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OREGON RESIDENTS (AND OTHERS ACROSS U.S.) INVITED TO HELP BUILD SPECIAL ATHLETIC FIELD

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District has launched a crowdfunding effort to help build Oregon's first athletic field for people with disabilities.

Through the initiative, THPRD is attempting to raise \$25,000 during a one-month period. The money would be used for a 5,000-square-foot inclusive play area as part of the district's future Champions Too field in Aloha. Oregon residents and others across the U.S. are invited to support the effort.

"We envision a future where everyone has access to the physical, emotional, and social benefits of our park district," said Doug Menke, THPRD general manager. "The inclusive play area and Champions Too are vital parts of that 'Access for All' vision, and we invite others to join us in making them happen."

Champions Too will be Oregon's first multipurpose athletic field designed for people with disabilities. The "model community sports park" will be part of a 22-acre community park that encompasses THPRD land and Mountain View Middle School property owned by the Beaverton School District. Construction is scheduled to start in 2016 and be completed the following year.

For a video about the sports park, visit <https://vimeo.com/136774215>.

For more information or to donate, visit <http://bit.ly/Inclusive-Play>. Donations will be accepted through Sept. 24.

Champions Too was chosen to be featured on the crowdfunding site, "Fund Your

Park,” through a competitive application process with the National Recreation and Park Association. Fund Your Park is a crowdfunding platform designed by NRPA exclusively for park and recreation agencies.

About THPRD

Celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2015, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning about 50 square miles and serving 230,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Offerings include thousands of widely diverse classes, more than 90 park sites with active recreational amenities, 60 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and 1,400 acres of natural areas. For more information, visit www.thprd.org or call 503-645-6433.

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