



A PLACE FOR ALL TO PLAY

Bennett's Village is dedicated to making the world a more inclusive place for ALL to play. We are working to build a multigenerational, all-abilities play space in Charlottesville, Virginia, and advocating for change in the way our community sees and actively supports inclusion.

OUR STORY

Bennett, like so many other kids, loved to laugh, play, and spend time with his friends. Unlike most other kids, though, his physical limitations (a result of a disease called spinal muscular atrophy) made typical play interactions difficult, if not impossible. Play is an important part of any child's development and essential to creating strong bonds with those around us. Many people in and around Charlottesville and beyond can't experience this fully because equipment and spaces are not designed with the needs and abilities of everyone in mind. Bennett's family had to travel to Richmond in order to play together and is now working with a growing roster of supporters and partners to remove barriers like distance and effort required to simply enjoy play. With the City of Charlottesville, Bennett's Village is creating a play space that embraces the joy and play of community members of all abilities.



OUR PLAN

The Bennett's Village play space will be on three acres within Charlottesville's Pen Park. The space will feature equipment and design mindful of individuals with mobility limitations, sensory disabilities, and developmental delays, so that people of all abilities and ages can have a place to play.

Groundbreaking for the first phase, an inclusive treehouse, is planned for Spring 2024. Community members have helped raise more than \$500,000 to build the treehouse. Fundraising for additional play space phases is underway—consider joining us in building Bennett's Village with your tax-deductible gift!



Bennett's Village
a place for ALL to play

www.bennettsvillage.org
(434) 529-6552
bennettsvillage@gmail.com

*PARK365 images
courtesy of SOAR365



Creating Bennett's Village at Pen Park is our primary mission, but Bennett's Village is about more than slides, swings, and smiles.

Education

We work with students, community partners, and inclusion specialists to increase awareness of accessibility gaps and inclusion opportunities in the Charlottesville area and beyond.

Outreach

We bring people of all ages and abilities together to talk about the needs of community members who may be otherwise excluded from conversations about their needs. All stakeholders, including people with disabilities, family members, the senior community, and business and municipal leaders, must have a say in designing a community that works for everyone.

Together, we'll create a place where ALL can play.

Donate through our website (bennettsvillage.org/donate) or by scanning the QR code below.

Mail checks payable to Bennett's Village to this address:

Bennett's Village
716 Shamrock Road
Charlottesville, VA 22903

SPREAD THE WORD

Sign up for our newsletter on our website (bennettsvillage.org/stay-up-to-date), follow us on social media, participate in our fundraising and outreach events, and learn more about volunteering on our website (bennettsvillage.org/volunteer).



DONATE TODAY!



Bennett's Village
a place for ALL to play

www.bennettsvillage.org
(434) 529-6552
bennettsvillage@gmail.com

**PARK365 images
courtesy of SOAR365*