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New Inclusive Playground Opens in Halifax County

Joins 33 other playgrounds launched by Trillium

SCOTLAND NECK, NC: A new, all-inclusive playground at the Halifax County Playground opened today. Equipment includes a rubber surface to allow for smooth transport with wheelchairs, doublewide ramps to access slides and other elements, and equipment that will appeal to children with sensory issues. The playground will provide an opportunity for individuals of all ages and abilities to play together outside.

Trillium provided \$500,000 to Halifax County for the playground, located at 1310 Main St. GameTime[®], the recreation and playground installer selected for the project, uses researchbased programs and education to deliver the most tailored play and recreation environments in the world.

"Trillium is so excited to officially open this playground in Scotland Neck and continue making a positive impact on the community," says Joy Futrell, Trillium's CEO. "This playground will help children with disabilities to better enjoy play time with their peers, and family members with disabilities can participate in outside play together. By focusing on the power of play rather than our differences, this park will eliminate the stigma of disabilities."

Children, their families, county employees, and Trillium staff enjoyed snow cones and music after the ribbon cutting.

Trillium first offered these grants in 2015, and has since constructed 33 playgrounds across our region. Each location received a grant amount appropriate for the scope of work and land space allocated for developing or updating a playground. To learn more, <u>please visit our website</u>.

ABOUT TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES

Trillium Health Resources is a leading specialty care manager (LME/MCO) for individuals with substance use, mental illness and intellectual/developmental disabilities in 28 counties in eastern North Carolina. Trillium's mission is to transform the lives of



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