What Leaders Are Saying About SPARK

Michele H. Dahlquist, Principal, Walnut Bend Elementary School
“The SPARK project has completely transformed our playground and restored a sense of community in our area. As soon as the park opens in the afternoons, there are children of all ages playing. Soccer games, basketball scrimmages, and challenges on the obstacle course are commonplace, and many neighborhood families stop by to watch the kids and enjoy the park. We feel so lucky to have partnered with SPARK, and we are forever grateful to all the donors for providing this incredible oasis for everyone’s enjoyment.”

Dr. King R. Davis, Superintendent, Sheldon ISD
"Sheldon ISD is incredibly grateful for the work SPARK Park has done in our district and community. The impact SPARK Park has had in the Sheldon community is evident every weekend and after school by just going to the park and witnessing the number of children, students and parents enjoying the wonderful park. This park has given our neighborhood a place for kids to play, parents to come together and local athletes to exercise. We are thrilled and honored SPARK Park has chosen our district to build another park at one of our schools (Royalwood Elementary) that was deeply impacted by Hurricane Harvey. We can not wait to unveil the new SPARK Park to our community."

Cheryl Lawson, Superintendent, The Lawson Academy
“The SPARK Park has given our community a rich asset that allows parents and grandparents to have a space where they can be with the children they love. The Lawson Academy is proud of our SPARK Park because it enhances our Physical Education program while providing a walking trail for our staff and volunteers.”

Terese C. Pollard, Principal, A. A. Milne Elementary School
“AA Milne, located in Southwest Houston’s Northfield I & II neighborhood, is home to two SPARK Parks! Our SPARK Parks help bridge the gap between our school community, and our geographic community. Those who have yet to venture onto our campus are welcomed with open arms, beautiful, vibrant playscapes and an ART=FUN sculpture that includes students’ artwork! Our SPARK Parks give all community members an opportunity to spend time on campus and connect with our school community. The SPARK Parks have fostered an environment of togetherness and play, and will continue to do so for years to come. Our SPARK Parks had made our community into a family, and for that we are forever thankful.”

Carmen Posey, RA, RLA, CPSI, ENVIRONMENTS&co.
“SPARK Parks provide the local schools and communities a means to take ownership of the parks where they relax, play and celebrate together. Ownership encourages the communities to care for their parks and keep them active and beautiful. I have had the pleasure of working with SPARK for over twenty years. Together we have developed more than 75 parks. It brings me joy when I see the children and adults engaging and enjoying their park.”
Rose Toro, Artist, Rose Art Works

“Spark Parks brings together students, staff and parents, to work hand in hand in art projects, aimed at improving their school’s green areas, while creating a sense of pride and ownership of the end result, acknowledging the efforts they are making, will remain for many generations to come. Spark Parks supports Civic and Public Art with interactive educational art workshops, that enrich the community with permanent art installations.”