



Merle Beattie PTO

Donor Package

Boundless Play, Boundless Impact campaign

The Merle Beattie PTO is raising \$270,000 to replace our 40-year-old playground infrastructure and build a new, safe playground for Beattie Elementary School students and the broader Lincoln community. This state-of-the-art playground will support physical, social, and emotional wellness, meeting current safety standards for all children, including those with disabilities.

Beattie Elementary serves a diverse community, with 49% of students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch and a specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing program that makes the school unique within the Lincoln Public Schools district.

We are excited about the opportunity to partner with you to create a lasting, positive impact on the children and families of Beattie Elementary School and the greater Lincoln community. Thank you for considering supporting this vital project. Because: Together, We Play; Together, We Grow!

Learn more about the Boundless Play, Boundless Impact effort at:

www.beattiepto.org/boundless-play-campaign/

Why donate to the Boundless Play, Boundless Impact Campaign?

- **Support Community Wellness:** Your contribution helps provide a safe, accessible space for Beattie's students and the surrounding neighborhood, benefiting more than 380 students and their families, in addition to a neighborhood community. Beattie is a community gathering place.
- **Promote All Kids Being Able to Play:** The playground will feature elements specifically designed for those in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program; neurodivergent students, such as those with attention deficit disorder and autism; and children with physical disabilities. Near annually, at least one student is wheelchair-bound due to injury.
- **Make a Lasting Impact:** The new playground will serve as a community hub for generations, strengthening the bonds between Beattie families and the local neighborhood



How to Become a Donor

To donate to the Boundless Play, Boundless Impact campaign, please contact Beattie PTO at beattieplayground@gmail.com or 618-334-3961. We will work with you to ensure your donation is meaningful and impactful for both your company and our community.

Donations may be made multiple ways

- Checks made payable to Beattie PTO should include “Playground campaign” on the memo line. 100% of these funds go directly to the playground effort and playground campaign budget line. Checks can be dropped off at the Beattie office or mailed to Beattie PTO Attn: Playground Fund 1901 Calvert, Lincoln, NE 68502.
 - Beattie PTO has placed all current Boundless Play donations into certificate deposit accounts with Security First bank. When possible, given the timing of the campaign, Beattie PTO will continue to maximize on these “free” interest dollars by investing in secure CDs until the playground donation total is realized. When the final total is achieved, all Boundless Play, Boundless Impact dollars will be transferred to Lincoln Public Schools for the purchase of the new playground.
- Donate through the [Lincoln Public Schools Foundation](#); write “playground campaign” in the memo line. All donations incur a 6% fee.
- Donate through the [Lincoln Public Schools Foundation Fund a Need portal](#); search for the Beattie Playground Fund a Need tile. These donations incur a 12% fee.

Taxable deductibility and acknowledgement

Beattie PTO is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. An official acknowledgment letter, including our tax ID and confirmation of your contribution, will be provided for your records upon receipt of your donation.



About Merle Beattie PTO

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The Beattie PTO is committed to enriching the educational experience for all students at Beattie Elementary School. Our mission is to enhance school spirit, foster communication between parents and staff, and make Beattie a place where everyone feels connected. We support both students and families through a variety of programs, including educational assemblies, field trips, after-school clubs, and free community-building events.