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# Playground

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It hit a nerve or struck a chord with them and they contributed on behalf of our daughter to Brooklyn's Playground."

Kaelyn Anderson suffered several in-utero strokes before being born on May 25. Those strokes caused several complications both prior to and during birth. Kaelyn passed away at just 5 days old.

Bond, holding her 3-year-old son, Leif, called the outpouring of donations a comfort.

"When you have a loss, and a lot of people do this, they try to do something to try help improve something else," Bond said. "So each time we received notification somebody had made a donation, it was comforting to us."

Anderson added that having those donations go toward Brooklyn's Playground is also comforting, saying that had Kaelyn lived, she likely would have had severe physical problems.

"She would have benefited directly from (Brooklyn's Playground), so we thought it was a perfect memorial," Anderson said.

Both Bond and Anderson are members of Idaho State University's Music Department. He is director of the choirs and she is a pianist in the department.

The donations made on Kaelyn's behalf are going toward construction of the music element planned for Brooklyn's Playground.

"We just figured the music area would be perfect for that," said Jonny Fisher, one of those instru-



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**Kori Bond, left, and Scott Anderson, standing with their son, Leif Anderson, 3, have created an account for donations to the planned Brooklyn's Playground in honor of their newborn daughter, Kaelyn, who died five days after birth due to in-utero complications. Construction of the playground is set to start today, but funds are still needed. For video, see [idahostatejournal.com](http://idahostatejournal.com).**

mental in organizing the fundraising effort for the playground.

His daughter, Brooklyn, who has spina bifida, in-

spired the effort to build the playground and is its namesake.

"They got some pretty good donations," Fisher

said of Bond and Anderson. "It allowed us to upgrade some of the components."

As Bond and Anderson

spoke about the and their daughter were at O.K. W where the playground set to be built this morning.

Crews will work on constructing the playground from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily Friday. The final cost needed to locate the playground is roughly estimated at \$400,000, with a \$525,000 increase in costs for materials.

They are currently past the \$416,000 mark, needing about \$100,000 more in donations. Fisher, who is pushing to create an inclusive playground Sunday as he prepares for the build week, has been repeated by the will of those in the community.

"It's something kind of captured of the community," said.