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Mission:

Provide playground, garden, and recreational space to create community in Blythewood, with a primary focus on inclusive design serving people of all abilities.



What We're Building

- Accessible playground for babies to adults, featuring ADA-compliant equipment, sensory-friendly elements, accessible pathways, inclusive seating, shading, and durable surfacing.
- Expanded community garden with accessible options, shared water/tools/education, and capacity for up to 50-60 raised beds.
- Community gathering amenities: small pavilion, paved sidewalks for easy navigation, multi-use sports courts, including pickleball and improved signage for existing recreation areas.

Why This Matters

In northeast Columbia, families have limited options for accessible outdoor recreation. First Fruits is building an inclusive destination designed for people with mobility, visual, developmental, and sensory needs alongside their peers.

Community Impact

- ✓ Creates a welcoming place fostering inclusion and reducing isolation through shared play and gathering.
- ✓ Promotes physical activity, emotional wellbeing, and developmental growth through active and sensory play.
- ✓ Adds a family-friendly destination that strengthens community life and supports long-term local vitality.

Project Snapshot

Location

441 Rimer Pond Road, Blythewood, SC
Blythewood Presbyterian Church property

Project Footprint

~3 acres dedicated to the Community Park & Garden within a 17-acre church campus.

Governance

Independent 201 (c)(3) with church and community leadership representation.



Funding & Partnership

Funding need: We are seeking resources to complete this multi-phase project, valued at just under \$1,500,000.

- **Grant support** for sitework, accessibility features, and community programming
- **Corporate sponsorships or in-kind donations** (materials, services, equipment).
- **Individual gifts** from community members who want to invest in inclusive play and local food-growing.



How Your Support Helps:

- Design
- Permitting
- Site Preparation/Grading
- Playground Equipment
- Inclusive Features
- Surfacing & Shade
- Sidewalks & Signage
- Pavilions
- Supporting Amenities

Recognition: Sponsor recognition options can include on-site signage and web/event acknowledgement (by level and scope)

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