Avondale selected for 2020 ‘Community Makeover’ with Cincinnati Children’s, the Reds, P&G and the Cincinnati Zoo

The six projects zones will feature work at the following sites:

1. South Avondale Elementary School
   Indoor renovations and outdoor enhancements to playground and football field

2. Rockdale Academy
   New all-abilities playground and outdoor STEM classroom; upgrade facilities for Autism Center

3. U.S. Bank Boys & Girls Club & Crest Smile Shoppe
   Improve facilities and resources for children and youth

4. Rockdale/Harvey Ballfield and Park
   Ballfield renovations; new playground and basketball court; improved drainage

5. Blair Ballfields
   Two ballfield renovations, new playground and other park amenities

6. Larona Park/Avondale Beautification
   Upgrade shelter and lighting and add walking trail at Larona Park; improve landscaping and remove honeysuckle throughout Avondale

If you are interested in partnering on the project or volunteering for the event, feel free to email communityrelations@cchmc.org.

"Cincinnati Children’s is extremely proud to be a lead sponsor for the Reds Community Makeover Day coming to Avondale this year. This transformative project is an opportunity for Cincinnati Children’s team members to volunteer alongside our neighbors, friends, and other partners to directly benefit kids and the community we call home."

Michael Fisher
President and CEO of Cincinnati Children’s

"We welcome the Reds Community Makeover coming to Avondale in 2020, as it represents an effort to collaborate on Growing Avondale. Growing Avondale is a primary focus of the Avondale Development Corporation as we seek to spotlight areas that need transformation from blight into bright useful community assets."

Russell Hairston
CEO, Avondale Development Corporation

"I feel the project would allow the residents of Avondale to witness the benefit of working with our community partners. The areas identified in this project will have a major impact on the current residents and the future of the growth taking place."

Sandra Jones
President, Avondale Community Council

"The timing is right for the Makeover to return to Avondale. The 2013 project at Gabriel’s Place and Hirsch Recreation Center expanded our team beyond P&G and the Reds to include the Cincinnati Zoo and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. Both have remained with the Makeover ever since and have helped build a vision for 2020 that includes six individual project sites across Avondale."

Charley Frank
Executive Director, Reds Community Fund
Remembering Dr. Anita Brentley

On February 1, 2020, family, friends and colleagues celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Anita Brentley. Anita began her service at Cincinnati Children's 20 years ago. She participated in training for Every Child Succeeds on Home Safety and was the project lead for the "Assuring Smoke-free Homes" project. As she advanced her work with Every Child Succeeds, she partnered with Avondale families, volunteers, and clergy to build a supportive community through family groups and a family pantry. She spent a great deal of her childhood in Avondale and was engaged in the Avondale community for decades. Anita understood the importance of family and community. Cradle Cincinnati remembers Anita as a true champion of Hamilton County families.

As a Community Engagement Specialist in the Anderson Center, she was an advocate for patients, families and community. Anita cared deeply about others within Cincinnati Children's and beyond. She led the team to new ways of communicating and connecting with families. Her Community Engagement colleagues, and all who knew her, will always be inspired by her compassion, bravery, insight and toughness.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Anita’s friends, family, and colleagues, as well and the many people she touched throughout the community.

We want your ideas!

Are there stories you would like to see in this newsletter? Please let us know!

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Community art is part of the plan for the Critical Care Building

Construction of the Cincinnati Children’s Critical Care Building is moving ahead and is on track to meet the target completion in the Fall of 2021.

With the structure, framing and exterior glass panels in place, the focus shifts to the interior of the building. In the first phase, crews have their work cut out for them in putting up dry wall in the 632,000 sq ft building. Many of the walls will need artwork, and plans are underway to engage professional and student artists from Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. Among the schools and programs participating will be North Avondale, South Avondale, and Rockdale elementary schools; the Avondale Youth Program; and Avondale Youth Apprentices. Cincinnati Children’s is also partnering with ArtWorks to hold workshops with community participation.

We'll keep you posted!