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The Valparaiso Parks Foundation provides opportunities for the community to support the continuing legacy of high quality experiences provided by Valpo Parks.

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Share Your Smile

Makes a Great Gift!

The handprint tiles are staying at ValPLAYso, and we're adding a new opportunity for the next generation to leave their mark! These special Faceplates are a chance for you to share your smile in support of the ValPLAYso project. The Faceplates and hand tiles will grace the entrance to ValPLAYso, in a special plaza we're calling the Face Place.



Elliot and Calista

Sharing your smile is a way to be a permanent part of ValPLAYso. Not only will your smile welcome visitors to the park each day, but the funds raised through Faceplate sales truly make this special plaza possible.

Don't Miss Out. Share Your Smile by Jan. 20, 2015 for Special Pricing

Consider sharing your smile or purchasing a Faceplate for a special child, family, or volunteer. See inside to learn more.

High Fives on ValPLAYso!

52 weeks of planning and fundraising, 7 amazing days, and 2,973 volunteers later, and ValPLAYso The Next Generation is a reality! Many thanks to all as this community project could not have happened without the strong and generous Valparaiso spirit. It's love at first sight for the families already playing at their new park—just the beginning for a space designed to appeal to a new generation.

VALPLAYSO The Next Generation!

Designed by Valparaiso children

"ValPLAYso is among the best all-inclusive playgrounds anywhere," says Parks Director John Seibert. Not only is the playground accessible for all children, but it also allows for maximum visibility so you can easily watch your children enjoying the space. ValPLAYso is also tops in play appeal with its unique Zipkrooz zip line, innovative Spider Climber trampoline, irresistible Oodle Swing for groups, and more.

What's Next? The Face Place!

To the kids, ValPLAYso may look finished, yet much work remains. Restrooms, ball fields, and landscaping will be complete before springtime. Yet, one big project still needs your help: The Face Place, a welcoming zone at the entrance to the playground. The Face Place will include seating, space to gather, and a place to celebrate all the special people who have made ValPLAYso possible.

YOU make the Face Place possible

Just like the entire ValPLAYso project, The Face Place will be funded entirely through private donations. It's an ambitious project, requiring \$100,000 in funding before work may begin. To gather support, we're selling



special Faceplates where your smile can live on forever. You choose the photo and your smile lives on, showing your support for ValPLAYso and Valpo's kids. **To learn more about special sponsorships and naming opportunities, contact Valpo Parks at 462-5144 or email Donna Hannah at dhannah@valpo.us.** For more information on how to Share Your Smile to support ValPLAYso, turn the page.

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Meet Izzy

Meet Izzy Murphy, a 9-year-old Valparaiso hero. Izzy took a special interest in the ValPLAYso project and wanted to make a difference. She set up a lemonade stand to raise funds for the community-led playground. When people learned of Izzy's mission, they joined in, matching the funds she raised. In all, Izzy's lemonade stand raised more than \$6,000 for ValPLAYso!

To honor Izzy, Valpo kids, and generous volunteers, consider **Sharing Your Smile** as a permanent way to show your support and raise funds.



Here's How to Share Your Smile

Help Make the Face Place Possible

Adding your smile as a permanent part of ValPLAYso also helps fund the building of the Face Place. Each smile brings us closer to our goal of \$100,000. To Share Your Smile, visit valplayso.com and click on "Faceplates" at the top of the page. Then follow these simple steps:

step 1 Choose the size and orientation of your picture. Prices range from \$80 for a 2" by 4" picture to \$500 for an 8" by 8" picture (perfect for groups!). These holiday prices are good through Jan. 20, 2015 only so ACT NOW!

step 2 Upload your high-resolution photo (it can be an individual or a group).

step 3 Crop your image.

step 4 Add a caption and description. The caption will be printed on the picture you've chosen. The description is a special message you choose. The description will appear when you scan the QR code that will be printed on the picture.

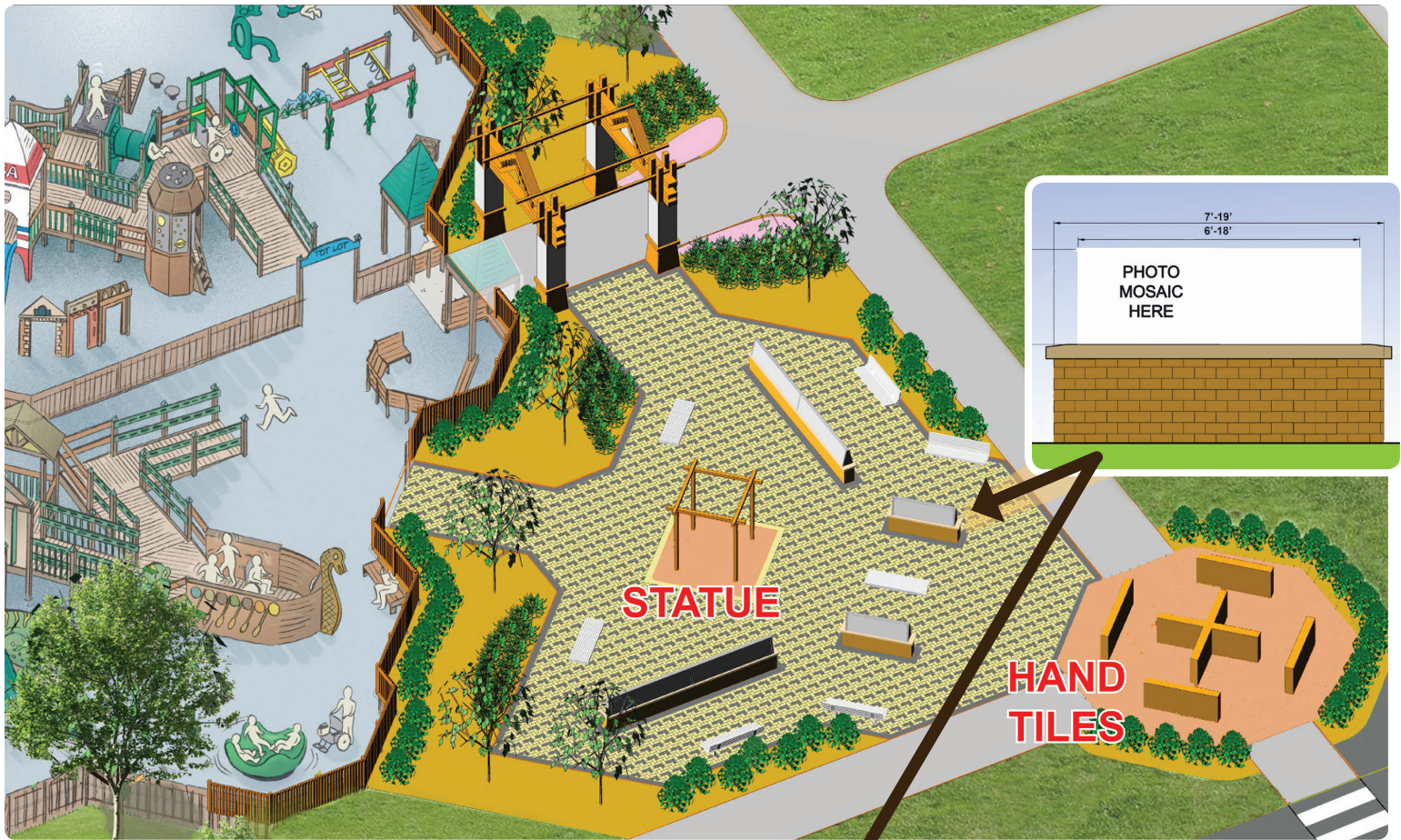
step 5 Submit payment and you're done!



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Introducing The Face Place...



**Choose
from 4
Unique
Sizes**

8" x 8"

4" x 4"

4" x 8"

4" x 2"

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Be part of Valparaiso's bright tomorrow, by sharing your passion time and money with us today.

Scan the QR Code to go to our online donation page.



Valplayso–The Next Generation is a project of the Valparaiso Parks Foundation, a 501c3 entity. The project is funded through public and private partnerships.

VALPLAYSO

The Next Generation!

By the Numbers

7.052 miles
of structured plastic lumber

56,240 screws

2,973 people
signed in to volunteer
during build week

16,352 hours
in total volunteer time!

2,160 1-liter bottles
of water from Family Express

700 square donuts

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and to raise funds to create the Face
Place at ValPLAYso.

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Then follow the simple steps to choose
your size and upload your photo.



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