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PRESS RELEASE

The Parks and Conservation Foundation and Kids Around the World will be constructing a playground at Bob's Park September 8 – 12 2008. Bob's park is located in Belvidere and is bordered by Meadow, Warren and Locust Streets and Nebraska Avenue. Bob's park is in memory of Robert "Bob" Howells in recognition of his contributions to the community in the area of Parks and Conservation.

"Kids Around the World" constructs playgrounds using volunteer labor and community support. The playground equipment was purchased with a grant sponsored by the Belvidere Township Supervisor, Bob Turner (deceased) and the Belvidere Township Board. Additional monies have been raised by the Parks and Conservation Foundation. The land was purchased by the Belvidere Park District.

The parks and Conservation Foundation is looking for citizens and businesses to provide support services for the volunteers. The workday will be from 8:a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day from Monday September 8, through Friday September 12, 2008. There will be some opportunities to help with the installation of the play equipment and the landscaping in the park area. Cash donations may also be sent in care of Bob's Park to the Parks and Conservation Foundation, 1006 West Lincoln Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois 61008. A dedication ceremony will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday September 12, 2008.

For further information and to volunteer, please contact: Mark Luthin 1-815-544-5283 or Dan Roddewig 1-815-547-5711

