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\$408,000 CVS Boundless Playground Groundbreaking Set for Eastwood Park

Inclusive Playground will allow children to play together regardless of ability.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with CVS Caremark All Kids Can, Boundless Playgrounds, Inc., and the Houston Parks Board, will break ground on an inclusive playground at Eastwood Park, 5000 Harrisburg, Houston, TX 77011, on Friday, September 18, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. The new CVS Boundless Playground will allow children of all abilities the opportunity to play together and gain the proven intellectual, physical, and social developmental benefits of unstructured play while developing respect for, and acceptance of, individuals of all abilities, regardless of any perceived disability.

"We are thankful to CVS Caremark and Boundless Playgrounds for partnering with us to bring this inclusive playground to Houston's Eastside," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "We know that if all children are included on the playground, their lives are positively impacted by the opportunity to learn together, grow together and accept each other, regardless of any perceived disability."

The CVS Boundless Playground at Eastwood Park will include activities and play surfaces where children of all abilities can play on an equal basis. All children, regardless of ability, will be able to access the playground's many amenities, including: swings and bouncers, universally accessible pathways and surfaces, a variety of meeting spots and a covered play deck at the highest part of the playground. The CVS Boundless Playground at Eastwood Park will be built with the support of 165 CVS/pharmacy stores in the Houston metro area and over 3,000 CVS/pharmacy employees.

All Kids Can, a program of the CVS Caremark Charitable Trust and CVS Caremark, is a five-year, \$25 million commitment to support children with disabilities. The goals of All Kids Can are to support children with disabilities by raising awareness in schools and in local communities about the importance of inclusion, creating greater opportunities for physical activity and play, and providing access to medical rehabilitation and related services. Boundless Playgrounds, Inc., is the leading nonprofit developer of inclusive playgrounds. The Eastwood Park playground has been designed by Clark Condon Associates and is being built by Gulf Coast Landscape Services. The Houston Parks Board is the project manager for the project.

For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (713) 865-4537, or go to www.houstonparks.org.