising and Grants for America's Schools programs.

Miracle's FunRaising program has helped hundreds of organizations raise funds for a new playground by offering programs with 50% profits. **This is the highest payout of any fundraising program.**

Additionally, your organization may be eligible for a grant through **Miracle's Grants for America's Schools** program. With this program, you have the opportunity to access a part of \$5,000,000 from Miracle's Grant fund to pay for your playground.

For more information on fundraising programs through Miracle Recreation, contact Team REIL at 888-GET-REIL.