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Windermere Foundation, Neighborhood House, and High Point Open Space Association To Build Playground For Seattle Children

- WHAT:** More than 200 volunteers from Windermere Real Estate, Neighborhood House of Seattle, High Point Open Space Association and residents of the local community will join organizers from non-profit KaBOOM! on Friday, Sept. 23 to build a new playground at Bataan Park. The new playground's design is based on drawings created by children who participated in a Design Day event in July.
- WHY:** For 22 years, the Windermere Foundation, which is the charitable arm of Windermere Real Estate, has supported low-income and homeless families in communities throughout the greater Seattle area. This year, the Windermere Foundation's goal is to build and revitalize parks and activity centers in communities, such as High Point, where there aren't enough resources to serve the number of children who live there. The new playground will provide more than 500 children in the High Point neighborhood with a safe place to play.
- WHEN:** Friday, September 23
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Kick-off ceremony and volunteer deployment
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Best viewing of playground construction
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Final construction phase and adjustments
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate new play area
(Note: all times approximate)
- WHERE:** Bataan Park
High Point Drive SW & SW Bataan Street
Seattle, WA 98126
- WHO:** State Rep. Eileen Cody
State Rep. Joe Fitzgibbons
Hundreds of volunteers from Windermere Real Estate and the surrounding High Point community
- VISUALS:** Before and after shots of the site
Volunteers assembling brightly colored playground equipment
Volunteers moving two semi-trucks worth of safety surfacing by hand
Ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the playground

About Neighborhood House of Seattle

The mission of Neighborhood House is to help diverse communities of people with limited resources attain their goals for self-sufficiency, financial independence, health and community building. From our earliest beginnings serving Jewish immigrants in the 1900s to our work today with people from numerous countries and cultures, Neighborhood House has helped generations of families fulfill the

promise of America — an education for their children, self-sufficiency for their families and a meaningful place in a caring community. For more information, visit www.nhwa.org.

About High Point Open Space Association

The High Point Open Space Association cares for the High Point community's parks and open spaces, as well as the neighborhood's extensive natural drainage system which includes porous streets, porous sidewalks and bioswales. The OSA is also responsible for maintenance and care of the saved trees throughout the property. It uses the most progressive clean, "green," organic, and low-impact maintenance techniques to care for open spaces, so that High Point does not poison nature with chemicals and other toxic materials.

About Windermere Real Estate

Windermere Real Estate is ranked as the largest independent real estate company in the West, with over 300 offices and 7,000 agents serving communities in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. The Windermere family has a proud heritage of serving our neighbors via the Windermere Foundation which funds services for low-income and homeless families. Since 1989, the Windermere Foundation has contributed more than 21 million dollars towards improving lives in the communities where we live and work. For more information, visit www.windermere.com.

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