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Contact: John Chase, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Director

Subject: Grand Traverse County Civic Center seeks early childhood playground addition

Traverse City, Michigan – The Kiwanis Club of Traverse City and Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation have teamed up to enter the Kiwanis Legacy of Play 2022 contest and they need the community's help to win. Annually, Kiwanis International, in partnership with Landscape Structures, Inc., offers this contest. The contest will award one Kiwanis club \$25,000 in playground equipment to be used toward a Landscape Structures playground project.

Pastor Daniel LeCouteur is leading the effort on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Traverse City. LeCouteur said, "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The Kiwanis Club of Traverse City, which has a long history of supporting youth in Northern Michigan, is thrilled about helping to bring a playground to Civic Center Park as it not only serves our mission and would also be a great addition to our community."

According to Grand Traverse County Parks Director John Chase, "We have a strong community of families who use Civic Center Park each day. The park is the hub of activity in downtown Traverse City, but it's missing play opportunities for ages 2-5. This project would give us the ability to replace a beyond end-of-life playground with a new structure specifically targeting that age group."

The next phase in the contest involves a public vote. From now through 11:59:59 am EDT on September 30, 2022, all entries will be open to a public vote. Anyone with a valid email address is eligible to vote once per calendar day for the duration of the voting period. Voters will be asked to verify their votes by clicking on a verification link in an email sent to the email address they've entered during the voting process. At the conclusion of the voting period, the 10 qualifying entries that have received the most votes will advance to the next round where a jury will select the winner, to be announced around October 13, 2022.

How to vote:

Click on the below link that will take you directly to the Grand Traverse County entry, then click on the heart. You will be sent a code to the email you enter. Place that code in the appropriate box on the contest entry page and your vote will be entered. *Remember that each email can vote once a day.*

Vote for the Grand Traverse County entry [here](#).

For more information, call 231-922-4818.

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