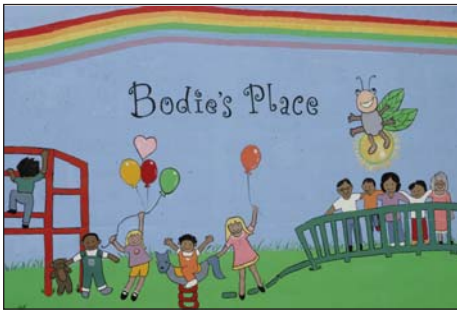


Child's Play – A Boundless Playground Makes it Fun for All



When one family's vision leaps into the hearts of many, the dream is destined to become a reality. This was certainly the case for Bodie's Place, a Milford, Connecticut non-profit organization formed to create a fully accessible playground so that "all people, no matter their abilities, ages or interests, could enjoy each other and the world around them."

The inspiration behind this playground is Johnny Vaccino, also known by his nickname "Bodie," who has cerebral palsy. His parents, Lisa and John Vaccino, envisioned having a boundless playground in their own community after visiting Hannah's Dream in New Haven, CT where Bodie was able to play with his sister as if he had no limitations.

And so they began the daunting task of planning and raising the anticipated \$400,000 needed to build the playground. The community rallied behind the project and soon donations from citizens, corporations and community groups, along with government funding, helped achieve their goal. Bodie's Place also applied to Iroquois' Community Grant Program, which offers funding to community or environmental initiatives designed to provide long-



term, lasting benefits to pipeline communities where Iroquois facilities are located, and was successful in receiving a \$10,000 grant in July 2010.

After more than two years of planning and fundraising, a ground breaking ceremony was held in September 2010. The community interest continued as city personnel and volunteers worked toward meeting the park's grand opening date of May 14, 2011.

As a community-minded company, Iroquois initiated a company-wide "giving back" opportunity for its employees during the first week of May. In addition to lending a hand on this worthwhile project, the event provided team-building and camaraderie among Iroquois employees.

The day started out cool but warmed with the excitement of employees who were geared up and ready to go! Employees split them-

selves up into groups and sporting brightly colored team t-shirts, worked together to help Bodie's Place open on schedule.

Some employees worked to rid the garden of rocks and stones in preparation for placement of top soil, while others quickly knocked down the huge mound of top soil spreading it in the garden. Those with a green thumb planted flowers and greenery throughout the garden which also contains sensory-rich activities such as musical equipment and tactile structures. Finally, mulch was spread out and the maze of playground equipment was cleaned to a shine.

Roy Rioux, Sr. Maintenance Analyst at Iroquois, commented that "Everyone worked together and pitched in where needed so that we were able to get a lot done in a short space of time. The transformation was amazing."

As the work activities came to an end, Lisa Vaccino, touched and moved by our efforts, expressed her gratitude for Iroquois' generous contributions. With a sense of accomplishment and pride, employees gathered together to enjoy a picnic lunch to finish off the day. And just like that - as if on cue - a rainbow appeared over the playground.



Using Technology to Enhance Pipeline Integrity

The importance Iroquois places on safe operations and system reliability is reflected in the use of current technology – not only for our upgrades and expansions, but also in our ongoing integrity monitoring program. This program currently includes an annual walking inspection of the right-of-way, flyovers to detect any unusual activity, periodic in-line inspection to detect damage or metal loss in the pipeline, and many other activities.

While we rely on our staff and contractors to detect abnormalities on our right-of-way – such as the detection of leaks, invasive species or third party disturbance – Iroquois has always utilized sophisticated tools to perform an internal inspection of the pipeline to detect abnormalities of both the internal and external surfaces of the pipe. This is done with the assistance of a computerized tool commonly

known in the natural gas industry as a “smart pig.” The practice of using pipeline inspection devices is called “pigging” and allows the operation of a pipeline to continue without stopping the flow of natural gas. Launchers and receivers are strategically located along the pipeline to allow for the insertion and extraction of these devices.

Smart pigs are able to test pipe thickness and roundness, check for signs of corrosion, detect minute leaks, and any other defect along the pipeline interior that may either restrict the flow of gas, or pose a potential safety risk to the operation of the pipeline.

With both electronic and mechanical parts, a sealed computerized data module and several sensors, the “smart pig” collects data on the internal and external surface conditions as it is propelled inside the pipe by the flow of natural gas.

The information is recorded, analyzed and reported by trained professionals to enable remedial action to be taken if needed.

As defined in Iroquois’ ongoing integrity management program, specific sections of its pipeline are scheduled for “pigging” at different intervals. This past June, Iroquois performed such an inspection of its Eastchester pipeline, a 36-mile, 24-inch section of its system that extends from Northport, New York to Hunts Point in the Bronx.



Pig launcher at Iroquois' Northport, NY facility

2010 Community Grant Recipient Spotlight

In 2010 Iroquois awarded a community grant to the Van Alstyne Homestead Society in Canajoharie, NY. This grant specifically assisted in the preservation project to repair and replace the roof of this museum and historic site.

On June 18, 2011, the VAHS held an open house to celebrate its re-opening and acknowledge all who contributed.

Now that repairs have been made, the exhibits featuring two centuries of art and artifacts can once again be safely displayed for public viewing.

2011 Community Grant Recipients Announced

On June 30th, Iroquois awarded grants to the following organizations through its Community Grant Program, which provides funding to applicants with projects that are proposed within an Iroquois pipeline community. For further information, please visit our website at www.iroquois.com.

2011 Cycle 1 Grant Recipients:

Village of Ames, NY - Restoration and repairs to the Ames School House, a nationally registered historic building which serves as a museum

Village of Croghan, NY – Purchase of vinyl curtains to be installed at the ice rink pavilion, used for year round recreation

Town of Turin, NY – Collaborative project between the Town of Turin and the NYS DEC. Funding provided for the purchase of materials needed to relocate and replace a boat launch for easier and safer access to the Black River

The Point CDC (Hunts Point, NY) Support for the 2011/12 Environmental Justice Project’s youth led Urban Agriculture and Stormwater Management programs

Town of Carlisle, NY – Installation of a community pavilion for the town’s new park located on County Route 7

Derby-Shelton Rotary Club (Shelton, CT) – Installation of a community pavilion at Veterans Memorial Park