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Fun Day to benefit project

Event to help raise funds for Brooklyn's Playground

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Jonny Fisher, general coordinator of the committee for Brooklyn's Playground, can hardly believe that the fundraising goal of \$400,000 is now just \$8,000 shy of meeting the halfway mark.

Inspired by his 5-year-old daughter, Brooklyn, who has spina bifida, Fisher and his wife Melissa are leading the effort to build an all-access playground at OK Ward Park in Pocatello.

The couple, along with the countless others who have stepped up to the challenge, will be collecting donations at the Idaho State Journal's Family Living Fun Day this Saturday set to take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at lower Ross Park in Pocatello.

"I had hoped that this would become a reality, but I also knew it would be tough in these economic times," Fisher says. "Seeing the community support makes you realize that others want this

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Jonny Fisher holds his daughter Brooklyn.

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(playground) too, and it helps motivate us, as a committee, to keep working hard.”

Committee members will be manning a booth that is dedicated solely to getting the word out about Brooklyn’s Playground. Besides getting a glimpse of the design and information on how to volunteer, people can buy pickets and pavers — both of which will be permanent fixtures at the park. Those who purchase pickets or pavers can opt to have their name engraved for a fee. T-shirts and wristbands will also be available for purchase at that time.

There will also be a dunk tank where each local celebrity who signed up to be in the hot seat will be stuck in the cage for 30 minutes. People will be asked to pay \$5 in exchange for three balls to aim at the bull’s-eye. For a donation, there will also be an opportunity for children to dunk their dads. The list of celebrities include: Todd Blackinton, Matt Davenport, Matt Hunter, Bill Kunerth, Jeremy Hess and Brad Huerta.

In addition, there will be a

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◆ **When:** Saturday, June 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

◆ **Where:** lower Ross Park in Pocatello

◆ **Cost:** No admittance fee

lemonade stand set up with a young Brooklyn’s Playground supporter selling glasses of lemonade for \$1.

Members of the Timberline and Alpine Garrisons of the 501st Star Wars Legion will be dressed in their fictional based costumes to take pictures with people for a fee of \$5. All of the proceeds will go toward Brooklyn’s Playground, and the photos will be available for pickup within an hour from when they were taken.

“We will also have donation jars at all of our booths,” Fisher says. “I found out today that Kiwi Loco will be charging \$3 for their frozen yogurt at the event and \$2 of each purchase will go toward the playground. More than anything, though, people should come out to have a good time with their family.”