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Keurig Dr Pepper and KaBOOM! Award The Village of University Park Let's Play Construction Grant

University Park, IL (August 29, 2019) – Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP) and the national non-profit KaBOOM! awarded The Village of University Park a Let's Play Community Construction Grant that will be used to restore **Edward W. Palmer Sr. Memorial Park**

The playground build is made possible by [Let's Play](#), an initiative by KDP to provide the funding, equipment and play spaces to help kids and families make active play a daily priority. Through Let's Play, KDP and its partners are committed to helping create safe and inspiring PLAYces for University Park kids to learn, explore, grow and just be kids.

"Palmer Park is at the center of play for our children, residents & Crete Monee Middle School students for ages 5-15" said Village Manager John E. Pate.

University Park is excited to be chosen by KaBOOM! to assist in the revitalization of Palmer Park. KaBOOM! has provided us the opportunity to partner with them, by allowing our children to experience safe outdoor play, team building, and recreation. Palmer Park is the home of our University Park Lions Football & Cheer and is utilized for family reunions and football games. Palmer Park is also used as a facility for our Crete Monee Middle School Cross Country Team and outdoor play for our University Park neighbors. Our residents are looking forward to working together to give our children a save place to play and grow.

KDP has committed \$38.5 million to Let's Play through 2019, impacting youth-serving organizations across the U.S., as well as Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. Through Let's Play, KDP partners with two non-profit organizations, KaBOOM! and Good Sports, to build and improve playgrounds in underserved communities and provide grants for sports equipment. In this way, KDP is doing its part to help eliminate the play deficit by making active play possible for more kids.

Visit Let's Play at www.LetsPlay.com to join the conversation and learn how to apply for the various available grants to make communities more active and playful.

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About The Village of University Park:

University Park is a pleasant place to live. We feature a broad mix of housing from single family residential to condominium, and apartment complexes. The Village features hiking trails and winding walking and biking paths. Quality education, affordable homes, and a close-knit, active community also make University Park a good place to raise a family.

About Let's Play

Let's Play is an initiative by Keurig Dr Pepper to provide the funding, equipment and play spaces to help kids and families make active play a daily priority. KDP partners with KaBOOM! to build and improve playgrounds and with Good Sports to provide sports equipment grants to kids that would otherwise not have access. Let's Play has already provided more than 11 million kids new opportunities to play. With year-round grants available for new or improved playgrounds and sports equipment, Let's Play helps kids achieve balanced, well-rounded lifestyles. For more information, please visit LetsPlay.com or Facebook.com/LetsPlay.

About KaBOOM!

KaBOOM! is the national non-profit dedicated to giving all kids – especially those living in poverty – the childhood they deserve through great, safe places to play. KaBOOM! inspires communities to make play the easy choice and works to drive the national discussion about the importance of PLAYces. KaBOOM! has collaborated with partners to build or improve more than 17,000 playspaces, engaged more than 1.5 million volunteers and served over 10 million kids. To learn why play matters for all kids, visit kaboom.org and join the conversation at twitter.com/kaboom, facebook.com/kaboom and instagram.com/kaboom.
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