**A PLAYGROUND FOR ALL**

The Lebanon Valley Community Corporation (LVCC) is raising money to help upgrade the playground at Shatford Memorial Park and make it an inclusive play area for the whole family, from the youngest to oldest, no matter their ability or disability.

Inclusive play areas benefit users of all abilities, including physically disabled parents and grandparents who can utilize these facilities and be able to properly supervise their small children. A well-designed inclusive playground does not detract from, but actually enhances, play value for typically developing children and empowers all people to challenge themselves and develop at an appropriate individual pace.

Children with sensory processing disorders, language and auditory challenges, and mobility devices can enjoy the playground’s diverse design as well as some features of more standard playground designs. Inclusive playgrounds can also aid in increasing people’s acceptance of disabled children by mitigating biases and stereotypes about those with disabilities and generating ongoing goodwill. People of all abilities can become more confident, build essential skills, meet new people, and learn tolerance and acceptance of others at a young age when at inclusive playgrounds.

To support this innovative and important initiative you can make a tax-deductible donation through LVCC using a PayPal account or credit card through <https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=CJPSK5ZDRPX4C>. Select “Friends of Shatford Memorial Park Fund” in the “Funding Options Dropdown Box.” Or, send a check made out to the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation and mail it to P.O. Box 74, New Lebanon, NY 12125. Please make sure to write “Friends of Shatford Memorial Park Fund” in the memo section of your check.

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