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# Woman aims to help raise funds for playground

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CHUBBUCK — With a wide grin on her face, 4-year-old Brooklyn Fisher hands a bouquet of flowers to Dorsey Hill who has donated \$10,000 towards the construction of an all inclusive playground set to be built at O.K. Ward Park in September.



**Dorsey Hill**

Hill is challenging others to match the donation amount in order to help raise \$400,000 for Brooklyn's Playground. She is willing to pitch in another \$20,000 if and when the owners of two different businesses

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agree to add \$10,000 dollars to the current amount of roughly \$85,000 raised to date.

Hill heard the story of how Fisher, who has spina bifida, was injured while playing at a park during a Valley Pride meeting.

"Play is such an integral part of childhood and hearing the story brought tears to my eyes," Hill says. "Although, they were tears of excitement because (as a community) we truly can do something about this."

The newly formed committee for Brooklyn's Playground paired up with the child's parents, Jonny and Melissa, to travel around the region gathering ideas from other community's fully-inclusive playgrounds.

Nearly 7 months later, the crew has a design in hand and are now waiting on the funding to start pouring in before they can move forward with their plan.

"This playground is not just for children with physical disabilities. There are also areas for those with autism to go if they feel overwhelmed by the crowd.



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**Brooklyn Fisher, 4, gives Dorsey Hill a bouquet of flowers for Dorsey's donation of up to \$30,000 for the proposed all-access Brooklyn's Playground.**

Kids who are deaf can enjoy the music and there will be a special wall available for those who cannot see," Hill explains. "Parents who are in wheelchairs will also be able to easily gain access to the playground to be with their children."

The 69-year-old advocate is amazed at the generous support from people thus far.

"I told my sister about the project I was working on when she was in town visiting," Hill says.

"I really wasn't trying to solicit funds and she ended up writing out a check for \$10,000 before she left."

Other businesses that have contributed to the cause are the ISU Credit Union, the Racine and Nye law office, Idaho Central Credit Union and Hoku Materials.

Volunteer forms can be found at [www.brooklyns-playground.org](http://www.brooklyns-playground.org). Further information on how to donate can be obtained by calling 221-3313.

The Valley Pride organization and United Way are the main sponsors of Brooklyn's Playground.

"This is truly a community wide built park from the beginning to the end," Hill says.

Hill is originally from Seattle, Wash. and moved to Pocatello 40 years ago. She is a former child protection worker, IBM Systems Analysis representative and the co-owner of Bang's Office Supply.