



October 11, 2012

Curtis Black
Deputy Director – Parks
County of San Luis Obispo
General Services Agency
1087 Santa Rosa Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

RE: Jack Ready Imagination Park

Dear Mr. Black:

On behalf of Jack's Helping Hand Inc. ("JHH"), a designated 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, I am presenting this formal request for a funding commitment from the Board of Supervisors for the County of San Luis Obispo California.

As you know JHH has worked together with the County of San Luis Obispo for a number of years towards the construction of a universally accessible park at the 30 acre site located in Nipomo, California, which was donated to the County by Nicholas and Kathy Tompkins for purposes of establishing such a park in memory of my late son Jack Ready. In accordance with the enclosed information, we are now at a point where we will be able to commence work on that park, the Jack Ready Imagination Park, based upon our ability to secure commitments for adequate construction funding.

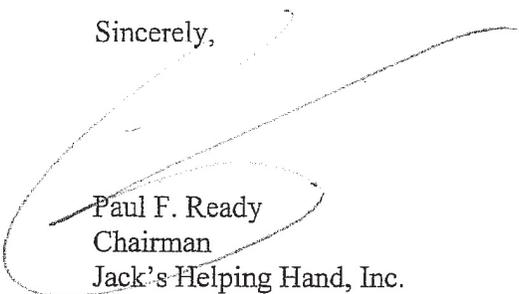
It is our intention to proceed with the first phase as early as the Spring of 2013. With this goal in mind we recently obtained the recommendation of the County of San Luis Obispo Parks Commission, that the Board of Supervisors commit \$500,000.00 in available Quimby and Public Facility Fees towards the park construction costs. JHH now seeks a formal approval by the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors for a commitment to park funding, at a level at least equal to the Commission's recommendation. Obviously we would be exhilarated if the Board were to consider any increase in such a commitment, but we believe it imperative that at least the recommended funding be approved in order to allow JHH to secure the additional funding necessary to complete the first phase of the Park.

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Please accept my personal thanks for the assistance that you and your department have provided over the years. We would not have gotten this far without your support, and the support of our local community.

Sincerely,



Paul F. Ready
Chairman
Jack's Helping Hand, Inc.

Enclosures



The Backstory

When Paul and Bridget Ready lost their little boy Jack to a rare form of brain cancer before he reached his fourth birthday, they turned their unimaginable grief into a way to help others. In 2006, they formed Jack's Helping Hand, Inc., a designated 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation. To date Jack's Helping Hand has helped hundreds of disabled children and their families, has opened three toy lending libraries within San Luis Obispo County, sponsored support groups, and initiated special classes for disabled children. But the biggest piece is still missing: **The Jack Ready Imagination Park.**

The Goal

Ensuring that all children have a safe and beautiful place to play and thrive outside in the sunshine means building a park that will accommodate all abilities, one that will offer a sensory garden for the hearing and sight impaired, playground equipment built especially for kids with disabilities and mobility issues, an equestrian center for therapeutic horseback riding, and fields and picnic facilities for all families within our community to enjoy. This is **The Jack Ready Imagination Park.**

- In 2005, a pristine 30-acre parcel of land in Nipomo was "gifted" to the County of San Luis Obispo for purposes of establishing a park in memory of Jack Ready. Jack's Helping Hand acquired a 99-year lease for that property from the County, for the express purpose of building a universally accessible park for physically challenged and special needs children – **The Jack Ready Imagination Park.**
- In 2010, many years of planning and dreaming culminated in a detailed site map, complete with buildings, landscaping, playground, and equestrian center.
- In 2011, these plans were approved by our County's Planning Commission, endorsed by the County Board of Supervisors, the South County Advisory Committee, and have the support of our State District Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian. With the generous support of our community and community businesses such as The Wallace Group, Quaglino Roofing, Negranti Construction and Souza Construction, plus the collaborative commitment of our local Special Olympics office and Grizzly Youth Academy, we believe we also have the people with the skills necessary to help build the park.

The Need

One out of every 10 children in San Luis Obispo County are special needs children – physically disabled or medically fragile due to illness, injury, or birth defect. While our parks and playgrounds are filled with laughing playing children, we seldom see our physically challenged kids playing outside. Why? Because there are no safe public places for them to laugh, swing, ride, and explore like other children.

Experts* tell us that children who participate in regular outdoor physical activities develop the knowledge, skills, behaviors, attitudes, and confidence they need to become active, productive, and happy for life. Children with disabilities have an even greater need for outdoor play, since they are often denied the

freedom of choice so readily enjoyed by typical children.**

In the 400 miles of coastal California between San Francisco and Los Angeles there are no universally accessible parks that would give these children the chance to spend time outside in a safe, sunny, and beautiful environment.

The Vision

Our vision is to build a universally accessible park for people of all abilities that will enhance the emotional, physical, and social development of children with special needs, as well as teach compassion and acceptance. This is **The Jack Ready Imagination Park**. For when we include, rather than exclude, children and adults with all manner and degree of physical challenges, we not only foster friendship, acceptance, and understanding, we also witness the strength, resilience, courage and joy of these amazing children – a gift from which our entire whole community benefits .

The Request

We have everything we need to break ground. The land is waiting, the plans are approved, the volunteers are poised and the children are excited. During the last six years, approximately \$200,000.00 of the proceeds from our annual fundraisers have been designated for the Park, and we have been fortunate to receive funding from several grant-making organizations. But we aren't there yet. To break ground and start construction on Phase 1 of the Park by Spring 2013, we will need to raise approximately \$2,000,000 from our community for completion of Phase 1 of the park.

Thanks to J.W. Design & Construction, we've budgeted for the park construction in three separate phases as follows:

Jack Ready Park									
Conceptual Budget_June 26, 2012									
	Phase 1		Phase 2		Phase 3				
02050 CONSTRUCTION STAKING									
Survey & Staking	1	ls	\$15,000	1	ls	\$10,000	1	ls	\$15,000
02200 GRADING									
Mobilization	1	ls	\$8,000	1	ls	\$8,000	1	ls	\$8,000
Clear & Grub	4.84	acres	\$8,000	2.37	acres	\$4,000	3.67	acres	\$6,000
Rough Grade	210000	sf	\$95,000	103000	sf	\$47,000	160000	sf	\$72,000
Fine Grade	210000	sf	\$32,000	103000	sf	\$16,000	160000	sf	\$24,000
02210 EROSION CONTROL									
Erosion Control	4.84	acres	\$25,000	2.37	acres	\$12,000	3.67	acres	\$19,000
02410 WATER									
100K gal tank	1	ea	\$75,000		ea			ea	
Well Installation	500	linft	gift		linft			linft	
well & storage pumps	1	ls	\$45,000		ls			ls	
ro/ozone	1	ls	\$40,000		ls			ls	
domestic water	1400	linft	\$20,000		linft			linft	
domestic laterals	2	ea	\$5,000	2	ea	\$5,000	3	ea	\$8,000
fire	2400		\$60,000						
fire laterals	2	ea	\$9,000	1	ea	\$5,000	3	ea	\$14,000
fire hydrants	3	ea	\$9,000		ea		1	ea	\$3,000
02430 SEWER									
sewer	100	lf	\$2,000	100	lf	\$2,000	300	lf	\$6,000
1000 gal septic tank	1	ea	\$8,000	1	ea	\$8,000	1	ea	\$8,000
02450 SITE ELECTRICAL									
Power	463	lf	\$21,000	425	lf	\$20,000	552	lf	\$25,000
02490 STORM									
storm	1	ls	\$15,000	1	ls	\$10,000	1	ls	\$10,000

