

# habitat

**playground  
news**

**“This playground gave over 400 children in a low-income housing area a place to play”**  
Dori Lemki,  
Playground Coordinator  
For the Love of Children Society



✓ For the Love of Children Society, Shaganappi Community Association • Calgary, AB

## Shaganappi Association Enjoys New Playground

### Habitat Playgrounds in Calgary Alberta

- Battalion Elementary  
369 Sienna Park Dr.  
SW
- Brentwood Elementary  
1231 Northmount Dr.  
NW
- Cardinal Newman Elementary  
16201 McKenzie Lake Blvd. SE
- Cougar Ridge Park  
85th Street &  
Old Banff Coach
- Hampton Park  
Hampton Park Blvd.  
NW
- McKenzie Towne Tot Lot  
Elgin Drive
- Panorama Park  
400 Panamound Blvd.

Imagine a place where over 400 children had no safe place to play near their home. This was the situation in a low-income housing complex located in Calgary, AB where residents totaled approximately 800 people; 400 of which were children under the age of 13. With the realization that these children needed a place to play, the *For the Love of Children Society* playground project began.

With the organizational skills of a playground coordinator and the help of many businesses and volunteers, the playground became a reality through effective fundraising efforts. Dori Lemki, playground coordinator during the project stated that, “it was with our 3 grants which totaled approximately \$140,000, and the help of donations that this playground became possible.” Lemki found success in receiving grants by accepting any donations that were made available and by using those donations as equity which could be matched in grant funds. She found that the most effective way of receiving donations from businesses was to call them and leave messages during the evenings. This saved time as only interested businesses called her back during daytime hours.

The playground equipment and surfacing for this project, which was supplied by Habitat Systems Inc., was placed on a vacant lot that previously contained the remains of an old swimming pool and building footings. The design for the playground was chosen by finding the structure that best suited the budget requirements and was installed by a group of community volunteers. When asked about how the children liked the playground, Lemki stated, “the kids love it!” ✓



✓ **Cardinal Newman School • Calgary, AB**  
“The structure was so simple to construct, our volunteer team finished up almost a full day ahead of schedule! The site install support team was great!”  
Louise Ascah, Playground Chair



✓ **Battalion Park • Calgary, AB**  
“Habitat truly made an effort to make our project a success and in doing so, they exceed our expectations in service.”  
Cathy Buckley, Playground Chair

# Habitat Systems Provides School Playground Support



✓ Panorama Park • Calgary, AB



✓ Cougar Ridge • Calgary, AB

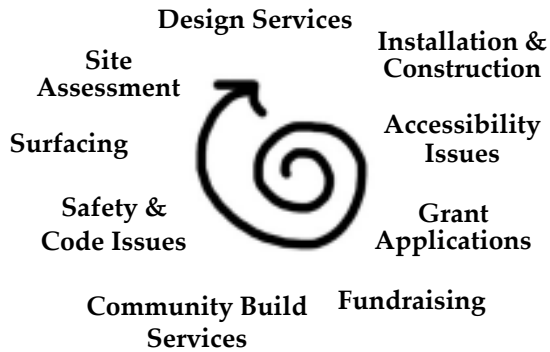
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with Mike Nelson,  
Alberta Territory Manager &  
Canadian Certified  
Playground Inspector**

**Habitat Systems Inc.** is a distributor of outdoor recreation products in Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut. Habitat is entering its 7<sup>th</sup> year of operation and in that time has established itself as a preferred playground supplier in many school districts, municipal offices and landscape architecture firms. Habitat Systems Inc. strives to provide safe play environments where children have the opportunity to create, imagine, dream and learn together. ✓

**Habitat's PAC support** system has been designed and created to specifically address the service and support needs of Parent Advisory Councils.

PAC's have chosen Habitat's playground equipment repeatedly over other playground suppliers in Western Canada. Habitat's dedication to service and exceptional playground equipment has made a significant impact on PAC's buying decisions. Habitat strives to provide the very best service and appreciates the confidence and business of their customers.

Taking an educational approach, rather than a "sales" approach with PAC customers, Habitat's expert staff will take you through each stage of the playground planning process including the items listed below. ✓



✓ Brentwood Elementary • Calgary, AB

## Habitat Playgrounds in Calgary Alberta

- Martha's Haven Phase 1  
Martha's Haven Gnds
- Martha's Haven Phase 2  
300 Martha's Manor
- Providence Child Development Centre  
5232 4th Street SW
- Renfrew Educational  
2050 21st Street SW
- Shaganappi Community  
11th Ave. & Spruce Drive SW
- Third Academy  
3217 Bowwood Dr. NW
- University of Calgary Daycare  
2500 University Dr. NW

*Please contact Habitat Systems for a complete playground installation list.*

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