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**Right to Play’s Leaps and Bounds Playground Reopens After Major Surface Replacement Project**

The City of Shreveport and Right to Play are proud to announce the completion of the surface replacement project at the Leaps and Bounds Playground, located in A.C. Steere Park. The playground is now fully open and ready for children and families to enjoy once again.

The \$470,000 project, funded in part by the 2024 Bond, capital operating budget, and money raised by Right to Play, began in early April and focused on replacing the playground’s aging surface with a new, safe, and accessible material designed for inclusive play. The improved surface enhances safety, extends the life of the playground, and ensures that children of all abilities can enjoy the equipment.

Leaps and Bounds Playground is a regional destination, drawing families from across Shreveport and beyond. It was originally developed through a partnership between Right to Play and the City of Shreveport to provide a space where children of all physical and developmental abilities could play together. The updated surface will serve thousands of local children, including those who use wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility devices.

“Leaps and Bounds has always been about creating a place where all children, the fully able and those with physical, sensory and developmental disabilities, can play, learn, and grow together,” said Karen G. Gordon, DVM, founder and President of Right to Play, Inc. “This resurfacing project ensures that our commitment to safe, inclusive play continues for years to come. We are deeply grateful to the City of Shreveport and our supporters for making this possible.”

Mayor Tom Arceneaux praised the collaborative effort that brought the project to life. “This playground is an important part of our community’s fabric, and it reflects our values of accessibility, inclusion, and investment in our children. Thanks to the partnership with Right to Play and the support from voters from our 2024 bond, we can continue to provide high-quality recreational spaces for every child in Shreveport.”

Families are encouraged to visit the newly reopened playground at A.C. Steere Park, located at 4009 Youree Drive, to enjoy the improved surface and renewed commitment to accessible play.

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