

*The mission of the Freedom Park Conservancy is to promote the improvement and preservation of the park for the benefit of a diverse public.*



April 24, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to convey the Board's enthusiastic support of the efforts of the recently formed Playground Committee's efforts to fund the design and installation of a new playground in Freedom Park. The playground is reflected in the park's master plan and has long been a dream of the region's residents. The site selected is in the Poncey-Highland neighborhood, which is unique among its neighbors because it has neither small pocket parks nor a community center to serve its children. Freedom is the only park in the Poncey-Highland neighborhood. Our 200+ acre park, which spans 10 in town neighborhoods, currently has only one playground.

It is exciting to see the enthusiasm with which our young families have embraced this effort! We look forward to the day in the near future when we have a beautiful new playground in Freedom Park filled with happy children!

Sincerely,

*Cathi Barlow*

President

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