

Northeast Christian Academy - Essay

Think back to your school years when you were young. What was your favorite part about the school day? Was it going outside for recess? Many children would say the same thing today! The students at Northeast Christian Academy also love recess, and are dreaming of the day when they can have their own safe and fun play structure at the school. NCA is in its second year of operation in Melfort, and is housed within the Northeast Christian Fellowship church. Currently, the students enjoy outdoor recess at the green space behind the Legion or are bussed to other playgrounds in Melfort. Walking to the green space or being bussed takes up valuable play time for the students. It would be more convenient to have a play structure right behind the school.

This play structure would be used almost every day of the week, not just by the students, but also by the children that attend church and the various programs the church offers. Some of these programs include Kids of the Kingdom, Mom's Time Out, Klub Life, Youth Group and Vacation Bible School. Kids of the Kingdom runs on Thursdays and has roughly seventy kids. Many of these kids do not attend church on Sunday, but are part of our local community. Mom's Time Out runs on Wednesdays and has up to ten children. Sometimes, the little ones from Treehouse come over at that time so they can play with others their age. Klub Life runs twice a month on Wednesdays, and can have up to forty kids. Youth Group is on Fridays and can have twenty to thirty teens. In conjunction with Park Ave Bible Church, the Vacation Bible School regularly has one hundred children during a week in the summer. All of these children and teens would benefit from a play structure at our church! This would not be a play area for just the church, but it would be used by many others in our community.

The play structure will be built on the west side of the building facing the alley. Currently, this is an unused area and an eyesore for the residents of Palliser Gate with balconies facing the alley.

We have already been busy fundraising for this huge endeavor, but it will take more than just our church congregation to raise all the money. Up to now, we have raised about \$8000, but much more is needed. The play structure that we propose to build costs about \$50,000.

We would like to start construction soon, so it can be ready for the 2020-2021 school year.

