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## **THE MIDLAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SUPPORTS THE CHRIS DAVIDSON OPPORTUNITY PARK AT BUSH TENNIS CENTER**

September 11, 2017 (Midland, Texas) – The Midland Development Corporation (MDC) approves \$316,000 to assist in the construction of the new Chris Davidson Opportunity Park to be located at Bush Tennis Center.

The original Chris Davidson Opportunity Park was built in 1989 and was inspired by the brief and courageous life of Jan and Steve Davidson’s son, Chris. At the time, it was one of three parks in the country designed to give children with disabilities the privilege of playing side-by-side with their non-disabled peers.

The park is now being relocated to a 3.31 acre tract of land on Briarwood Avenue west of Bush Tennis Center that was donated by the Henry Foundation. The new park has a proposed budget of \$3,000,000.

The design of the equipment and the environment will fully incorporate the Seven Principles of Inclusive Playground Design developed in partnership with Utah State University and PLAYCOR. The emphasis on inclusion and usability recognizes the strengths, individuality, dignity, and abilities of all people disabled or non-disabled, regardless of age.

**The Midland Development Corporation (MDC)** promotes the City of Midland and incentivizes qualified employers who create and retain a diversified job market in the greater Midland, Texas, region. MDC promotes business expansion and job creation through an established business climate and a strong community. MDC is an effective steward of sales tax revenue to efficiently grow Midland’s economic stability and the quality of life, as well as to develop areas of the City of Midland that should be developed in order to meet the developmental needs of the city.

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