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City of Milwaukee Common Council

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MEDIA ADVISORY

New Location—GMF supports MKE Plays with special \$200K centennial gift

Due to weather conditions, news conference moved to GMF HQ

The first of three neighborhood playgrounds that will be replaced thanks to a permanent gift to the Milwaukee community from the **Greater Milwaukee Foundation** will kick off its coming transformation during a special event **this morning (Tuesday, September 29)**.

A special kickoff ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. today **at Greater Milwaukee Foundation's headquarters, Suite 210 of 101 W. Pleasant St.** Common Council President Michael J. Murphy will be joined at the ceremony by Mayor Tom Barrett, Alderman Ashanti Hamilton and Ellen M. Gilligan, president & CEO of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. The project by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to replace the three playgrounds is a partnership with the City of Milwaukee and the MKE Plays initiative.

A \$200,000 grant from the **Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Walter and Olive A. Stiemke Fund** is helping support the MKE Plays program as it guides reconstruction of parks at North 67th Street and West Spokane Street, at North Long Island Drive and West Custer Avenue, and Foundation Park near North 37th Street and West McKinley Avenue. The first two parks are located in neighborhoods participating in the Foundation's Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative (Foundation Park was left severely deteriorated following a fire that occurred several years ago).

What: MKE Plays playground news conference
When: Tuesday, September 29 at 11 a.m.
Where: **Greater Milwaukee Foundation**
101 W. Pleasant St., Suite 210