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**Boundless Playgrounds Brings Six Inclusive Playgrounds to Greater Hartford**  
*First National Nonprofit Leader in Building Playgrounds for ALL Children*

BLOOMFIELD, CONN. – Boundless Playgrounds, the leading national nonprofit developer of inclusive playgrounds, announced today six Greater Hartford communities that will receive catalyst funding to build playgrounds for children of all abilities. In partnership with Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, this initiative aims to serve children in the low-income or underserved areas of Greater Hartford.

The six community plan was unveiled at a sports-themed event that included the support of ESPN personalities, Bob Picozzi and Howie Schwab. Other attendees included: municipal leaders, corporations, community representatives and families of all abilities.

“Boundless Playgrounds has been the leader of inclusive play for children and is a local and national treasure,” said Howie Schwab of ESPN’s “Stump the Schwab.” “We all understand how important play is to a child and I am honored to offer my support to an effort that reaches out to children in need.”

The six communities and locations selected are: **Bolton** (Bolton Center School); **East Windsor** (Pierce Park); **Hartford** (Greater Hartford YMCA); **Hartford** (Lozada Park); **Windsor** (Clover Street School); and **Windsor Locks** (South Elementary School).

These communities chose to sponsor a Boundless playground because they believe an inclusive playground will serve as a community hub while eliminating stereotypes against children with disabilities.

“This six community achievement reflects Boundless Playgrounds strategy to reach out to communities where there is an unmet need for inclusive play,” said Frederick Leone, Chief Executive Officer of Boundless Playgrounds. “It is the result of several years of planning and will make a lasting contribution to these very well-deserved communities.”

“The Hartford Foundation is proud to support the creation of accessible playgrounds for residents of these communities,” said Linda J. Kelly, President of Hartford Foundation for Public

Giving. “Together, these playgrounds will serve more than 200,000 children in areas where up to 19% of them have disabilities.”

Simple but profound differences in Boundless playgrounds include: ramps that take children with disabilities up to the highest play deck; accessible pathways and surfacing; swings and bouncers with back support; elevated sand tables and activity panels where everyone can gather; and play structures configured so that all children can play at their highest level of ability and everyone can be in the middle of the fun.

**Boundless Playgrounds** – Based in Bloomfield, Conn., Boundless Playgrounds is the leading national nonprofit developer of inclusive playgrounds where children, with and without disabilities, gain the important developmental benefits of unstructured play. There are now more than 125 Boundless playgrounds in 24 states and Canada, including 33 in Connecticut – the most in the nation. For more information about Boundless Playgrounds, visit [www.boundlessplaygrounds.org](http://www.boundlessplaygrounds.org).

**Hartford Foundation for Public Giving** – For over 80 years, the Hartford Foundation has built successful partnerships with donors and nonprofits to improve the quality of life for residents of the 29-town Greater Hartford region. The Foundation receives gifts from thousands of generous individuals and families, and last year, awarded grants of more than \$26 million to a broad range of area nonprofit organizations. For more information about the Foundation, please visit [www.hfpg.org](http://www.hfpg.org).

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