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## Press Statement

***Local Landmark to Erect Children’s “Miracle” Playground  
Freedom Memorial Park Brings Freedom of Play & Recreation to Special Needs Children***



Conceptual Design for *In His Image Children’s Miracle Playground* at Freedom Memorial Park

**Strasburg, VA** – Local landmark, Freedom Memorial Park, announces its plans to construct an extraordinary children’s playground that will be designed to accommodate children of all ages with disabilities and special needs allowing children to experience the freedom of play, movement and recreation to its fullest.

Unique in both its design and inspiration, the playground, known as the *In His Image Children’s Miracle Playground*, at Freedom Memorial Park will enable children with special needs and disabilities who have long dreamed of playing on jungle gyms, soaring on swings and gliding down slides the opportunity to do just that! Equipped with modified playground equipment, wheelchair accessible ramps, special surfacing for wheelchair access, handholds as well as rail supports, the *In His Image Children’s Miracle Playground* will bring much joy and happiness to children who otherwise might not have such an opportunity to enjoy a traditional playground experience.

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“It is our hope to provide a playground that will allow children of all ages with all kinds of needs to experience the freedom to play in a safe environment and experience some of the same joys that so many other children enjoy”, states Wayne Guinn, Executive Director of Freedom Memorial Park and the *In His Image Children’s Miracle Playground*.

“Miracle” playground spokesperson Beth-Lucy Speidel adds that, “We are ALL kids at heart! What better way to get pleasure as a kid than playing on the playground? Unfortunately, there are many children who cannot play on typical city and county playgrounds because they are not accessible for all to play on or are not capable of accommodating children with a variety of disabilities. As a result, many children are isolated within their communities because of the struggles associated with a disability.”

Speidel continues, “Many children with disabilities have a simple wish of being able to play on a playground with other kids and just have fun ... something that many of us take for granted. At Freedom Memorial Park, a special portion of the park will be dedicated to children with disabilities providing them with an extraordinary playground adapted to their unique needs.”

The *In His Image Children’s Miracle Playground* will be constructed at Freedom Memorial Park beginning Spring 2008 in Shenandoah Valley in the center of Interstate 81 at Exit 296. Just a short drive west of the nation’s capital, this new children’s playground will become the favored destination for families and children with special needs for years to come.

Freedom Memorial Park as well as the *In His Image Children’s Miracle Playground* is currently under development and will continue to take shape throughout the coming months. To learn more about the future plans, design and advancement of this most important memorial, please contact via email at Info@FreedomMemorialPark.net or via phone Wayne Guinn, Executive Director of Freedom Memorial Park, at 540.465.2413 or visit the web site at www.FreedomMemorialPark.net.

For additional information on the *In His Image Children’s Miracle Playground* at Freedom Memorial Park, please contact Beth-Lucy Speidel at beth@ihids.org or call 540.636.7779. If you would like to help fulfill the dreams of many children with special needs and disabilities, please connect to the In His Image Disability web site at <http://www.ihids.org>. To make a financial contribution to the In His Image Children’s Miracle Playground at Freedom Memorial Park, connect to the online donation page at <http://www.ihids.org/donate.html>

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