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Playground To Open For Children With Disabilities

Park Inspired By 10-Year-Old Boy With Spinal Muscular Atrophy

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BEACHWOOD, **Ohio** -- A new playground is opening this weekend in Beachwood that was inspired by a boy with spinal muscular atrophy.

Preston Fisher is a 10-year-old boy who doctors didn't expect to live past his second or third birthday when he was diagnosed at 10 months.

The playground, called Preston's H.O.P.E., is located on the grounds of the Jewish Community Center, and is specially designed for children with disabilities. H.O.P.E. is an acronym for helping others play and enjoy.

Preston's mother, Jackie, and her neighbor Staci Halperin, came up with the idea for the park.

The playground includes speakers and Braille for sight-impaired children, and other features for those that are hearing impaired.

The park is designed from the imaginations of 40 children with and without disabilities.

Preston's H.O.P.E. opens to the public on Monday.

For more information, go to www.prestonshope.com.

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